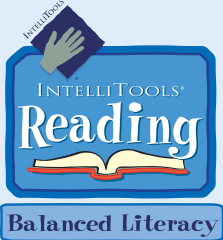


NCLB's Enhancing Education through Technology and *IntelliTools*® Reading: *Balanced Literacy*

Title II, Part D, of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Enhancing Education through Technology (E2T2) State Grants Program, is designed to improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools.

E2T2 is also designed to assist every student in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade and to encourage the effective integration of technology resources and systems with teacher training and professional development. The program primarily targets funds to school districts that serve concentrations of poor students.

IntelliTools Reading: Balanced Literacy is an excellent application for the Enhancing Education through Technology program. Developed with the help of a grant from the National Institutes of Health and researched and evaluated by teachers around the country, *Balanced Literacy* is a full-year supplementary reading program for K-2 students. Its rich multimedia environment engages students in interactive lessons that are intentional in skill building, provide hands-on practice, and are fully accessible by students with special needs.

<p>Title II, E2T2 Strategies</p> <p>Improve student academic achievement</p> <p>Integrate technology into curricula</p> <p>Improve technological literacy</p> <p>Boost data-driven decision-making</p> <p>Support professional development</p>	<p><i>IntelliTools Reading: Balanced Literacy Solutions</i></p>  <p><i>Balanced Literacy</i> ensures that all beginning readers receive an individualized approach to balanced literacy instruction. Lessons are organized in a spiral manner. They are sequential, intentional in skill building, and provide the systematic practice and repetition that struggling students need to achieve mastery.</p> <p>The program's rich multimedia lessons help students hear, identify, and manipulate spoken sounds and words in game-like activities. Colorfully illustrated onscreen Anchor Books, with engaging animal themes, feature predictable text, repetition, rhyme, and music. Explore and Review activities provide practice and record student performance.</p> <p><i>Balanced Literacy's</i> 142 lessons engage students for 20 to 30 minutes a day over the course of the school year, in either classroom or lab settings. Students practice daily hands-on activities at their own pace. The program is also fully accessible for students with special needs using scanning or an IntelliKeys adaptive keyboard.</p> <p><i>Balanced Literacy</i> tracks each student's progress and performance. Teachers can use its real-time embedded assessment to decide what practice the student needs next and personalize instruction accordingly. Teachers are able to review and assess and student's work at any time and record and print reports.</p> <p><i>Balanced Literacy</i> includes a comprehensive Teachers Guide with day-by-day lesson plans and blackline masters. Teachers are provided instructions on how to plan computer time and plan for cooperative learning. IntelliTools also offers professional development at 30 centers around the country and can provide on-site training.</p>
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- Additional Classroom Benefits of *Balanced Literacy***
- *Balanced Literacy* adheres to the principles of differentiated instruction and is customizable to support different learning styles and special needs.
 - It is an excellent supplement to core academic programs, including Reading First programs. It provides a balanced approach to early literacy instruction, supporting the five essential components of reading instruction.
 - *Balanced Literacy's* lessons correlate to state standards for English Language Arts, TESOL standards for English language learners, and ISTE's NETS Standards for Students.



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