

Product Correlation to Funding Source

Funding Source: Title I, Part A

Purpose: To provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

Product: Renaissance Accelerated Reader®

Title I, Part A Requirements	Renaissance Accelerated Reader
<p>Provide opportunities for all children to meet the challenging State academic standards</p>	<p>Accelerated Reader is an independent reading practice solution which raises reading achievement through personalized practice in support of challenging academic standards related to text complexity, content area reading, and reading increasingly difficult text. Reading practice is organized around research-based benchmarks that assist teachers in steadily increasing independent reading of complex texts, setting attainable individual student goals, and raising comprehension levels.</p>
<p>Identify and implement instructional and other strategies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen academic programs in the school • increase the amount and quality of learning time • address the needs of all children in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting the challenging State academic standards 	<p>Accelerated Reader strengthens academic programs in the school by providing an effective practice component for any K–12 reading curriculum. Its individually tailored approach to reading for every student ensures that students are practicing reading at a level that addresses the close connection between comprehension of text and acquisition of content area knowledge.</p> <p>Accelerated Reader increases the amount and quality of learning time by guiding students to appropriate books and holding them accountable for their independent reading practice. Accelerated Reader can be used during and after school hours. Reading practice for emergent or struggling readers can be led by tutors who read aloud to or with the students and administer quizzes by reading the quiz questions and answer choices to the student as they appear on the screen or assisting the student with accessing the program’s computerized recorded voice quizzes.</p> <p>Accelerated Reader addresses the needs of all students in the school, particularly the needs of those at risk of failing to meet the challenging State academic standards by offering them autonomy and independence as they practice reading. Students self-select books rather than having books assigned. There is a wide range of books to respond to students’ diverse interests and reading abilities. Students read at their own pace and, with the teacher, set goals for themselves. The ability to self-select reading materials within their reading range allows students to be sufficiently challenged, avoiding frustration and boredom. Motivation is further enhanced by immediate feedback, including the number of correct responses, points earned, total words read, and progress to date. The focus on mastery, rather than performance (achieving a grade) and attainment of</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum 	<p>personalized goals gives all students an opportunity to be recognized, not just the better readers.</p> <p>Accelerated Reader provides an enriched and accelerated curriculum by balancing individual reading levels and grade-level expectations, facilitating students' strategic and capable use of technology, and increasing motivation by enabling students to set goals for themselves. The program helps students improve their reading habits through vocabulary lists identifying which vocabulary words to look for as they read the books they have selected. After a student completes a quiz, the program's discovery bookshelf guides the student to books of interest based on prior reading history and reading achievement data. Using the student's reading history, the program prioritizes books within the series or topics that a student has read from; it also gives preference to displaying books that are popular in the student's grade. Clicking the cover of a book from a discovery shelf brings up more information about the book including the book description and, if there is a vocabulary practice quiz, a vocabulary list.</p>
<p>Provide professional development and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments</p>	<p>Accelerated Reader is a powerful tool, but it does not create student achievement gains by itself. It is how teachers use it that makes the challenging State academic standards achievable. Accelerated Reader related professional development focuses on best practices and includes Renaissance-U (self-paced, online assessment and reading courses), virtual seminars, custom onsite seminars, and customized implementation and data coaching.</p>
<p>Implement effective parent and family engagement</p>	<p>Informed and involved parents create a continuum between school and home that enhances the learning process and enables parents to be active participants in the school-wide program plan. Renaissance Home Connect™ allows parents to receive updates on their children's reading progress. Available in English or Spanish, Renaissance Home Connect enables parents (and students) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor progress toward goals View all books that have been read See number of quizzes taken and words read View average percent correct and points earned See results for last quiz taken View current reader certification status View vocabulary words learned Search for the next book to read <p>In addition, Renaissance provides a guide to help schools reach out to parents and the community through Community Reading Night events in which students and their parents or other important adults come to school, read together, and take an Accelerated Reader quiz.</p>