



**Attention Reading/Campus
Facilitators and all teachers
interested in promoting reading
improvement**



*The Education Service Center Region 12
is currently accepting applications for the*

**Master Reading Teacher
Certification Program for 2009-2010**

If you enjoy **helping** your fellow teachers and **care** about improving students' reading skills, consider becoming a **Master Reading Teacher** through the Education Service Center Region 12's certification program. Master Reading Teachers will be prepared to:

1. **Mentor teachers** through coaching, demonstrating and modeling successful, research-based reading techniques, and providing staff development, and
2. **Teach students** with reading difficulties individually and in small groups, giving them the personal instruction and encouragement they need to succeed.

Enrollment is limited, so applications will be reviewed by a screening committee. The **application process** is open to candidates who have the following:

- a minimum of **three years teaching experience**
- a valid Texas **teaching certificate**
- **recommendations** from administrators and others knowledgeable about the candidate's potential to impact reading achievement
- **evidence** of commitment to reading improvement (i.e. professional development activities in reading, participation in professional organizations, present and past teaching experiences, etc.)
- **ability** to work collaboratively with peers
- **leadership** potential

The 2009-2010 MRT Program will meet twice per month at 9 AM to 4 PM from October to May at ESC Region 12 South Center in Nolanville. Selected candidates will be expected to complete **96 class hours** of instruction and **2 practicums**. The registration fee for the program is \$1000, in addition to the cost of four textbooks and materials required for the course.

As per House Bill 2307, districts with "**high need**" campuses may apply to the Commissioner of Education for funds to provide **stipends** to Master Reading Teachers. Additional information about the Master Reading Teacher Certification Program is available on the SBEC Web site at <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/mtp/mrt/mrt.asp>.

Application and schedule are available at <http://www.esc12.net/masterreading/default.html>. Applications for school year 2009-2010 must be received at the ESC Region 12, Waco, no later than **September 1, 2009**.

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