Imboden Area Charter School

2017-18

Dyslexia Intervention Program

**Introduction**

The Imboden Area Charter School serves a student population averaging 70 students per year in kindergarten through eighth grades. The entire learning program at IACS is individualized for each student, and class sizes are small compared to those of a regular public school. Dyslexia intervention is provided for all students who are below level in literacy, regardless of their dyslexia status. It is the belief of IACS that a well rounded literacy program that utilizes evidence based instruction is highly beneficial for all students, including those with dyslexia.

**Interventions**

The following intense literacy program is provided for all students, kindergarten through eighth grades, at IACS:

* Phonemic awareness and the teaching of phonetic principles
* Decoding and word studies, including the learning of sight words
* Language development, including vocabulary practice
* Explicit teaching of comprehension strategies
* Meaningful writing experiences
* Fluency practice
* Opportunities for both guided and independent reading, and
* Orton Gillingham dyslexia curriculum

Utilizing these strategies, students made a 1.25-year growth average for the 2017- 18 school year.

**Populations**

In the 2017- 18 school year, since all students enrolled at IACS received dyslexia interventions and made significant gains in literacy, no students were referred for dyslexia testing.