

News Release

Renaissance Learning Approved as Mississippi's K-3 Assessment System Provider

March 28, 2014, Wisconsin Rapids, WI—Renaissance Learning, a leading provider of online assessments and data-powered teaching and learning solutions, announced today that the Mississippi State Board of Education adopted Renaissance Learning's K-3 assessment system. This integrated assessment system will include: a universal screener and diagnostic assessment, kindergarten readiness assessment tool, and a third-grade reading summative assessment.

"We are excited and honored to be working with schools across Mississippi to provide them with an assessment system that will identify students' early literacy and numeracy skills quickly and accurately," said Jack Lynch CEO of Renaissance Learning. "With our computer-adaptive diagnostic assessment tools, teachers are able to target and generate data to set priorities for instruction. Through this platform, we can help schools across Mississippi drive successful academic outcomes and ensure student success in these critical early grades."

Mississippi Department of Education will use the universal screener and diagnostic assessment in Literacy Target Schools while the kindergarten readiness assessment tool will be used initially by eleven early learning collaborative councils. Mississippi Department of Education plans to conduct the third-grade reading summative assessment statewide during the spring of 2015.

Renaissance Learning's STAR Early Literacy assessment is the breakthrough, computer-adaptive software that helps teachers determine a student's command of phonemic awareness, phonics and other literacy and numeracy skills. The platform organizes skill-specific, actionable data to target instruction and practice, selects students for intervention, and estimates mastery of state or Common Core Standards. This allows school administrators and teachers to personalize instruction and identify best practices that are having a significant impact on academic growth.

Mississippi's rigorous approval process includes multiple stages of review. The process included a thorough review by instructional and content review experts whose recommendations were approved by the State Board of Education.

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About Renaissance Learning

Renaissance Learning is a leading provider of cloud-based assessment, teaching and learning solutions that fit the K12 classroom, raise the level of school performance and accelerate learning for all. By delivering deep insight into what students know, what they like and how they learn, Renaissance Learning enables educators to deliver highly differentiated and timely instruction while driving personalized student practice in reading, writing and math every day. Renaissance Learning leverages top researchers, educators, content-area experts, data scientists and technologists within a rigorous development and calibration process to deliver and continuously improve its offerings for subscribers in over one-third of U.S. schools and more than 60 countries around the world.