




Scholastic Reading Counts!TM


Enterprise Edition


Aligns to Title I, Part A


The purpose of *Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs* is to ensure that children in high-poverty schools meet challenging State academic content and student achievement standards. These schools must develop a comprehensive plan to improve teaching and learning. The following chart shows how *Scholastic Reading Counts!* can support a schoolwide *Title I* program. The criteria are drawn from the Federal *Title I Final Rules and Regulations* posted at:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/req/title1/fedregister.html>


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<p>1. Provide opportunities for all students to meet the State’s proficient and advanced levels of student academic achievement, particularly in the areas of math, reading/language arts, and science</p>	<p>Relying on the breadth of the classroom and school library resources, <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> (SRC) leverages an independent reading program into a measurable and highly motivating strategy to raise reading achievement for students in Grades K-12. This technology-based program assesses students’ mastery of fiction, nonfiction, and curriculum-based texts, and then provides educators with complete reports on their reading performances.</p> <p>The only motivational reading program that relies on the <i>Lexile FrameworkTM for Reading</i>, <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> (SRC) fosters a positive learning and teaching experience by integrating assessment-based technology into the daily practice of reading.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Students create their own reading lists.</u> <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> prompts students to select topics of interest, and then generates a reading list for them to view at the appropriate reading level range. Students will be offered many engaging titles to choose from and read. 2. <u>Students quickly check their comprehension with a computer-generated quiz.</u> <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> recognizes reading success and provides instant feedback. Over 40,000 quiz titles are available to support leveled reading and curriculum needs. 3. <u>Educators meet accountability requirements.</u> Educators easily track reading progress by school, class, group, and student. Instant, data-driven reports help inform instruction. Teachers know what progress students have made and when to intervene.

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<p>2. Address the needs of all students in the school, particularly the needs of low-achieving students and those at risk of not meeting the State’s student academic standards</p>	<p><i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> promotes the habit of reading by engaging students’ participation and providing a positive and personalized experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <i>Recommended Reading List</i> lists books that students will find interesting, and is automatically populated with books in their Lexile level range. ▪ Meaningful practice builds students’ confidence and leads to success on software-generated comprehension quizzes. ▪ High-interest, age-appropriate, personalized congratulations screens pop up when students successfully complete a quiz. ▪ After taking a quiz, students can immediately track their own progress toward reading goals and view an up-to-date report on their achievements. ▪ The <i>Read-O-Meter</i> feature gives students a voice by allowing them to rate a book after they have successfully completed a quiz. <p>The <i>Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM)</i> automatically collects student performance data and can disaggregate data by subgroups.</p>
<p>3. 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.</p>	<p><i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> Enterprise Edition provides continuous assessment and immediate feedback for administrators, teachers, parents, and students using the <i>Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM)</i>. SAM can scale support and program implementation and data management to the district level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Reports</u>—SAM aggregates and disaggregates data to provide powerful reports on students’ performance and program usage. These reports allow teachers and administrators to learn more about the books read by students, the level of student and class participation in the program, student success with quizzes, and overall reading progress. SAM also generates customizable reports that detail students’ achievement levels and progress toward reading goals. Educators can use the data to differentiate instruction for readers of all ability levels. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Continued)</i></p>

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<p>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. Continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Book Expert</u>—SAM provides a new and easy way to get the books and quizzes schools need for their independent reading programs. Teachers can easily search the entire SRC database to identify books that fit students’ and curriculum needs. This software feature also allows teachers to read a synopsis of each book and print book labels to organize a class or school library. ▪ <u>Resources</u>—SAM keeps teachers up-to-date with access to all program materials. Teachers can download and print the latest copies of support materials directly from the Resources folder in SAM. ▪ <u>Parent Letters</u>—Keeping parents informed on their children’s participating on the program and reading progress is easy with parent letters available in English and Spanish.
<p>4. Use effective methods and instructional practices that are based on scientifically based research and that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen the core academic program ▪ Provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum ▪ Increase the amount and quality of learning time, such as providing an extended school year, before- and after-school programs, and summer programs and opportunities 	<p><i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> uses the scientifically based <i>Lexile Framework® for Reading</i> as the main scaling tool to level readers to text. SRC allows students to read books at their developmentally appropriate level to become strong, successful readers. SRC also allows educators to forecast precisely the level of comprehension students will experience with text.</p> <p>Strengthen the core academic program</p> <p>SRC aligns to state and national standards to effectively supplement and integrate with core reading programs in the areas of vocabulary and comprehension. SRC supports all students through appropriately challenging text leveled using the <i>Lexile Framework® for Reading</i> and corresponding comprehension quizzes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over 40,000 titles are available in hardcover, paperback, and rebound from over 500 publishers that span all genres and topics. ▪ Over 40,000 computerized quizzes are available that test students comprehension of the books read in the program and can be customized to fit students’ needs. <p>SRC generates customizable reports and alerts that help teachers differentiate instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Book Frequency and Rating Report ▪ Most Frequent Quizzes Report ▪ Quiz Performance Alert ▪ Quiz Alert Report ▪ Reading Selection Report ▪ Reading Growth Acknowledgement <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Continued)</i></p>

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<p>Use effective methods and instructional practices that are based on scientifically based research, Continued</p>	<p>Provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum</p> <p>Students in the <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> program enjoy reading leveled books that they have selected and that give them the appropriate amount of reading challenge. High-interest, age appropriate, personalized congratulations screens pop up when students successfully complete a quiz. <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> also offers creative incentive ideas to motivate readers and generate excitement. Students can be awarded achievement certificates and ribbons, earn points to exchange for a variety of available incentives, or receive classroom theme prizes. Elementary, middle, and high school students select from different screens with appropriate topic choices. The <i>Read-O-Meter</i> gives students a voice by allowing them to rate a book after they have successfully completed a quiz. Students can also use the <i>Read-O-Meter</i> results to inform their future reading choices.</p> <p>Increase the amount and quality of learning time</p> <p><i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> provides opportunities for independent reading practice in all genres and content-areas, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, multicultural, science, and science fiction. It can be used before, during, or after school to improve reading achievement.</p>
<p>5. Provide high-quality and ongoing professional development that aligns with the State’s academic standards</p>	<p>Scholastic offers a full-day, <i>Reading Counts!</i> (SRC) Implementation Training for teachers and media specialists. This optional training helps teachers and media specialists get started using the program in their classrooms and libraries, along with providing strategies for setting goals, motivating readers, and monitoring reading progress. Participants will learn how to effectively use <i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding how SRC meets the research-based criteria for effective reading programs ▪ Experiencing the SRC software and hands-on practice with the management system to customize the reading quizzes ▪ Analyzing report data to monitor reading progress and provide targeted instruction ▪ Exploring strategies for setting goals and motivating independent readers

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<p>6. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the schoolwide program plan</p>	<p><i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> provides multiple means for involving parents in their children’s reading program. Parent Letters describe the program and list ways to encourage reading at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Parent Report I</i> introduces parents to the program and includes their child’s reading goals. ▪ <i>Parent Report II</i> updates parents on their child’s progress. ▪ <i>Parent Report III</i> provides a year-end summary of their child’s reading progress. <p>Parents can also support reading at home by reading aloud the leveled books students choose and promoting reading for pleasure. Test results and progress reports are shared with parents during conference times or sent home. Students can share their successes with parents during a “Family Reading Night” or Open House.</p>
<p>7. If appropriate, coordinate with other funding programs</p>	<p><i>Scholastic Reading Counts!</i> can be integrated with funds and money from state, local, private, and other sources. The federal funding programs for which it qualifies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Title IA—Improving Basic Programs ▪ Title IID—Enhancing Education through Technology ▪ Title III—English Language Acquisition ▪ 21st Century Community Learning Centers ▪ Enhancing Education through Technology ▪ Improving Literacy through School Libraries

