

# Master Reading Teacher Certification Program



## ***Attention Reading/Campus Facilitators and all educators interested in promoting reading improvement!***

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 Summer 2009 MRT Program consists of 17 days beginning June 15, 2009, and ending July 23, 2009, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the ESC Region 12 in Waco.** Selected candidates will be expected to complete **96 class hours** of instruction and **2 practicums**. The registration fee for the program is \$1,000 in addition to the cost of several textbooks and the 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>.

**Applications must be received at the ESC Region 12 Waco no later than May 1, 2009.**

For additional information, contact Joan Thoede at (254) 297-1129. **To obtain an application**, go to <http://www.esc12.net/masterreading> or contact Leah Stone at (254) 297-1120 or [lstone@esc12.net](mailto:lstone@esc12.net).