



## Shifting the Balance: Six Ways to Bring the Science of Reading into the Balanced Literacy Classroom

In-person at Bethel University, Anderson Center – 9:00am-3:00pm

June 29 & 30, 2023

“What are the critical elements of the science of reading and how do I teach them effectively to all of my students?”

If this is the question you want to be able to answer and effectively do, join this group of educators in a 2-day course as we explore how the authors of *Shifting the Balance* skillfully explain the science of reading, courageously examine some long-held balanced literacy practices, and guide us to make the shifts in our instructional pedagogy.

As a reflective practitioner, you will examine current practices in your classroom and become empowered to implement six key shifts for instruction, including recommitting to phonemic awareness, reimagining phonics, revising high-frequency words, reinventing miscue analysis, and reconsidering texts for beginning readers.

Book "Shifting the Balance: 6 Ways to Bring Science of Reading into the Balanced Literacy Classroom" included.

**Audience:** K-5 Teachers, Administrators, Literacy Coaches, Instructional Coaches, Reading Interventionists, and SPED Teachers

**Facilitator:** Amy Pierce



Amy Pierce is an Educational Consultant with over 25 years of experience in literacy curriculum, instruction, and assessment at the school, district, and university level.

As a former Elementary Teacher, Reading Specialist, Literacy Coach, Literacy Coordinator, and Executive Coach, Amy has effectively led system change for school districts by reviewing, developing, organizing, and implementing rigorous standards-based high-quality curriculum and assessment aligned with culturally relevant instructional best-practices.

Amy is a practitioner of improvement science and adult learning and has engaged hundreds of educators and leaders in professional development experiences in various formats, virtually and in person, including presentations, workshops, demonstration lessons, 1-1 coaching sessions, asynchronous coursework, graduate course facilitation, professional learning communities, and leadership learning series.

As a believer of life-long learning and continuous improvement, Amy has led teams to not only achieve the goals of their organization's strategic plans, but to encourage all teachers and students to see their potential, shape their future, and pursue their passion.

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**Fee (Includes lunch AND book):** [Metro ECSU member districts](#): \$200; Non-member districts: \$250

**Registration:** <http://metroecsus.myquickreg.com/register/event/>

**Location:** Bethel University, Anderson Center, 2 Pine Tree Dr, Arden Hills, MN, 55112

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