





“The program is so strong in phonics that students quickly achieve wonderful success. They are highly involved in instruction and feel so good about themselves that they don’t have time to act out in undesirable ways. That means the number of discipline referrals has nearly vanished,” said King.

Even though the state grant ended in 2003, teachers continue to use *Horizons* with at-risk readers in Grades 1 and 2.

**About Horizons**

*Horizons* is a Direct Instruction reading program for Grades K-4 that can serve as a core reading program or as a highly effective intervention program. A detailed sequence of daily lessons provides explicit, systematic instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics/decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension. In addition, spelling is fully coordinated with reading to provide substantial practice with letter sound relationships.

**About the Muhlenberg Elementary Center**

The Muhlenberg Elementary Center serves all elementary students within the district. With more than 1,250 children in Grades K-5, this elementary center’s student population is 89% Caucasian, 8% Hispanic, 2% African American, and 1% Asian. Twenty-two percent of the students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

**For More Information**

If you would like to learn more about success with Direct Instruction programs in your school or district, please contact us today at **1-888-SRA-4543**.