



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

CATAPULT LEARNING, formerly Sylvan Education Solutions is the leading provider of contracted Title I services in non-public schools in the country. For more than 25 years, we have partnered with schools and districts providing services to improve student achievement.

Supplementary instruction in reading and math is the core of a Title I program. As mandated by NCLB, we model our programs on published scientifically-based research of effective reading and math strategies. We use certified teachers to provide instruction in small groups of 5 to 7 students designed to meet the needs of your school. Catapult Learning has earned a reputation for quality services, integrity, and administrative expertise on behalf of private schools across the country and in Milwaukee.

Primary services include:

- Consultation and coordination with school principals and classroom teachers
- Teacher directed instruction in reading and math for students in K-12
- Comprehensive counseling and guidance services for Title I students
- Parent involvement services designed to strengthen student academic achievement
- Periodic evaluation of student achievement
- Professional Development for all teachers serving Title I students

Catapult Learning Offers Small Group Instruction

Catapult Learning's reading and math curriculum content and teaching strategies are in alignment with state standards, and the findings of the National Reading panel (2000) and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards (2000).

Since the effectiveness of any instruction program depends in large measure on the teachers, Catapult Learning uses its extensive experience to recruit, select, and hire these professionals that meet industry standards. All staff members receive extensive training and mentoring, including 18 hours of pre-service training in assessment and best practices in instruction. Additionally, Catapult Learning staff attends a series of follow-up faculty meetings and workshops designed to provide assistance and support as they implement the program designed for your school needs.

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Standard Program Design

Using results from student assessments and input from the classroom teacher, our certified Title I teacher develops a Personalized Education Plan (PEP) for each student to address skill gaps and build on current skills. Individual learning needs within each group are clearly identified and addressed during instruction. Students receive instruction sessions a minimum of 120 minutes each week in groups of 5 to 7 students either throughout the school year or in summer school sessions. During the school year, Catapult Learning can accommodate each school's preference for either pull out or extended day services. Instruction programs include on-going regular coordination with classroom teachers, a comprehensive parent involvement component, and an annual program evaluation.

Catapult Learning's Reading Instruction

In its landmark 2000 report, the National Reading Panel identified the five essential building blocks of a successful reading program which form the academic foundation for Catapult Learning: **phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension**. Guided Reading and/or Directed Reading Thinking Activity strategies are incorporated into each session, along with a strong, sequential phonemic awareness and phonics program. Our instructional practices are designed to increase participation and encourage higher-level thinking. Explicit instruction in self-monitoring strategies is used to improve comprehension. We have selected motivating, award winning and multi cultural reading material for use in our Title I classrooms. Other supplemental materials can be provided by school request. Ongoing diagnostic and prescriptive instructions allows Catapult Learning teachers to assess skill acquisition and retention of new learning.

Catapult Learning's Math Instruction

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Content and Process Standards (2000) are the guiding influence in Catapult Learning's curriculum and instructional strategies. Beginning with early numeracy activities for very young learners, through more complex mathematics concepts for older students, The Catapult Learning teacher incorporates concept development, progression from the concrete through pictorial to abstract, skills practice for automaticity in basic operations, problem solving involving real life situations, data collection and analysis activities. Our classroom materials include a variety of manipulatives as well as more traditional math text. Benchmark assessment occurs periodically to assess skill acquisition and retention of new learning.

Program Effectiveness For Reading & Math

In 2003-2004, services included reading and math instruction, school counseling, professional development and parent education. Instructional services were provided before, during and after school according to school preference, and summer school programs were also provided. During the 2003-2004 school year (the last year for which data is currently available) in the Catapult Learning Midwest Region, students who received a minimum of 20 sessions of instruction earned an average 7.4 NCE gain in reading (2891 students), and an average 6.3 NCE gain in math (1549 students) on the CAT/5. In the current school year, we are serving 1,789 students in 51 non-public schools in Milwaukee. Results from Milwaukee and other non-public Title I programs are available upon request.

Communication with Classroom Teachers - Through ongoing consultation, the use of a proprietary two-way communication form, and regular conferences, Catapult Learning staff will coordinate closely with your classroom teachers to reinforce academic success for every student, and ensure that newly acquired skills are put into practice in regular class work.

Communication with Parents and Family - Parent and family involvement is critical to a student's academic success. Catapult Learning's instruction programs keep parents in the loop from beginning to end. Our teachers meet regularly with families to assure that parents are informed about their student's Title I services, review program goals and objectives, and share positive communication about student accomplishments. We also provide workshops to help parents become more effective partners in their children's education. . Below is a list of some of our workshops.

- The 3 R's of Parent Involvement in Their Education: Respect, Responsibility & Reinforcement
- Parents are Teachers: Reading With Your Child –Enjoyable Activities
- Light the Motivation Fire
- Love and Logic
- Learning Styles

Technology Enhanced Program Design

At schools with large numbers of students and an existing Title I computer lab, we offer our model which combines teacher instruction as described above with skill reinforcement using published software. During one half of instructional sessions, students work in small groups with a certified teacher; during the other half they work at the computer, monitored by a qualified lab technician.

High School Algebra Program

Catapult Learning has developed a remedial algebra program, and targets culturally and economically diverse student populations. This program is based on the national standards for algebra established by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics as presented in Principles and Standards for School Mathematics.

High School Reading Program

Catapult Learning has developed a high school language arts supplemental services program, focusing on reading comprehension and vocabulary development. This program is based on the national high school standards for English Language Arts established by the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Reading Association, and targets a culturally and economically diverse student population. It is designed to meet the needs of the high school student in a more advanced curriculum.

Programs for Alternative and Partnership Schools and Youth

Catapult Learning has extensive experience in providing tutoring and intervention services for at risk students for delinquent, adjudicated, neglected or abused students. These students attend Alternative or Partnerships schools and receive Catapult Learning's supplemental services at the school or centers. Catapult Learning will customize a program design plan that helps at risk youth believe in themselves and attain basic skills they need to succeed.

Catapult Online

Schools with very small numbers of eligible students, or home-based students, with appropriate computer access and connectivity may benefit from our Catapult Online program, which offers real-time instruction in reading and/or math by a certified teacher delivered over the internet. Using a headset and stylus, teacher and student communicate orally and in writing on the computer screen--no typing is required. Sessions may be during school, after school, or during the summer. Student assessment, parent involvement, and consultation with the classroom teacher are included in this diagnostic-prescriptive model. Pricing is dependent on the number of students enrolled.

School Counseling and Guidance

Counseling and guidance services address students' behavioral, emotional, social and learning issues that may interfere with school performance. Master's level school counselors are assigned to a school on a regular schedule, with amount of time to be determined by need and funding. Individual counseling, small group counseling, guidance

lessons, and academic screening may be provided with parental consent. Regular consultation with school personnel and parents are core attributes of our counseling program. Service is provided before, during and after school hours to students enrolled in grades K-12. Learning Assessments are available to help teachers understand the student's ability and achievement areas. The Learning Assessment uses standardized testing, aimed at assessing the child's intellectual and educational status. Through this process, information is gained that is often invaluable for consultation with teachers and parents for determination of a productive direction for counseling

Enhanced Parent Involvement Program

Our social work and parent education program addresses family issues that impact students' learning. Master's level professionals provide parent education workshops, family counseling, support groups, liaison services with existing community resources, and consultation with school personnel. Families are referred to the program by the school principal. Parent education workshops, including all needed materials and handouts, are designed to enhance parents' constructive support for their child at school. Faculty workshops, on topics designed to enhance skills in working effectively with parents on behalf of student school performance, are an important component of this program, which can serve the families of students enrolled in grades K-12. Services may be provided before, during and after school, or on weekend days; we may meet with parents at school, at home, or at a neutral appropriate location that is mutually convenient.

Professional Development for Teachers of Title I Students

Professional Development for private school teachers is provided through one - and two - hour workshops facilitated by Catapult Learning specialists. We offer school administrators a variety of topics to choose from, in areas such as classroom management and specific lesson planning. Principals select workshops to be provided according to school need and preference. Catapult Learning provides all instructional materials, including handouts, which allow participating teachers to make immediate use of workshop content in their classrooms. College courses are also available to eligible classroom teachers through Professional Developments funds. All courses must be pre-approved before enrollment in course. We also provide a trainer to visit the classroom for observation and evaluation. This provides the principal and teacher with valuable feedback and areas for improvement. Pricing is dependent on number of participating schools and teachers. Below is a list of some of our workshops.

- Positive Classroom Management
- Cooperative Learning
- Teaching By Design, Not Chance
- Comprehension Strategies
- Test Taking Strategies

Cost of Instruction

Cost of instruction per school year per student will range between \$650-\$1050, depending on which program model is selected and the number of students enrolled.

For more information about Catapult Learning Programs in Milwaukee, or to discuss service options for your Title I students, please do not hesitate to call:

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