MimioClassroom Funding Guide

Race to the Top

Race to the Top will reward states that have demonstrated success in raising student achievement and have the best plans to accelerate their reforms in the future. These states will offer models for others to follow and will spread the best reform ideas across their states, and across the country.

Race to the Top (which may be abbreviated various ways, including RttT, RTTT, RTT, and R2T) is a program designed to advance reform in K–12 education. This reform happens through targeted initiatives in state and local school districts around four assurance areas:

- Standards and Assessments
- Data Systems to Inform Instruction
- Great Teachers and Leaders
- Turning Around Lowest Performing Schools

Race to the Top also establishes additional goals for education. These goals include improving student achievement, closing achievement gaps, improving high school graduation rates, and ensuring post-secondary success.

For more information about Race to the Top, visit the USDOE RttT website.

Key Requirements of Race to the Top

1. Standards and Assessments
   - Adopt standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace.
   - Adopt standards and assessment that prepare students to compete in the global economy.

How MimioClassroom Qualifies

MimioClassroom™ products help ensure that students are meeting achievement and content standards.

Using the MimioTeach™ and MimioBoard™ interactive whiteboards, the MimioPad™ wireless pen tablet, the MimioVote™ assessment, the MimioView™ document camera, and the MimioCapture™ ink recorder, along with MimioStudio™ classroom software, teachers can create lessons and exercises that target specific ages, grade levels, and standards. The content library covers core subjects: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The high level of interest makes

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core subjects more accessible. The MimioConnect® website offers lessons that were created with MimioStudio software and that align to common core and state standards; these lessons may all be used with the MimioClassroom suite of products.

MimioVote assessment allows teachers to track student progress both instantly and over time. Templates make it easy for teachers to create quizzes to test understanding and help prepare students for standards-based exams. Options include the ability to see in real time who understands the lesson and who needs help. Tests can be teacher-led or self-paced. Results can be downloaded into spreadsheets so teachers have clear achievement records and can chart student progress over time, ensuring no one falls between the cracks. The student handsets make test-taking another interactive learning experience, not just a chore. Feedback from the assessments can be used formatively to create lessons directed at specific needs. As a result, teachers can tailor small-group or individualized lessons using the MimioClassroom products to deliver differentiated instruction.

3. Low-Performing Schools

• Raise achievement in low-performing schools.

How MimioClassroom Qualifies

The MimioClassroom family of products is based on years of research and classroom success. Mimio is a global leader in interactive teaching technologies, and has garnered numerous educational awards and worldwide recognition over the years, including Best in Tech, CODie, and Red Dot awards. Through innovative engineering and education research, the company has developed a fully integrated system of teaching tools that allow flexibility for teachers and more active participation by students, so that they improve their learning.

Research indicates that engaged time on task is associated with a positive impact on student achievement (Time-on-Task, 2012). MimioClassroom products, when used together, positively impact student achievement by creating a classroom environment in which students remain engaged and motivated. The tools that compose the MimioClassroom suite work together, keeping students participating and on task longer, and increasing the amount and quality of instructional time.

The components of the MimioClassroom suite—MimioBoard and MimioTeach interactive whiteboards, MimioStudio classroom software, MimioCapture ink recorder, MimioView document camera, MimioPad wireless pen tablet, and MimioVote assessment—contribute to the quality of instructional time. The MimioBoard product is a fixed interactive whiteboard with the MimioTeach bar embedded for flexibility. The MimioTeach bar allows a teacher to create an interactive whiteboard instantly. MimioStudio classroom software offers teachers a

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library of robust content, which they can draw from to create an enriched and accelerated educational program. Using MimioStudio software, teachers build interactive, standards-based whiteboard lessons, including reading and mathematics lessons. The MimioCapture recorder allows the teacher to save whiteboard notes or drawings to her computer and then send them to students after class; students can pay more attention to the lessons during class and refer to the teacher’s notes later, and absent students can get caught up on what they missed. This technology can also be used to create homework or project assignments. The MimioView document camera allows the teacher to enhance lessons with images that keep students’ interest from waning and reinforces concepts for visual learners. The MimioPad wireless tablet allows the teacher to move freely throughout the classroom to assist individual students, while still controlling the whiteboard. MimioVote hand-held student assessment technology provides a simple way to test and track student progress. Teachers can use it to see how students are progressing, and provide help when needed. MimioVote assessment can provide instant feedback or can be used to track performance. Tests can be teacher-led or self-paced. Results can be downloaded into spreadsheets so teachers have clear achievement records and can chart student progress through time, ensuring no one falls between the cracks.

4. Phase 4 Competition, Race to the Top District (RttT-D)

- Personalized learning

How MimioClassroom Qualifies
In this competition, individual districts compete for funding awards, and there is a strong emphasis on personalized learning environments. MimioClassroom products support this goal with the ability to create individually tailored lessons and the ability to engage both students and teachers with the use of innovative technologies.

The MimioStudio software helps teachers create interesting and interactive lessons that appeal to a wide range of abilities and backgrounds. The technology provides alternate pathways to learning, so classrooms with kinesthetic, visual, and audio learning styles are all accommodated. MimioStudio software enables instruction to be more personalized and differentiated, and supports individual, small-group, and whole-class instructional formats. MimioPad pen tablets connect wirelessly to the fixed MimioBoard and portable MimioTeach interactive whiteboards, leaving teachers free to move around the classroom and engage with learners. MimioPad wireless tablets also enable students with limited mobility to participate without going to the whiteboard. Student handsets make learning another interactive experience with MimioVote assessment. Teachers can ask questions and get instant feedback, and they can see in real time who’s “getting” a concept and who needs help. With the MimioView document camera, students can instantly see high-resolution documents and live video, which can be recorded, annotated, and saved for future student playback to reinforce concepts. Students no longer have to take notes, since the MimioCapture ink recorder allows the teacher to collect lesson notes and send them to students later. The MimioCapture recorder can also be used to create homework or project assignments.
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