

# BRIDGE: Connecting Teaching and Learning

*K-8 special education*



*Innovative instructional program for educators in addressing students' different learning styles:*

- *A supportive educational environment and guided practice help all involved in a student's education to match instruction with learning style.*

## The Program

BRIDGE examines students' learning styles using the Dunn and Dunn learning styles model to determine learning strengths and to provide teachers, administrators, and students with the tools to address those strengths in instructional programs.

The program features:

- guided practice and on-going support, training, and materials for teachers and students;
- networking among the BRIDGE participants (e.g., bimonthly newsletter);
- a teacher-model coach as a support for the classroom teacher;
- an effective accommodation for multi-age groups in self-contained classrooms and inclusion classrooms; and
- parent education designed to help children work more effectively on schoolwork at home.

BRIDGE complements and is used in conjunction with the Quality School Model, Cooperative Learning, and Whole Language programs. A team of two teachers at each school is encouraged for support.

## Learning Standards

### English Language Arts:

1) read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding.

## Results



- *BRIDGE empowers students, teachers, administrators, and parents to achieve success, improve student behavior, and increase attendance.*

## Professional Development

Training includes a 3-day workshop at the demonstration or replicating site.

## Costs & Funding Options

Travel expenses and \$300 per diem stipend for the trainer. The training manual costs \$25.

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