

# IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS

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### What is the Improving Teacher Quality program?

- The Improving Teacher Quality State Grants program increases student achievement by elevating teacher and principal quality through recruitment, hiring, and retention strategies.
- The program requires scientifically based professional development interventions and holds districts and schools accountable for improvements in student academic performance.
- The state must ensure that all teachers are “highly qualified” no later than the end of the 2005-06 school year.

### How are the Teacher Quality funds distributed to schools?

- Funds are allocated through a formula based on the school-age population and the number of children in poverty in each state.
- Ninety-five percent of the state funding is distributed through sub-grants to local districts using a formula that takes into account the school-age population and the number of children in poverty in each district.

### How can schools use Teacher Quality funding?

- Developing and implementing initiatives to assist in recruiting highly qualified teachers
- Providing professional development activities that improve the knowledge of teachers and principals and, in appropriate cases, paraprofessionals, concerning one or more of the core academic subjects that the teachers teach; and effective instructional strategies, methods, and skills, and use of challenging State academic content standards to improve student achievement
- Developing and implementing initiatives to promote retention of highly qualified teachers and principals
- Carrying out professional development activities designed to improve the quality of principals and superintendents
- Hiring highly qualified teachers
- Carrying out teacher advancement initiatives that promote professional growth and emphasize multiple career paths
- Carrying out programs and activities related to exemplary teachers

### What Riverdeep instructional materials can be part of a Teacher Quality program?

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