



Welcome to the RISE Institute for Literacy. We are thrilled to assist students in improving their literacy development. The “reading” brain is like a muscle; the more you work it, the stronger it becomes. With this in mind, the focus of our reading method is mastery — teaching as much as possible while ensuring that students achieve proficiency of essential reading skills.

For optimal results, students should:

- Participate in at least one, preferably two tutoring sessions per week for 45 minutes each
- Engage in software instruction and practice for 15-20 minutes on the days they don't have tutoring (**if software use is not consistent, students will be required to attend two or more sessions a week in order to maintain progress**)
- Read for a minimum of 20-30 minutes each day

Results: Time spent learning the *Reading Horizons Discovery/Elevate* method will significantly improve a student's ability to read proficiently and succeed in all content areas. In addition, students will also develop skills in the following areas:

- phonemic awareness
- letter formation/handwriting
- Pronunciation
- spelling
- Vocabulary
- fluency
- Comprehension
- grammar

We look forward to helping students increase their potential in all aspects of their life through the gift of literacy.

RISE Payment Policy

In order to keep a consistent schedule, students will be charged for tutoring sessions regardless of their attendance, with the exception of holidays. RISE follows the traditional school calendar for holidays. To cancel a tutoring session, please **email the tutor as well as the RISE tutor coordinator** (michelle.gibby@riseinstituteforalliteracy.org). If a missed session is canceled **24 hours in advance** the RISE tutor coordinator will schedule a makeup lesson with an available tutor. Students will be billed at the beginning of each tutoring cycle (5 sessions). A 5% fee will be added to the amount owed each week that the invoice is outstanding. We understand that problems arise from time to time and we are happy to work with you if we have advance notice. Please contact Michelle Gibby (email is above) as these situations may arise.

I understand and agree to the tutoring recommendations and the RISE Payment Policy

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____