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**‘BRIGANCE[®] Transition Skills Inventory’
supports IDEA transition goals**

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., January 13, 2010 – The BRIGANCE Transition Skills Inventory (TSI) provides special education teachers and administrators with a complete resource to easily assess and support middle- and high-school students who are preparing to transition out of school. Created by Curriculum Associates[®] LLC, the new BRIGANCE TSI addresses key components of transition planning – with the TSI it’s easy to determine present level of performance in key transition skill areas, write transition goals and objectives for IEPs, and monitor and report student progress. The TSI includes more than 100 in-depth assessments covering four important transition skills areas: academic skill, post-secondary opportunities, independent living, and community participation. These assessments cover a broad range of skills to address the varied interests and abilities of special education students planning for post-secondary activities.

This easy-to-use inventory addresses IDEA guidelines for transition planning by providing educators with criterion-referenced, age-appropriate assessments that support the writing of transition goals. The TSI does not require specialized training in order to administer the assessments. “We developed the TSI so educators would have one comprehensive resource to address the full range of transition goals and objectives that students need to prepare them for opportunities beyond high school,” said Rob Waldron, president and CEO of Curriculum Associates.

Also available is the easy-to-access BRIGANCE Online Management System, which tracks student progress and analyzes data while making it easy to share reports with administrators, teachers, students, and family members. The Online Management System helps meet reporting requirements and seamlessly links assessment with IEP writing, with a downloadable goals and objective report for each student.

Pricing and Availability

The new BRIGANCE Transition Skills Inventory is currently available. To help get you started, the TSI Kit can be purchased for \$259. The Kit includes the Transition Skills Inventory, 20 Record Books, and a durable canvas tote. Also available individually, the Inventory is sold at \$199, and Record Books are sold in either 10-packs, for \$35, or 100-packs, for \$329. Annual subscriptions to the BRIGANCE Online Management System are sold at \$159 per user for 1 to 9 users (or \$129 for 10 or more users). An annual license offers access to data management and reporting for the TSI, as well as other BRIGANCE Special Education products. For more information, please visit us online at Brigance.com/specialeducation.

About Curriculum Associates

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