MasteryConnect and Title I Funding

**TITLE I, PART A: Improving Basic Programs**

**PURPOSE:** Ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

**GUIDELINE**

Ensure that high-quality academic assessments, accountability systems, teacher preparation and training, curriculum, and instructional materials are aligned with challenging State academic standards so that students, teachers, parents, and administrators can measure progress against common expectations for student academic achievement.

Close the achievement gap between high- and low-performing children, especially the achievement gaps between minority and nonminority students, and between disadvantaged children and their more advantaged peers.

Provide greater decision-making authority and flexibility to schools and teachers in exchange for greater responsibility for student performance.

Provide children an enriched and accelerated educational program.

Afford parents substantial and meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.

**HOW MASTERYCONNECT FITS**

MasteryConnect engages teachers in the thoughtful implementation of Backward Design, beginning with the state or Common Core academic standards when planning assessments and lesson plans. This approach facilitates high-quality instruction and assessment that are easily measured and shared with all stakeholders.

MasteryConnect provides real-time formative assessment results enabling teachers to immediately address the needs of both high- and low-performing students, ensuring that all students’ individual needs are met.

MasteryConnect allows teachers to collaborate in real-time around mastery data gathered from formative assessments and provides immediate feedback to students, teachers, parents, and administrators that enables timely remediation and enrichment.

MasteryConnect provides teachers with immediate feedback on student mastery of standards. Using the MasteryTracker, teachers can easily identify students in need of remediation and enrichment activities in a timely manner.

MasteryConnect engages parents through meaningful reports around student mastery of standards. Parents can view real-time student progress and gain immediate access to teacher-provided resources.
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Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.

Implement strategies that provide increased learning time.

**How MasteryConnect Fits**

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MasteryConnect’s mastery learning approach is a research-based model that provides professional development around the vertical alignment created by the Common Core State Standards. Student performance relative to the standards can be tracked year-over-year.

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