

Academic Reading

Q & A

What is Academic Reading?

- Academic Reading is a two-semester credit-bearing course designed to accelerate reading growth for students with dyslexia.

Who is the targeted audience?

- The targeted audience for the course is students who have been identified to receive dyslexia interventions.

What is the class size for this course?

- The class size may not exceed 10 students. If the dyslexia program the district has selected recommends a smaller class size, the dyslexia program guidelines must be followed.

What is the purpose of Academic Reading?

- The course allows students with dyslexia to receive dyslexia intervention to strengthen comprehension of grade-level texts while earning a miscellaneous career-focus graduation credit.

Who can teach the course?

- Educators who are trained dyslexia interventionists and hold an any Arkansas teaching license may teach the course.

Is course approval required?

- No, districts do not have to submit the course for approval. Academic Reading is approved by the Arkansas Department of Education.

How is this course different from Critical Reading I?

- Academic Reading provides dyslexia interventions and then gives students opportunities to apply the new strategies when reading excerpts from grade-level texts.

Are schools required to offer this class?

- No, schools are not required to offer this course. Schools are, however, required to provide dyslexia intervention. This course provides the opportunity for students to receive high school credit toward graduation while receiving dyslexia intervention.

Where is the course located?

- The course may be accessed on the Arkansas Department of Education website. It is formatted as a pdf and Word document.

What is the course code?

- 419130

When can the course be offered?

- The course may be offered beginning in the fall of the 2018-2019 school year.