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**ASCEND MATH APPROVED FOR INDIANA DOE FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT GRANT**

Shreveport, LA 6/6/2017 Ascend Math has been approved for IDOE's Formative Assessment Grant. Ascend Math's computer adaptive Level Recommendation Screener quickly assesses students on Indiana Academic Standards and provides a functional grade level for math.

Knowing which students are functioning above and below grade level and at exactly what level can go a long way to ensure they receive the appropriate instruction. An accurate functional grade level determination is the first important step in providing individualized instruction for each student.

The next formative assessment grant will be released in August. Indiana educators can select Ascend Math now and have the state funds sent to them to pay for Ascend Math's Level Recommendation Screener.

“Teachers will want to consider Ascend Math's full program,” said Laura Close of Close Education. “The program will automatically assign and provide instruction on the exact lessons each student needs based on their discrete skill gaps in the Indiana Academic Standards. This allows for the fastest growth!”

Dr. Brian Scott, formerly with Avon Intermediate School did an analysis of his students using Ascend against ISTEP and NWEA. These findings were consistent over 5 years. “81% of the students who experienced 10+ hours on Ascend Math met or exceeded anticipated growth on NWEA,” reports Dr. Scott. “20+ hours on Ascend Math seemed to be threshold for exceptional growth on NWEA and IDOE's high growth determination as it relates to ISTEP.”

Educators interested in learning more should contact Close Education at 317-409-4430 or [laura@closeeducation.com](mailto:laura@closeeducation.com).

**About Ascend Math®**

Ascend Math is math intervention that automatically provides each student with a unique study path through skill gaps at each functional level. Individual study plans are prescriptive, adaptive, and automatically assigned. In addition, Ascend Math provides all the interactive instruction each student needs. Students using Ascend fill skill gaps quickly and often improve one to two grade levels the first few months. Real time data makes progress monitoring easy and gives teachers a quick snapshot on what needs to happen next.

Ascend Math is written to rigorous state standards. Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math® is currently used by hundreds of schools and districts serving more than one hundred thousand students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit [www.ascendmath.com](http://www.ascendmath.com).

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