

A Quick Description of ARTiC LAB

Name of Program

ARTiC LAB: A Bilingual Response to Intervention (RtI) Program for Articulation, by Jo Ann Wiechmann and Deborah Balfan

What Is It?

The **ARTiC LAB** is program designed for elementary students with mild articulation deficits in English and/or Spanish. It is a 20-hour program that includes seven learning stations designed to maximize the number of sound productions for each participant. Students participate in **ARTiC LAB** activities four days per week for ten weeks. During each 30 minute session, the speech pathologist will choose three to five of the following stations for students to rotate through: listening station, gross motor activities, independent games, writing, building activities, emotion station, and SLP monitoring station. **ARTiC LAB** is designed for:

- English-speaking students with one to two of the following sounds in error: /r/, /l/, /s/, “sh”, “ch”
- Spanish-speaking students with only one to two of the following sounds in error: /r/, /s/, and “ch

How Can It Be Used?

The **ARTiC LAB** is an evidence-based program specifically designed to be used in conjunction with Response to Intervention (RTI). The **ARTiC LAB** provides sound placement instruction, intensive drill work and sound generalization activities prior to referral for direct speech therapy services.

The teacher and SLP could use the activities to strengthen and enhance the articulation skills of the whole classroom (Tier 1) – especially when the students may require initial exposure to English sounds. For example, the Lab activities could be used in the classroom when the letter “s” and the phoneme /s/ are introduced to the entire class. The **ARTiC LAB** could be used to strengthen the articulation skills of some of the students (Tier 2) – students who are making some gains in the classroom but need extra help with specific sounds. Specific students (Tier 3) can participate in activities and be individually monitored by the speech pathologist – especially when the gap between the individual child’s skills and those of his/her peers is getting wider.

Target Age

Grades 1 - 5

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