



MAPPING THE ROAD TO LITERACY

Breakout Session Titles and Descriptions

DAY 1: MONDAY

A Passport to WRS Word Element Study - The World of Affixes

Morphological awareness contributes to academic achievement in word identification, spelling, and reading comprehension. In this breakout session, participants will take a journey into the world of affixes, prefixes, suffixes, and connecting vowel letters, as part of an effective study of word elements. Through discussion and engaging activities, attendees will examine the structure and meaning of affixes while focusing on the practical application for students.

At the Wheel: The Science of Teaching Decoding and Encoding

Decoding and encoding instruction are key elements of a Wilson Reading System® implementation, and these skills are vital to the development of word recognition and proficient orthographic mapping of words. Connect the work Wilson® teachers do to what the research says. Explore best practices for teaching decoding and spelling while going beyond the mechanics to learn how to become the best structured literacy and dyslexia interventionist you can be.

DAY 2: TUESDAY

Ride Along: WRS Technology Advancements

Preview new and exciting developments for Wilson Reading System® teachers. These digital applications have been designed to improve baseline and summative assessment reporting and analysis using the Wilson® Assessment of Decoding and Encoding (WADE), increase accessibility to the instructor manuals, and provide innovative solutions to delivering WRS lessons. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay ahead of the curve and transform your instruction.

The Pathway to Proficient Reading Comprehension

The goal of all reading instruction is to enable a reader's comprehension of text that will facilitate learning. Reading comprehension is a complex process and requires a multifaceted instructional approach which includes building word reading accuracy and fluency, background knowledge, and vocabulary. During this session, participants will examine these factors as well as the importance of understanding text structures, utilizing strategies for understanding text, and ways to build stamina when reading.