

THE FOURTH R

A Relationship-Based Program for Grade 9-12 English



The Fourth R English programs are an extension of the Grade 8 and 9 Health and Physical Education programs. The program is founded on extensive research and applies best practice approaches to building skills and reducing harm among adolescents. The topics addressed in the program are contemporary and realistic, and the issues pertinent to the lives of all adolescents. In the classroom, students can learn problem-solving techniques and alternative actions that can help keep them safer and assist them in making positive decisions in their own lives.

Why Choose The Fourth R English Program?

- Consists of comprehensive teacher-friendly lesson plans that allow teachers to make choices about topics, approaches, and assessment activities
- Meets the requirements of an English course of study, based on the Ministry of Education learning expectations
- Allows students the opportunity to work in various settings, such as small groups, individually, and whole-class, and supports a balanced-literacy English classroom
- Includes learning strategies, activities, rubrics, and innovative methods for teaching healthy relationships
- Uses unique learning formats such as book clubs, non-fiction literature, and short stories
- Integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking activities
- Contains lessons developed by teachers based on best practice research
- Has strategies to reduce adolescent risk behaviours and engage youth in making healthy choices

TESTIMONIALS

"The Fourth R can be integrated in powerful and important ways with curriculum in the secondary English program. Students are motivated to read and talk about personally meaningful topics affecting youth. Relevant, issues-based reading provided through Fourth R resources engages students and promotes meaningful talking, writing, and critical thinking in the English classroom."

*Connie Bray, Vice Principal
London Central Secondary School*

"The Fourth R teacher's manual format is self-explanatory and clear and offers a variety of activities that integrate language learning and life lessons.

I found each story dealt with a variety of complex issues and tasks which were generally engaging to the class. My students loved the subject of the stories."

*David Hughes / Agata Kowalski, Teachers
Glendale District High School*

"Overall I felt the Fourth R English unit was worthwhile. The stories were interesting and easy to read. I liked how they were realistic. It really shows what teenagers go through everyday."

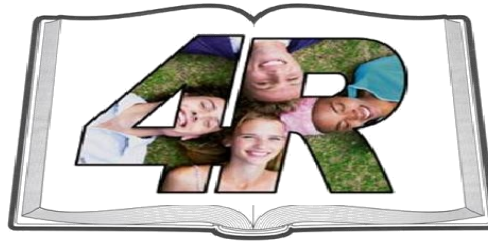
*Student
Strathroy District Collegiate Institute*

"Due to the nature of this program, it is ideal for students in an Alternative setting. It gives students an opportunity to meet English curriculum expectations as well as learn more about themselves in order to enhance the quality of their personal relationships."

*Deb Townsley, Learning Coordinator for Safe Schools
Thames Valley District School Board*

"The Fourth R English program is a powerful, relevant and effective tool to engage our youth in meaningful exploration of the issues that they face in the world outside of school. This unit engages students in topics that are pertinent to them and provides them with an opportunity to explore positive choices within the safety of their classrooms. It has been a most welcome addition to the WD Sutton classrooms."

*Violet Towell, Vice Principal
Alternative Education*



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develop important life
skills that enhance the
quality of their
relationships.*

What Makes This Program Unique?

The themes and topics of the texts selected for the units, which are explored in the reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking activities, relate to healthy relationships and decision-making relevant to adolescents. Important topics such as bullying, personal relationships, peer and dating violence, substance use, and high-risk behaviours are included as part of the content of all programs. The program involves analyzing issues, solving problems, and applying ideas while developing the skills of effective communication such as speaking, listening, and presenting. At the same time, the lessons are designed to support a balanced-literacy English classroom, and to address many key subject-specific learning expectations. A variety of reading level in the texts, combined with the broad selection of activities allow the teacher to differentiate the instruction and the performance expectations for each student. Extension activities support character education, critical-literacy and critical-thinking skills which are important to improving

PROGRAM MATERIALS AND TEACHER TRAINING

The Fourth R is available for purchase in the options listed below.

All curriculum binders contain teacher friendly lessons, including lesson objectives, learning expectations, teaching and learning strategies, handout and overhead masters, and marking rubrics.

Grade 9 English

- Teacher binder \$ 60.00

Grade 10 English

- Teacher binder \$ 59.00
- Short Story Text \$ 10.00
- Short Story Text (bulk, 25+) \$ 8.00
- Curriculum Package \$269.00

Grade 11 English

- Teacher Binder \$ 65.00
- Non-Fiction Text \$ 12.00
- Non-Fiction Text (bulk, 25+) \$ 10.00
- Curriculum Package \$350.00

Grade 12 English

- Teacher binder \$ 60.00

Teacher Training workshops can be arranged to assist teachers with the implementation of the curriculum lessons. This 3-hour workshop is highly recommended.