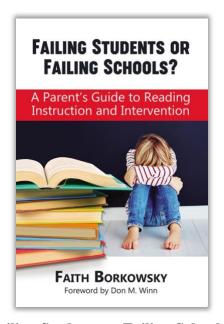
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Failing Students or Failing Schools?

A Parent's Guide to Reading Instruction and Intervention

By Faith Borkowsky

Literacy expert Faith Borkowsky reveals behind-the-scenes information, an inside look at educational policies and procedures, and practical advice for overwhelmed parents of struggling readers in her groundbreaking new book.

Literacy rates in America are the lowest they have been in decades. And 60% of fourth-graders cannot read at grade level. For years, educators have tried to create the perfect one-size-fits-all approach to literacy education. But what happens to the children who do not fit this mold? Why are American schools unsuccessful at teaching children to read? What if your child is one who is struggling to learn to read? What if your child is involved in reading intervention programs that simply do not seem to help? What can you do?

Teacher and literacy expert Faith Borkowsky answers these questions and more in her book *Failing Students or Failing Schools? A Parent's Guide to Reading Instruction and Intervention*. Borkowsky has worked with struggling readers for over thirty years, and with teachers and administrators, both inside and outside the educational system. She is in a unique position to offer solutions to overwhelmed and baffled parents who trusted the schools to help their children but without success. Borkowsky's book explores the reasons why so many children have

difficulty learning to read using the current methods in vogue in American schools and describes how those difficulties often result in behavioral problems, low self-esteem, or apparent difficulties in other subjects, such as math and science. Borkowsky also explains the best way of teaching reading, why schools don't change their methods, and what parents need to know if their child is receiving reading intervention, as well as what they can do in the home to help supplement and support their child's reading education or intervention program.

This book includes special sections on:

- The best, proven way to teach children to read
- Factors that can influence reading comprehension difficulties
- Questions you need to ask if your child is receiving reading intervention
- What you can do at home to supplement your child's intervention
- How to help your child with homework

If you are a parent who feels the schools have failed your child when it comes to teaching him or her to read, an educator seeking greater insight into the best literacy practices for all children, or a parent of a preschooler hoping your child gets off to a good start, then this book is for you.

About Faith:

Faith Borkowsky, founder of High Five Literacy and Academic Coaching, is a reading and literacy specialist with thirty years of experience as a classroom teacher, a reading/learning specialist, a regional literacy coach, an administrator, and a private tutor. Faith is Orton-Gillingham trained and is a Wilson Certified Dyslexia Practitioner listed on the International Dyslexia Association's Provider Directory.

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