

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
NORTH WEST SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA**

**READING LITERACY POLICY**

Member LEAs of Santa Clara North West SELPA shall ensure that all students with disabilities, as determined appropriate through the Individualized Educational Program Team process, will participate in the California Reading Initiative in the development of reading literacy in all instructional programs using a variety of approaches including the following:

- Reading literacy goals will be addressed and documented in each student's IEP, as appropriate, to meet the educational needs of each student with disabilities.
- Participate in special education staff development including training regarding the California Reading Initiative, current literacy and learning research.
- Collaboration between special education and general education including coordination training in the core curriculum reading program.
- State adopted standards and frameworks are utilized in special education programs to increase participation of students with disabilities in Statewide Assessments and utilization of research based on strategies for teaching reading to diverse learners.
- Students with disabilities have access to all required core curriculum as appropriate, as well as instructional materials and supports.