

## What is Orton-Gillingham and Wilson Foundations? What is the Dyslexia Initiative?



*Orton-Gillingham* is an approach to reading instruction for students with dyslexia. It helps teachers understand why it is important to use multi-sensory strategies while teaching students how to understand the structure behind the English language. *Wilson Foundations* is a program for teaching reading, spelling, and handwriting based on the Orton-Gillingham approach.

Foundations is beneficial for all students, and necessary for many.

### The Dyslexia Initiative for 2017-2018 includes:

1) Implementation of Wilson Foundations as follows:

- Continuation of Wilson Foundations in K-2 at McPolin and expansion into third grade.
- Expansion of Wilson Foundations in K-2 at Jeremy Ranch, Parleys Park and Trailside Elementary.

2) Opportunity for PCSD Interventionists and Special Education teachers to have comprehensive Orton-Gillingham training.

In addition, the co-creator of Wilson Foundations, Barbara Wilson, is coming to Park City to speak at a **free community event** on October 25th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the PCHS Lecture Hall.

[Read the Park Record article](#)

The [Hall Family Fund](#)'s core purpose is early detection and treatment of children with the gift of dyslexia and to help Park City School District become nationally recognized as a leader in this cause.



Barbara Wilson