

Program Details

General Information

Eligibility: Students who have substantial difficulty with language-based concepts including but not limited to decoding and encoding, reading comprehension, writing, listening comprehension, and oral expression.

Grades: 1-5

Location: Balch Elementary School

Staffing: LBLD Classroom Teachers, SLP Pathologist, and paraprofessionals

Specific Curriculum

Homework: Homework is individualized for greatest student success.

Reading: Systematic research-based multisensory programs are used to teach students how to accurately and fluently decode and spell.

Students work in small groups based on their instructional reading levels and needs. Guided reading groups focus on building vocabulary, applying effective reading strategies, and improving comprehension skills.

Writing: Systematic research-based direct instruction is provided using multisensory writing programs to develop sentence structure, grammar, mechanics, and written expression skills. Writing is co-taught by the LBLD teacher and speech/language pathologist.

Math: Systematic research-based direct instruction is provided to students who receive small group instruction in the LBLD classroom. All

instruction uses a multisensory approach to help students demonstrate an understanding of new concepts, master basic skills, and apply mathematical knowledge to solve increasingly complex problems. Other students receive math instruction in the general education classroom with inclusion support from staff and consultation with LBLD Classroom Teacher.

Science/Social Studies: Students receive instruction in the general education classroom with inclusion support from staff and consultation with LBLD Classroom Teacher.