

# Exclusive Reading Curriculum Opportunity for Iowa Educators from an Iowa Company

We are looking for 15 Iowa schools/districts to partner with us to improve reading fluency and track progress over a three-year period—with the first year's implementation for free. The Iowa *WordFlight* Project will allow you the opportunity to address critical gateway skills for your struggling readers and share your students' success.



Developed in conjunction with cognitive scientists and reading researchers from the University of Iowa and funding from the US Department of Education, *WordFlight* is a research-driven reading intervention that directly targets the missing link in most reading programs—the bridge between phonics and fluency—automatic word recognition.

**A unique Iowa reading program implemented in Iowa schools means reading success for Iowa students.**

*WordFlight* has proven gains in decoding and word recognition. Help your students develop fluency and comprehension by participating in this Iowa-based research project. *WordFlight* is offering Iowa educators their first year of assessment and instructional program for free. Only 15 spots are available to participate, so respond quickly to see if you qualify.

**APPLY NOW »**

**“WordFlight meets students at their point of need and provides engaging computer-based interactions that improve fluency, build confidence and develop positive attitudes toward reading.”**

—Dr. Bob Davis, former principal,  
West Des Moines (IA) Community School District

## An Iowa Case Study

College Community School District adopted *WordFlight* to evaluate the needs of their students whose reading fluency and comprehension skills were not at grade level. The goal of the implementation was to identify students who had deficits in foundational skills and to help these students reach proficiency in fluency by addressing these precursory skills. The students included English language learners, students with 504 plans, and special education students.

## Results

74% of the at-risk students and 100% of the borderline students achieved proficiency in both decoding and automatic word recognition after the *WordFlight* intervention, putting these students on track to being fluent readers.

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Supporting Iowa students and teachers!

# What Does WordFlight Do?

*WordFlight* identifies those students who struggle with fluency due to deficits in foundational skills; diagnoses the specific nature of those deficits; and addresses those needs with a personalized and adaptive curriculum.

## Key components of the program:

**1. The *WordFlight* Screener:** this 20-minute online Screener quickly identifies likely deficits in foundational skills and identifies which students would benefit from the instructional components of the system.

**2. The *WordFlight* Diagnostic:** the patented, validated Diagnostic reveals important information your district might not otherwise know. In about 60 minutes (over 3 sessions online), the Diagnostic uniquely identifies and illuminates

gaps in the skills that are essential precursors to fluency. The Diagnostic is automatically administered at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the curriculum or school year as part of the Instructional Program.

**3. The *WordFlight* Instructional Program:** *WordFlight* personalizes online instruction to target each student's needs and provides teachers and administrators the support to flexibly and easily facilitate blended instruction and to monitor progress. In just 60 minutes per week students will gain proficiency in foundational skills that will move them to fluency.

***WordFlight* is flexible.** You can integrate the blended components as needed or only use the online portion of the program.

# How Does *WordFlight* Work?

*WordFlight* is the only solution that brings the science underlying the development of automatic skills to reading assessment and instruction. The Diagnostic and Screener include the only measure of automatic word recognition available to determine if students are prepared to be fluent readers.

*WordFlight's* combination of screening, assessment, and instruction uniquely addresses development of decoding knowledge, automatic word recognition, orthographic mapping, and the generalization of skills.

*WordFlight* develops student knowledge and use of foundational skills in a way that allows them to automatically transfer those skills to fluency.

# Who is it for?

*WordFlight* has proven effective for persistently struggling readers, special needs students, English language learners, and students who learn differently. *WordFlight* is ideal for students in grade 2 and above who:

- Are developing foundational reading skills
- Struggle with comprehension and fluency because of deficits in foundational skills
- Struggle with decoding and read slowly, with great effort
- Are unable to easily identify and distinguish vowels
- Do not understand how syllables work or have difficulty breaking words into syllables
- Cannot quickly and automatically apply knowledge of phonics to words or to connected text

## How can I become part of the research project?

As spaces in the project are limited, fill out the form to see if you qualify. Participating in the project requires a commitment to implement *WordFlight* with fidelity for a **minimum of 60 minutes per week** and to share your data with the project. In return, you will receive special pricing only available to Iowa educators, including no fee for the first year.

**APPLY HERE** to see if you qualify for The Iowa Research Project.

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