



# Teaching Phonics with the Brain in Mind

*Targeting "Backdoor" Social-Emotional Learning Channels to Fast-Track Phonics for Reading!*

Available in primary and upper grade blocks with single and multi-day workshop options.

**There is a wide gap between what we know about the brain and how we teach kids to read. Using brain science as a road map, discover how to fast-track phonics for reading AND writing by targeting "backdoor" social-emotional channels for accelerated learning.**

**Early literacy research suggests that while 25% of early grade teachers are able to teach almost everyone to read, another 25% are unable to teach almost anyone to read. This one-day workshop provides teachers with brain-based strategies for boosting existing reading curriculum and phonics instruction with the latest neural research showing how our brains learn best.**

## PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN

- How to boost existing reading curriculum and phonics instruction with brain science showing how our brains learn best
- How to shift phonics instruction from brain-antagonistic to brain-compatible for accelerated skill mastery
- How to increase early and struggling learner-momentum in both reading and writing by "fast-tracking" mastery of the individual letters and sounds so as to take just 2-weeks to 2-months, via muscle memory
- How to activate "backdoor" social-emotional learning channels for easy access to high-leverage phonics skill concepts
- How to make use of the brain's emotional systems to help forge meaningful connections to abstract (phonics) skills and increase learner-engagement
- How to align instruction with learners' "need-to-know" for prioritized learning in the brain
- How to make use of mind-body connections and multi-sensory learning strategies to support both beginning grade learners, as well as those struggling at the upper grades (ELL/ESOL SPED, Dyslexic, etc...)

Attendees will be provided with a link to download a 50-page digital packet with interactive links for "digging deeper" after session. This resource also includes links to free classroom resources and access to a video library for staff development and sharing.

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