

**ASSISTments** is a web-based intelligent tutoring system developed at WPI and piloted since 2003 in City of Worcester Schools. WPI has received over \$10 million in funding related to ASSISTments.

- 2002** WPI appoints Neil Heffernan assistant professor of computer science.  
Office of Naval Research awards \$203,304 to build tutoring systems' tools. (N. Heffernan; Ken Koedinger, Carnegie Mellon University)
- 2003** U.S. Department of Education award \$1.4 million to start ASSISTments for math. (N. Heffernan)  
Worcester Public Schools - Forest Grove, Burncoat, and Worcester East are introduced to ASSISTments.
- 2004** National Science Foundation grants prestigious CAREER award of \$900,000 to N. Heffernan.
- 2005** Forest Grove Middle School, Worcester, gives N. Heffernan the Thomas Jefferson Award.
- 2006** WPI hires Cristina Heffernan to be math coach and trainer for ASSISTments and Connected Math Program.  
U.S. Department of Education GAANN awards \$800,00 for graduate fellowships. (N. Heffernan)
- 2007** WPI appoints Janice Gobert visiting professor of social sciences and policy and computer science; investigation begins to extend ASSISTments to science education.  
U.S. Department of Education awards \$2 million to continue ASSISTments development. (N. Heffernan)  
National Science Foundation awards \$1.5 million to extend ASSISTments to science. (J. Gobert)
- 2008** National Science Foundation awards \$2 million to fund ten teachers a year until 2013 in a grant called "Partnership Implementing Mathematics & Science Education: Assisting Middle School Use of Tutoring Technology in the Classroom." (N. Heffernan, J. Gobert)  
WPI grants N. Heffernan tenure and appoints J. Gobert associate professor of social sciences and policy studies, and computer science.
- 2009** U.S. Department of Education awards \$1.2 million to further work on ASSISTments for science learning. (J. Gobert, N. Heffernan, and K. Koedinger, Carnegie Mellon)  
Massachusetts Association of School Committee gives Community Leader's for Public Education award to Neil and Cristina Heffernan.
- 2010** National Foundation awards \$1million to further ASSISTments for science. (J. Gobert, Ryan Baker)  
Maine Department of Education, having previously bought laptops for all middle school students, engages with WPI to use ASSISTments for nightly math homework. (N. Heffernan)  
WPI establishes graduate program in learning sciences and technologies. N. Heffernan, J. Gobert are co-directors.  
WPI hires two new tenure track professors.
- 2011** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awards \$500,000 to increase the number of student users.