



Grolier Online®

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 *Grolier Online®* 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/regs/title1/fedregister.html>

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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	<i>Grolier Online</i> has the features students and educators need to make research fast, productive, and targeted to each student's reading level. Built around eight databases, it contains two age-appropriate learning environments—<i>Grolier Online Kids</i>, for Grades 3-5, and <i>Grolier Online Passport</i>, for Grades 6+. <i>Grolier Online</i> gives students, teachers, and librarians a comprehensive research tool that is age-appropriate and academically relevant with access at home or school. <u>General Databases</u> 1. <i>The New Book of Knowledge®</i>: Reference and current events for elementary school and above 2. <i>Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia™</i>: Articles and media resources for middle school and above 3. <i>Encyclopedia Americana®</i>: In-depth research and worldwide current events for middle school through college <u>Specialty Databases</u> 1. <i>La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre</i>: Complete encyclopedia for Spanish speakers and Spanish-language students 2. <i>The New Book of Popular Science</i>: In-depth coverage of science, health, and technology for middle school and above 3. <i>Lands and Peoples</i>: Up-to-date information on countries, cultures, and current events for middle school and above 4. <i>America the Beautiful</i>: Fact-filled, interest-driven resource for the states, noted Americans, and U.S. History for elementary school and above 5. <i>Amazing Animals of the World</i>—Comprehensive collection of over 1,200 animals for elementary school and above

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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	<i>Grolier Online</i> is the most authoritative, age-appropriate research and learning resource on the Web. With two learning environments, eight curriculum-aligned databases and over 500,000 links to academically-relevant articles, Web sites and periodicals, <i>Grolier Online</i>, published on the Internet at http://go.grolier.com, is the most trusted first stop in research for students, educators, librarians and parents. <i>Grolier Online</i>, available 365 days per year and 24 hours per day, is the definitive fully integrated database collection and online research portal designed to supplement the core curriculum. <u>English-Language Learners</u> <i>Grolier Online</i> provides these resources for schools with Spanish-speakers and Spanish-language learners: ▪ <i>La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre</i>, a complete Spanish-language, Latin American-based encyclopedia for students and adults that includes more than 18,000 articles, an atlas, current news from Spanish-language press, timelines, special audio features, and other resources ▪ Spanish-to-English and English-to-Spanish dictionaries ▪ Special section in <i>Lands and Peoples</i> that presents the Mexican states in both Spanish and English, as well as cross-cultural comparisons between two continents, countries, states, or provinces to promote understanding of cultural differences ▪ <i>The New Book of Knowledge</i> "NewsScoops," which spotlights cultural events and holidays <u>Students with disabilities</u> <i>Grolier Online</i> offers five references that support assistive technologies for physically disabled students as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act—<i>Encyclopedia Americana</i>, <i>Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia</i>, <i>The New Book of Knowledge</i>, <i>La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre</i>, and <i>The New Book of Popular Science</i>. Available supports, which promote equal information access, include: ▪ Graphic images with text alternatives ▪ Simplified navigation bars, site map, and positioning of links and input options ▪ Simplified page movement descriptions and location identifiers ▪ Text-only views of the same articles seen by users of the graphical edition ▪ Full pages in lieu of pop-up screens ▪ Controlled text size, page presentation, and navigation-to-page content ▪ Adaptive instruction to address variations in learning styles and attention spans

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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.	<i>Grolier Online</i> articles are searchable by Lexile® level, providing results that match content with students' reading abilities. More than 100,000 <i>Grolier Online</i> reference articles have been leveled according to the Lexile Framework® for Reading, the most accurate and effective method of matching readers to text. Lexile® Level Search Results make it easier than ever to match <i>Grolier Online</i> resources with students at different reading levels. A better match with student reading ability means greater reading comprehension, and increased confidence and success for young researchers. Students and adults can easily access and navigate through <i>Grolier Online</i> references and databases using two age-appropriate home pages, timesaving searches, assistive technology, and remote access. Home Page Options The <i>Grolier Online Passport</i> home page presents a sophisticated design geared to Grades 6-adult. It provides enhanced search functionalities, in-depth current events taken from wire services such as Associated Press, and access to worldwide news sources. The <i>Grolier Online Kids</i> home page, designed for students in Grades 2-5, features a simpler search process and easier navigation. It includes age-appropriate current events taken from <i>The New Book of Knowledge</i> "NewScoops." At any time, users may easily toggle between the two home pages. Both home pages provide one-click links to <i>Grolier Online's</i> encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesauri, maps, teacher materials, and other resources. Search Functionalities <i>Grolier Online</i> employs enhanced search methodologies that accommodate the skill and interest levels of the user and help ensure successful searching and researching. Its unique simultaneous Global Search capability allows students to research topics across all the available databases at one time, including encyclopedia entries, Web links, periodical articles, news features, and media. Students can search for articles and illustrations by title or full-text. <i>Grolier Online</i> evaluates all linked Web sites to ensure that they are authoritative and appropriate to an educational environment. Each Web site has a brief introduction that saves search time. Enhanced search functionality includes search within search, spell checking, a thesaurus, and search queries.

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4. Use effective methods and instructional practices that are based on scientifically based research and that: ▪ 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	Strengthen the core academic program <i>Grolier Online</i> helps schools meet state standards in these and other areas: ▪ Content-area knowledge in all subjects ▪ Computer literacy ▪ Critical thinking ▪ Researching ▪ Problem solving ▪ Interpreting maps, timelines, and tables ▪ Writing ▪ Study skills With <i>Grolier Online</i>, schools and libraries can help students become lifelong learners who are able to use technology effectively to gather information, inform decisions, and solve problems. ▪ <u>Grolier Internet Index</u>: A database of websites linked to individual encyclopedia articles for rapid access. All sites are evaluated and selected by the <i>Grolier Online</i> editorial staff to ensure that the sites are authoritative and appropriate to an educational environment. (Updated monthly). ▪ <u>Pro/Con Debates</u>: Included in <i>From the Editor's Desk</i>, a feature of GO Passport's <i>NewsNow</i>, are a selection of Pro/Con debates aimed at teaching critical thinking skills to high school students. Lesson Plans are included. ▪ <u>The GO Atlas</u>: An interactive, educational atlas that can be used in several different ways. Users can browse through geopolitical maps "drilling down" to reach articles relating to countries, states, cities bodies of water etc., as well as to photos of many points of interest. Users can also navigate between map types, moving from geopolitical to thematic, historical, and exploration where these exist. Users can also search maps for specific locations. Longitude and latitude information is available for all major cities, as is a distance calculator, which provides mileage calculations in kilometers and miles. ▪ <u>Bibliographies</u>: <i>Grolier Online</i> contains over 30,000 article bibliographies citing over 136,000 print sources. ▪ <u>Feature Showcase</u>: A multimedia-rich, interactive learning module with links to related encyclopedia resources, updated twice yearly with new high-interest topics tied to the curriculum. ▪ <u>Dictionaries and Thesauri</u>: <i>Grolier Online</i> includes seven different student dictionaries and thesauri. (Continued)

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Use effective methods and instructional practices that are based on scientifically based research, Continued	Provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum <i>Grolier Online</i> is an annual subscription-based program that is delivered over the Internet. <i>GO User's Guide</i> suggests multiple ways to integrate <i>Grolier Online</i> across the content area in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms, libraries, and computer labs. Educators can find project- and inquiry-based activities that allow students to conduct research for a purpose, think critically, and synthesize information. Activities align to national educational standards in social studies, language arts, science, math, and technology. <i>GO News</i>, which is published twice during the school year, covers timely issues and provides a basis for integrating <i>Grolier Online</i> into the curriculum. It equips teachers and media specialists with lesson ideas that emphasize inquiry-based learning. Educators can also find ideas for individual and collaborative projects that help students practice and apply research skills. Increase the amount and quality of learning time Accessible from the <i>GO Passport</i> Home Page, <i>NewsNow</i> is a comprehensive news area designed to address current events needs of older students. <i>NewsNow</i> includes: ▪ <u>Daily News</u> from the Associated Press (updated with three new stories Monday through Friday); ▪ <u>Feature Stories</u>: Three or four weekly feature stories (some with lesson plans and other teacher resources); ▪ <u>International News Desk</u>: News briefs from around the world (updated weekly); ▪ <u>World Newspapers</u>: A searchable database of newspapers from countries worldwide. Includes Web links to International Newspapers in the language that they are published. For example, Cuba's <i>Granma</i> and Mexico's <i>El Economista</i>, <i>El Heraldo</i>, <i>El Informador</i>, <i>La Nota</i>, and <i>Meridiano</i>. ▪ <u>From the Editor's Desk</u>: Pro/Con debates, Editor's Picks, and Editorial Opinion, all aimed at teaching older students critical thinking skills using current events (updated weekly). ▪ For younger researchers, the <i>GO Kids</i> home page also includes information-rich, engaging news resources in the <i>NewsNow</i> section. <i>NewsNow Kids</i> is composed of three to four feature stories, with their associated materials, which may include a FastFact, Read More, Related Articles, and Lesson Plans.

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5. Provide high-quality and ongoing professional development that aligns with the State's academic standards	<i>Grolier Online</i> users have access to <i>GO University</i>, a free monthly online delivered training session. Additional training is available from Scholastic on a fee-basis. In addition, all <i>Grolier Online</i> users have access to an engaging online tutorial, which provides a basic, 10-minute introduction to the program's features and homepages/environments. (Flash, html, and printable versions are available). Users will also have access to the <i>Grolier Online</i> User's Guide available in the <i>For Educators</i> section, which includes an introduction about navigating each database, plus activities to help students improve research, navigation, reading comprehension, and critical thinking skills. <i>Grolier Online</i> includes a <i>For Educators</i> feature, accessible via the <i>Grolier Online Kids</i> and <i>Grolier Online Passport</i> research environments, offering teachers and library media specialists an array of resources that support differentiated instruction and content-area learning. Included in this section are: ▪ <u>Lesson Plans</u>: Hundreds of lesson plans aligned to state and national standards. ▪ <u>Search Articles by Lexile® Level</u>: Teachers and library media specialists can search <i>Grolier Online</i> articles by Lexile® Level. More than 100,000 non-fiction articles have been leveled using the Lexile Framework® for Reading. Media specialists and teachers can use the <i>Grolier Online</i> Lexile search to identify non-fiction articles targeted to student's unique reading levels. ▪ <u>Printed Materials</u>: A collection of graphic organizers for students and teachers, as well as other resources, such as tools to promote <i>Grolier Online</i> in the school and library. ▪ <u>Pro/Con Debates</u>: Debate topics from the Pro/Con print series. Debates include associated lesson plans. ▪ <u>Professional Development Web Links</u>: Sites are carefully selected to provide resources for professional development, teaching strategies, information literacy, and other education topics. ▪ <u>Featured Lesson Plan</u>: A selected lesson plan is featured monthly. ▪ <u>Teaching the News</u>: A weekly feature, <i>Teaching the News</i>, creates a complete lesson plan around a selected current events story from <i>NewsNow</i>. ▪ <u>Educator Toolkit</u>: Includes resources to teach educators how to integrate <i>Grolier Online</i> into the classroom, including: the <i>Grolier Online User's Guide</i>, <i>Grolier Online</i> Tutorial, <i>GO News</i> and an E-mail update.

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6. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the schoolwide program plan	<i>Grolier Online</i> promotes parental involvement by supporting home access for parents, which allows them to help their children with homework as needed. Parents can also review the online lesson plans and activities to learn about the subjects and skills their children are covering in school. When schools provide <i>Grolier Online</i> to parents as a shared resource, they strengthen the home-school connection and promote increased communication.
7. If appropriate, coordinate with other funding programs	<i>Grolier Online</i> can be integrated with funds and money from state, local, and other sources. The federal funding programs for which it qualifies include: ▪ 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 ▪ GEAR Up ▪ Smaller Learning Communities ▪ IDEA, Part B ▪ IDEA, <i>Response to Intervention</i>