



Self-Regulated Strategy Development

Teacher created.
Evidence based.
Classroom tested.

What is SRSD?

SRSD is an **evidence-based pedagogy**. It teaches students how to use the **writing process** and equips them with the necessary **skills** and **strategies** to become **self-regulated**, successful writers. Through carefully analyzing **peer-written exemplars** and published **mentor texts**, SRSD exposes learners to the features of effective writing at the outset and all through the year.

Explicit instruction prepares students to incorporate these features into their own pieces. They learn **key strategies** and solidify their skills through: collaborative writes, self/peer feedback and **embedded deliberate practice**. To facilitate a gradual release, teachers model writing, offer scaffolds and support ongoing goal setting. The end result? **Confident**, joyful and effective writers.

What makes SRSD different?

SRSD is the **only** writing approach to incorporate **all** essential evidence-based practices, as compared to the most widely used approaches in schools.

| FACTORS | SRSD | TWR | 6 + 1 TRAITS | CALKINS |
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| Integrates with content instruction | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Develops self-regulation | ✓ | | | |
| Comprehensive framework | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Cites supportive theorists | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Evidence based | ✓ | | | |
| *Proven track record | ✓ | | | |

*thinkSRSD's **unique** model for supporting implementation has a proven track record of ELA gains.

Evidence-based pedagogy is at the core of SRSD.

thinkSRSD's 8 routines foreground evidence-based pedagogical practices to foster success in writing.

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How to **launch SRSD** in a classroom

At the beginning of the school year, teachers establish a positive climate around writing. Students then complete a pre-assessment which they use to set their own writing goals. Next, educators use thinkSRSD's 8 routines below to on-ramp SRSD into their classrooms. After introducing the 8 routines, teachers continue to facilitate analyzing exemplars, lead collaborative practice, offer deliberate skills practice (i.e. sentence writing), and revisit goal setting regularly, gradually releasing students to work independently as ready.

Routine 1: Exemplars + Tools

Guide students to observe effective elements in exemplar texts. Introduce the writing process and essential tools.

Routine 2: Plan + Organize

Explain importance of planning and organizing, then explicitly model and teach these skills, offering flexible scaffolds and strategies as needed.

Routine 3: Revise + Edit

Use below standard pieces to model and explicitly teach revising and editing. Emphasize importance of revising and editing throughout the entire writing process.

Routine 4: Self-Talk

Engage students in discussions about the science of positive affirmations and self-talk to facilitate effective engagement in the writing process and boost confidence.



Routine 5: Think Aloud

Teachers (and peers) make the invisible visible by modelling their thinking as they use the writing process.

Routine 6: Collaborative Literacy Practice

Write collaboratively with class, offering guidance, scaffolds and embedded deliberate practice (i.e. sentences) as needed. Gradually release students to write with peers or on their own, as ready.

Routine 7: Score + Set Goals

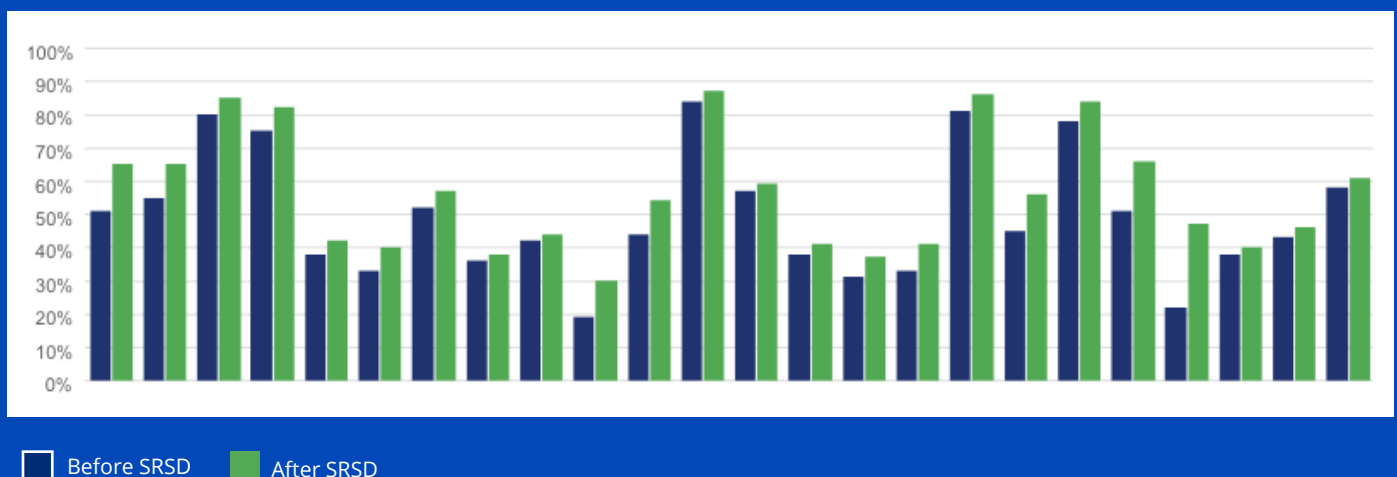
Explicitly teach students how to score their pieces using an analytic rubric. Scoring enables students to better understand effective writing features, set goals and see their growth.

Routine 8: Peer Conferencing

Prepare students to participate in peer conferencing, empowering them to provide one another with meaningful feedback and create a supportive community of writers.

The **data** tells an inspiring story.

Districts **supported by thinkSRSD** see on average a **7% increase** in writing scores on standardized tests. The data below is from 24 public schools across the United States and conveys a compelling message: SRSD can solve our nation's writing crisis.



Learn SRSD

We partner with schools across the nation and globe to bring **structured literacy** to schools. Let us know how we can support you:

- thinkSRSD's course
- Writing data meetings
- Modeled lessons
- Create text sets and writing prompts
- Create exemplars
- Design scaffolds
- Design deliberate practice tasks

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- Deb Rude, Literacy Coach -



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