

# Using Self-Regulated Strategy Development + POW to Teach Writing

#### What is the evidence base?

This is a research-based practice for **Students with disabilities** based on one methodologically sound group experimental study with random assignment across 11 participants with disabilities or low reading ability, and three methodological sound single-case study across 26 participants with disabilities.

## Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?

The best place to find out how to implement self-regulated strategy development + POW to teach writing is through the following research to practice lesson plan starters:

<u>Using Self-Regulated Strategy Development & POW Tree to Teach Writing (Cuenca-Sanchez, Mastropieri, Scruggs, & Kidd, 2012)</u>

#### With who was it implemented?

- Students with
  - Emotional disabilities (4 studies, n=31)
  - Learning disabilities (2 studies, n=6)
  - Other health impairment (3 studies, n=13)
  - Autism (1 study, n=2)
  - Hearing impairment (1 study, n=1)
- Ages ranged from 12 20
- Males (n=29), females (n=8)
- Ethnicity
  - White (n=27)
  - Black (n=8)
  - Hispanic (n=1)
  - Asian (n=1)

#### What is the practice?

Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) is research-based six-stage writing instruction. The six stages include: (a) develop and activate background knowledge, (b) discuss it, (c) model it, (d) memorize it, & support it, and (f) independent performance. Through the instruction, students can learn to plan, organize, write, and monitor their progress while developing self-regulatory behaviors for each stage of the writing process (Cuenca-Carlino, Mustian, Allen, & Whiteley, 2019).

#### Where has it been implemented?

- A public day middle school only for students with severe emotional disabilities (1 study)
- A Midwestern nonpublic day school for students with severe behavioral and mental health needs (1 study)
- A small classroom setting within a public middle school building (1 study)
- Adjoining classrooms. Once classroom had single desks in rows with a Smartboard at the
  front of the room. The second classroom had single desks with partitions around each one;
  there was also a Smartboard at the front of the room (1 study)

#### How does this practice relate to Common Core Standards?

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.1
  - Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.2
  - Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.8
  - Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

### **How does this practice relate to the Common Career Technical Core?**

- Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason
  - Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice and organization and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and

with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.

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