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New York State Approves ‘i-Ready Diagnostic’ as Student Growth Measure

Districts eligible for state aid reimbursement

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., March 9, 2012 – Curriculum Associates’ *i-Ready Diagnostic* has been approved by the New York State Education Department as a student growth measure and helps fulfill a new state law that requires student growth to be a factor in evaluating teachers and principals.

i-Ready Diagnostic is on the [List of Approved Student Assessments for Use by School Districts and BOCES in Teacher and Principal Evaluations](#) for K-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics. A statewide BOCES contract makes a portion of local districts’ purchases of *i-Ready Diagnostic* eligible for state aid reimbursement.

As a result of increasing demand for data-driven assessments in schools, New York State recently passed the above-mentioned law. To be approved by the New York State Education Department, Curriculum Associates had to follow a very strict and thorough process, including the submission of a 1,200-page proposal, demonstrating an exemplary standard of validity and reliability, as well as the ability to support local districts’ implementation of the product.

“Curriculum Associates has earned its right to be on this List of Assessments because of the adaptive nature of our technology, the rigor of our 28,000-student research base, and the fact that each and every item (not just the test as a whole) is valid and reliable,” said Rob Waldron, CEO of Curriculum Associates. “*i-Ready Diagnostic* meets the rigorous standards set forth by New York and serves two critical functions: it accurately assesses students and provides detailed, easy-to-use reporting on each student to help teachers provide differentiated instruction, *and* acts as a valid measure of student growth to help provide insight on teachers’ effectiveness.”

In addition to being the highest quality product of its kind available, *i-Ready Diagnostic* has two features that set it apart from the competition:

1. *Instruction* – The *i-Ready* family of products includes more than 600 lessons, including fully automated online modules and instructional PDFs. The program generates a combination of lessons that are unique to each student’s diagnostic result and provides an individualized learning plan for each student that is easy to understand and implement, making it easier for teachers to help students effectively and efficiently progress from where they are to where they need to be.
2. *Service* – From the first time customers speak to someone about *i-Ready Diagnostic*, they are treated as a partner. Whether they have implementation questions or training needs, Curriculum Associates ensures each customer has a personal account manager to assist them along the way.

Waldron continued, “There is more at stake than ever before—for students, teachers, and administrators. The landscape is shifting dramatically and the changes are hard on everyone. Now that it is eligible for reimbursement, *i-Ready Diagnostic* will be even more accessible to the schools and districts that are serving those students most in need.”

i-Ready Basics

i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math Assessment is an effective, research-based combination of an adaptive diagnostic assessment and instant detailed reporting tool. Diagnostic results are automatically translated into easy-to-understand reports that are immediately available to teachers and administrators by grade level and domain at the district, school, grade, class, and student level. Clear, easy-to-use student profile reports are immediately available to the teacher to inform and target instruction.

i-Ready Diagnostic is aligned to the domains and strands of the Common Core State Standards. *i-Ready Instruction* modules are available to complement the *Diagnostic* assessments.

Pricing and Availability

The complete *i-Ready Diagnostic & Instruction* program for reading or math (1-year subscription) is \$27.00 per student/subject. The diagnostic module (1-year subscription) can be purchased separately for \$6.00 per student. The diagnostic module targets grades K–8. The instruction component addresses the needs of students in grades K–6.

For more information, please visit <http://www.i-ready.com> and Curriculum Associates’ YouTube channel, <http://bit.ly/xZZ8>.

About Curriculum Associates

Founded in 1969, privately owned Curriculum Associates, LLC, is dedicated to designing research-based instructional materials in print and online, screens and assessments, and data management tools. The company’s products and outstanding customer service provide teachers and administrators with the resources necessary for teaching a diverse student population and fostering learning for all students. For company and product information, visit Curriculum Associates on the Web at CurriculumAssociates.com or call 800-225-0248.

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