

OASIS (Opportunity for Academic Success In School)

At-risk students grades 1-4



An intensive, 5-week preparatory summer program for elementary students:

- *Students receive assistance in language arts and math skills needed for the next grade level they will be attending.*
- *Parental involvement is encouraged through learning kits for home use.*

Results



- *Students demonstrated statistically and educationally significant gains in their cognitive abilities in reading, language arts, and math.*
- *Grade level retentions were drastically decreased from 5.6% to 0.45%.*

The Program

OASIS is an early-intervention, summer program for students entering grades 1 through 4. This intensive program prepares students for the next grade level, thus reducing the number of retentions and, over time, decreasing the drop-out rate.

The program is 5 weeks in length from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Language arts and math are the academic areas stressed. The curriculum used in OASIS has been developed with an emphasis on the mastery of skills needed in the next grade level.

During the third quarter of the school year, each teacher in grades K-3 refers students whom might benefit from participation in OASIS. Students are then prioritized by need and selected to attend. Once the slots have been filled for the program, a waiting list is compiled so that if a student cannot attend, another student is given the opportunity. At the conclusion of the program, a learning kit is given to parents which contains additional activities for the students to do while at home before the beginning of the next academic year. This also encourages continued parental involvement.

Professional Development

All program components and instructional strategies are covered in a 2-day training session. Follow-up is provided on an as-needed basis. Program trainers and support staff are available to answer any questions by phone.

Costs & Funding Options

The training consists of a 2-day workshop at a cost of \$250 per day. On-site training is available but would include all travel expenses incurred. Staff requirements are dependent on the number of grade levels participating. Clerical support is a critical component of the program and should be allotted a fraction of time for the summer session. Informational brochures are available at no charge. Cost of supplies and materials is dependent on the number of grade levels involved. The following manuals are available: a Grade-Level Curriculum Guide @ \$35; an Administrator's Manual @ \$35; and a Kit Manual @ \$35.

Learning Standards

English Language Arts: 1) read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding.
Mathematics, Science and Technology: 1) use mathematical analysis, scientific inquiry, and engineering design as appropriate to pose questions, seek answers, and develop solutions.

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