

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About the Kentucky Reading Project

Q: What is the Kentucky Reading Project (KRP)?

A: KRP is a professional development initiative for Kentucky teachers focused on research-based reading instruction. It is sponsored by the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (CCLD) and is a yearlong graduate-level reading course.

Q: When does it take place?

A: KRP consists of a two-week summer institute and four follow-up days during the school year, normally scheduled after school or on a Saturday.

Q: Where does it take place?

A: KRP is held at each of the eight state universities. Additional sites may be added in regions of the state where no state university exists.

Q: What grade level does KRP target?

A: KRP targets teachers in grades K-5.

Q: Can I receive graduate credit?

A: Teachers can receive three hours of graduate credit upon completion of the course.

Q: Who teaches the course?

A: A member of the literacy faculty at each of the state universities serves as instructors for the course. The National Center for Family Literacy also provides one day of training.

Q: Will KRP pay my tuition?

A: KRP will pay tuition for three hours of graduate credit.

Q: Will I receive a stipend?

A: Each teacher who completes KRP receives a stipend for up to \$200 upon completion of the course in May 2011.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Teachers must fill out an application, which is available online at www.kentuckyliteracy.org or from the principal at their school. Applications are available after January 1, 2010.

Q: What else do I need to do?

A: In addition to the application, teachers must secure the recommendation of their principal. They will also have an interview with the KRP director at the site where they are applying.

Q: How many applicants are selected at each site?

A: Up to 25 teachers are accepted at each university KRP site.

Q: When will I be notified if I am selected for KRP?

A: Teachers will be contacted by letter or email in late March or early April if they have been selected for KRP.

Q: Do I receive books and materials for the course?

A: Teachers will receive approximately \$200 in educational books and resources before the class begins.

Q: When do I complete the course?

A: Teachers will complete the course at the end of the spring semester the year after they have attended the summer institute.

Q: What are the course requirements?

A: Teachers will complete a Literacy Action Plan (LAP) that they will implement in their classroom during the school year. They will also develop a poster or roundtable session describing the implementation of the LAP at a statewide Share Fair in spring 2011. As well, teachers will submit a reflection paper about KRP and other changes that occurred in their instructional practices.

Q: Will the instructors visit my classroom?

A: The KRP directors will make a coaching visit during the year to discuss the implementation of the LAP and provide support to the teacher in a variety of ways.

Q: Will I have the opportunity to network with other teachers during the year?

A: Teachers will network with other teachers from across the state at the Share Fair. They also can communicate with other teachers via listservs.

Q: Will I have access to literacy resources?

A: In addition to all the materials and books that teachers receive during KRP, many other resources are available on the CCLD website: www.kentuckyliteracy.org.