



# BLAST Literacy Intervention Toolkits - Purchase Options

**B**uilding Literacy And Supporting Teamwork

BLAST is a multi-grade approach to intervention in which student assessment data is used to combine students in small dynamic groups where they receive explicit instruction and master the skills they need to be proficient readers.

- BLAST is designed to be used with students in small, flexible groups with a maximum of 6 students, for a 30 minute block of time, taking 9 days to teach all of the lessons within the toolkit. As students complete a toolkit and show mastery of the targeted skill, they move on to the next.
- Each of the 12 BLAST toolkits support the explicit teaching of a Phonological Awareness or Phonics skill. The lesson progression within the toolkit is sequential and cumulative with daily opportunities to review previous skills and practice new ones, as well as ongoing assessment of student progress.
- The lessons in the toolkits are structured, systematic, and multisensory to provide the best learning experience for both students and teachers with all materials provided and daily folders that are ready to open and teach. This allows teachers to spend less planning for the day's lesson and more time engaging with student learning.
- BLAST groups can also provide opportunities for enrichment and extension activities for students working at or above grade level by using a variety of school resources and teacher expertise.

The complete BLAST Intervention Toolkit set includes:

- a) Assessment materials used for student placement and to assess student growth, and
- b) 12 BLAST skill toolkits.

Each BLAST toolkit comes in a plastic caddy with daily lessons and teaching materials stored on one side and divided cups on the other side to store supplies.

### Each toolkit contains:

Nine (9) file folders each containing a detailed lesson plan,

- a warm-up game,
- daily activity/word cards,
- a practice game, and
- a written component to apply the skill learned.
- A separate file folder holds all visual tools to be used by students in lessons throughout the toolkit, as well as 6 laminated whiteboards for the writing component of the lessons.
- The divided cups come with extra manipulatives and materials needed in the lessons such as tokens, cubes, game pieces, dice, dry erase crayons and whiteboard erasers.



Skill progression in the BLAST toolkits:

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## Option 1: One complete set of BLAST Intervention Toolkits + Instructional Support

This option gets you started with one complete set of toolkits along with the opportunity to schedule instructional support sessions customized to suit your school needs. This versatile training package is designed to support school administration and staff in organizing and implementing the BLAST intervention with multiple classes or grades within a school. Support can be provided in-person, virtually, or a combination of both.

Topics covered may include:

- ★ best practices in literacy instruction including specific intervention teaching techniques
- ★ the progression of Phonological Awareness and Phonics skills used in the BLAST toolkits
- ★ the administration of the BLAST assessment, collecting and analyzing the student data
- ★ overview of teaching all components of the BLAST toolkits
- ★ work with administration to create a common schedule, assign staff and student grouping
- ★ troubleshooting and problem-solving with staff as they work with students using the toolkit lessons

Instructional support can be delivered within a flexible structure to suit your needs. Instructional support sessions may include:

- half-day (3 hours) or whole-day (6 hours) online or in-person staff training sessions
- meeting with organizers online to support BLAST implementation including reviewing the assessment materials, data collection, discussing student placement and/or student progression through the toolkits
- check-in meetings online with staff to answer any questions, clarify any teaching points, or troubleshoot any difficulties

#### Levels of support and pricing are as follows:

Initial Support - 3 hours of instructional support + one complete BLAST toolkit set. Cost: \$2995\*

Extended Support- 6 hours of instructional support + one complete BLAST toolkit set. Cost: \$3495\*

Continuing Support- 12 hours of instructional support + one complete BLAST toolkit set. Cost: \$4595\*

\*plus GST, travel expenses for any in-person training and toolkit delivery costs (or pick up in Edmonton)

### Option 2: One complete set of BLAST Intervention Toolkits

This purchase includes one compete set of toolkits containing:

- 2 printed copies of BLAST assessment materials along with student recording sheet
- 12 storage caddies holding all materials required to teach the lessons:
  - lesson plans
  - practice and review games
  - activity/word cards
  - visual supports
  - manipulatives such as tokens, cubes, dice, etc.

The cost for this option is \$2495 + GST and delivery costs (or pick up in Edmonton)

To discuss how you can use the BLAST Intervention to support student learning at your school, please contact me at the email or phone number above.