

## Rural Secondary Literacy Project

### Purpose

The Rural Secondary Literacy Project (RSLP) is a collaborative initiative among the Exceptional Student Leadership Unit, Literacy Grants and Initiatives Unit and Regional Services. It was funded in 2007-2008 for a 3-year period. The intent was to:

1. Develop an effective, replicable secondary literacy framework.
2. Increase the capacity of the rural secondary schools in the project to deliver appropriate literacy instruction and intervention, and use student achievement data to analyze effectiveness of systems.

The Colorado Department of Education has the overarching goal for RSLP to study a comprehensive, multi-tiered system of literacy support for all students, including those with disabilities. The lessons from the RSLP pilot are intended to be used to improve secondary literacy interventions in school districts.

The project consists of the following components:

- Development of leadership teams
- Professional development on literacy for general and special education staff
- Implementation of scientific, research-based interventions
- Systematic progress monitoring of student literacy achievement
- School site visits every month by a state literacy coach
- School site visits every two months by an RSLP facilitator

### Project Outcomes

Schools will:

- Establish literacy achievement as a priority and allocate necessary time, money and personnel resources
- Screen all students using valid, reliable tools to analyze data and determine appropriate interventions
- Increase the knowledge and capacity of teachers to provide literacy interventions
- Develop a master schedule that provides a continuum of interventions to meet the needs of identified students
- Use progress monitoring data to analyze the effectiveness of the system and make decisions regarding instruction and intervention
- Increase reading achievement and close achievement gaps

### Project Participants

Twenty-one rural school districts with 4,337 students participate in the project:

Aguilar	DeBeque	Ellicott	Miami Yoder	Primero	Woodlin	Cripple Creek-Victor
Alamosa	Eaton	Florence	Lamar	Wiggins	Elbert	Peyton
Calhan	Edison	Hanover	Prairie	Trinidad	Hoehne	South Conejos