

## Calculating Reading Recovery Costs and Benefits for Your School

Costs of interventions vary across school districts and regions of the country. This chart may be useful if you want to calculate a per-pupil cost for all interventions for the *lowest-achieving* first graders in your schools. Be sure to include information about *student outcomes* and *related benefits* for each intervention. SEE NOTES BELOW.

Intervention	Annual Per-Pupil Cost	Average Time in Program	Per-Pupil Cost Across Time	Student Outcomes for Lowest Achievers	Related Benefits
Retention					
Title I					
Special Education					
Other (e.g., small group pull-out)					
Reading Recovery					

**PER-PUPIL COSTS:** Consider the number of children served *daily* by 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) teacher and divide that number into the salary plus benefits for that teacher. **Remember** that most Reading Recovery teachers work one-half day (or .5 FTE) in the intervention, meaning that it takes at least 2 teachers to make 1 FTE. Because Reading Recovery teachers serve children for 12–20 weeks, 1 FTE teacher will work with 16–20 children annually.

**STUDENT OUTCOMES:** Consider the *lowest-achieving students*. Often small groups are offered to children with fewer difficulties, and outcomes cannot be compared with outcomes for lower-achieving Reading Recovery children.

**RELATED BENEFITS:** Consider issues such as professional development; support structures/networks; early identification system; progress monitoring and accountability system; teacher, parent, and student satisfaction; etc.