



Harris-Gambrell Reading Center

Maximizing the P-20 Experience

About Us

The Harris-Gambrell Reading Center is designed to address the reading deficiencies of elementary school students enrolled in the Jackson Public School District. We will provide diagnostic and prescriptive reading services to elementary students while providing clinical experiences for pre-service and in-service teachers using an instructional reading plan that provides pre-tests/post-tests and materials for skill acquisition in decoding, fluency, comprehension, and study skills.

The P-20 Experience

The Harris-Gambrell Reading Center bridges the gap between early childhood/elementary education and higher education through specially designed reading experiences that involve a unique blend of graduate students, college students and elementary students.

Services available for elementary students include pre-tests, post-tests and instructional materials provided to increase skill acquisition in decoding, fluency, and comprehension. The services will be provided during after-school, summer, and Saturday reading sessions to students in a reading clinic environment with the purpose of diagnosing and improving reading abilities.

Services will be provided by certified teachers enrolled in the Master's of Science in Reading program (along with pre-service teachers) under the guidance of Reading Faculty in the Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education. Students' initial session will include a diagnostic assessment to determine specific deficiencies that will result in the development of a student profile and individual instructional plan.

Enrollment Procedures

For students to enroll, please complete the attached application and submit it to your child's principal or mail it to the address provided. Enrollment will be based on availability.

Family Involvement

The Harris-Gambrell Reading Center embraces the idea of family involvement as parents and family are central to the reading success of children. Sessions are designed to involve parents & families in improving the reading achievement of their children. These sessions are uniquely designed to provide reinforcement and to serve as an extension of the child's learning. A schedule of these sessions will be provided to parents/families as students are enrolled.

Academy of Reading®

We have selected an assessment software to compliment the services offered by the Harris-Gambrell Reading Center.

The Academy of Reading software is an individualized literacy intervention program designed to help struggling students realize fast, permanent gains in core reading skills. The Academy of Reading breaks the complex skill of reading into manageable tasks, which students learn progressively in a logical sequence. Students are successful because they are allowed as much practice as they need to master each skill and are able to progress at their own pace. (AutoSkill International, 2007).

Hours of Operation

Reading services are provided during after-school, summer, and Saturday reading sessions as determined. The 2008-2009 sessions will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The HGRC adapts to the JSU academic calendar. The HGRC is located in JSU's College of Education & Human Development building, Rooms 310 & 312.

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