

Statement of Fidelity

MTA Kits 1-7

MTA is a comprehensive, integrated language arts program addressing reading decoding and comprehension, spelling and composition, cursive handwriting, and alphabet and dictionary skills. The ungraded curriculum encompasses the structure and science of the English language, and all students begin at the beginning. The goal is to complete the curriculum, if students are progressing according to criterion-referenced “Mastery Checks” administered periodically. If exit criterion is based on grade-level achievement alone, permanence of learning is not guaranteed.

PERSPECTIVE

Degree of Difficulty	Years of Training (Based on nine-month school terms)					
	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	6 th Year
Mild	Kits 1-3	Kits 4-5	Kits 6-7			
Moderate	Kits 1-2	Kits 2-4	Kits 4-6	Kits 6-7		
Severe	Kit 1	Kits 1-3	Kits 3-4	Kits 4-5	Kits 5-6	Kits 6-7

FIDELITY CLASS SIZES

For very young or severely dyslexic students: 4-6

For third grade and up, mild to moderately involved students: 6-8

FIDELITY INSTRUCTIONAL GROUPING

Students can be grouped across grade levels, as: 1-2 graders; 3-4-5; 4-5-6; etc. High school students should have the opportunity to study MTA for at least two years. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders can be grouped together.

Students should be as homogeneously grouped as possible, based on their performance on the *Baseline Assessment*, standardized reading test scores, and teacher recommendations.

SCHEDULING

Each lesson cycle involves a series of “mini activities” that provide for introduction of new information, review of previously taught information, and practical applications. One-hour daily lessons are recommended.

Minutes	Activity
5	Alphabet and dictionary skills training
5-7	Review of previously taught letters for reading and spelling
5-10	New letter or concept introduction
5	Handwriting practice
5-10	Reading practice
5-10	Spelling practice
2	Quick closure and review of previously taught concepts
10-15	Comprehension/ Composition

TEACHING MTA WITH FIDELITY TO THE PROGRAM

- Students should receive instruction 4-5 days per week for 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- Classes of less than 45 minutes per day are not teaching MTA with fidelity.
- Meeting classes only 2 or 3 times per week are not teaching MTA with fidelity.