

Product Correlation to Funding Source

Funding Source: Title II, Part A

Purpose: To increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement in schools.

Product: Renaissance® Professional Development.

Note: Funding for Renaissance Professional Development is also provided by Titles I, III, and IV.

ESSA Definition of Professional Development	Renaissance Professional Development
<p>Activities which are an integral part of school and local educational agency strategies for providing educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to enable students to succeed in a well-rounded education and to meet the challenging State academic standards.</p>	<p>Renaissance Professional Development goes beyond basic product training into true ongoing professional development. It is rooted in adult learning strategies, with a job-embedded, sustained, and ongoing approach that employs a cycle of knowing, doing, and achieving to close the gap between learning a new strategy and applying it effectively to enable students to succeed.</p>
<p>Activities which are sustained (not stand-alone, 1-day, or short-term workshops), intensive, collaborative, job-embedded, data-driven, and classroom-focused, and may include activities that:</p>	<p>Renaissance Professional Development includes self-paced online tutorials, seminars, full-day team training, site visits, job-embedded coaching, and dedicated counseling to provide educators deep understanding tailored to their needs. Coaching may occur face-to-face onsite or voice-to-voice online.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improve and increase teachers' ability to analyze student work and achievement from multiple sources, including how to adjust instructional strategies, assessments, and materials based on such analysis 	<p>Renaissance Professional Development helps ensure that teachers understand how to use their Renaissance solutions (Renaissance Star Assessments®, Renaissance Accelerated Reader®, myON® by Renaissance, Renaissance Accelerated Math®, Renaissance Flow 360®) effectively and how to adjust instructional strategies based on the data each program generates.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allow personalized plans for each educator identified in observation or other feedback 	<p>Renaissance Professional Development is designed to support teachers and staff at all levels, from novice to experienced. For example, Renaissance-U® offers on-demand, self-paced professional development, accessible 24/7, with engaging online tutorials, videos, and activities on assessment, guided and independent reading practice, math practice, and Accelerated Teaching Courses on Reading, Math, and English Language Learners—all supported by dedicated Renaissance coaches who tailor year-long learning plans designed around educators' personalized goals for professional learning.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> advance teacher understanding of—effective instructional 	<p>Renaissance Smart Start™ provides teachers with quick guides, tutorials, and activities to give them foundational best practice</p>

<p>strategies that are evidence-based; and strategies for improving student academic achievement or substantially increasing the knowledge and teaching skills of teachers</p>	<p>training. In addition to in-person, online, and virtual professional development services to increase teachers' knowledge and skills, Renaissance coaches are available via call, chat, or email to provide specific, data-based action plans for differentiating instruction and intervention.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> are aligned with, and directly related to, academic goals of the school or local educational agency 	<p>Renaissance works with educators to plan, create, and implement professional development plans aligned with school or district academic goals. Renaissance will create a customized plan or present "Blueprints for Success" at the Beginner, Proficient, or Advanced levels—professional learning pathways planned to help educators achieve specific learning outcomes in relation to the achievement of goals over one or multiple years of implementation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> are designed to give teachers of English learners, and other teachers and instructional staff, the knowledge and skills to provide instruction and appropriate language and academic support to those children, including the appropriate use of curricula and assessments 	<p>Renaissance-U offers an Accelerated Teaching Course for teachers of English Language Learners that covers two primary areas: Understanding English Language Learners and Using Renaissance products to support English Learners. Course activities include a tutorial on assessing English Language Learners in English and their native language and using data to determine the type of student support needed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide training for teachers, principals, and other school leaders in the use of technology so that technology and technology applications are effectively used in the classroom to improve teaching and learning in the curricula and academic subjects in which the teachers teach 	<p>Renaissance professional development includes educator training on the use of the Renaissance cloud-based assessment and practice programs as well as how to leverage learning data to transform teaching and learning for all. Facilitated data conversations with Renaissance data coaches enable teachers to fully understand how to analyze student data to inform instruction and guide classroom practice.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide follow-up training to teachers who have participated in activities that are designed to ensure that the knowledge and skills learned by the teachers are implemented in the class 	<p>In addition to on-demand access to coaches for follow-up training, Renaissance offers the Champion's Academy, a train-the-trainer model which empowers champions within a school to serve as onsite trainers for colleagues to support successful implementation of the knowledge and skills learned through Renaissance Professional Development.</p>