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## **Curriculum Associates’ ‘Summer School Kits’ Provide Aid to Struggling Students**

### ***Assessment, instruction, practice, and test preparation combine to increase student achievement in summer- and after-school programs***

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., February 25, 2009—Curriculum Associates, a leading publisher of research-based supplemental curriculum materials and tools for today’s diverse classrooms, has created Summer School Kits specifically designed to raise achievement in struggling students enrolled in summer school programs or after-school “extended day” programs. Designed for students in grades 2–8, the kits feature multiple components that together provide a concentrated system for helping students advance in reading and mathematics.

“Students enrolled in summer school programs who are performing below national and state standards require specialized instruction so they can meet AYP,” said Rob Waldron, president and COO of Curriculum Associates. “After careful review of proven instructional practice, we were able to create a condensed, yet intensive, program focused where students struggle the most.”

Each Summer School Kit includes an overall Teacher Resource Guide covering all materials in the kit, product for 15 students, and a rolling duffel bag. The Teacher Resource Guide provides the teacher with an overview of the various components of the kit and specifically includes a suggested ‘pacing chart’ summarizing what the teacher should do each day, step-by-step directions for each day, and correlations to state-specific standards for selected states. The state-specific versions of the kit ensure that standards in those states are being met. Components of the kits focus on research-based reading and math strategies, following a four-step program of diagnosing, instructing, practicing, and simulated testing. Spanish kits are also available for students in grades 1–5 for reading and mathematics.

**Availability and Pricing**

Kits are available at an introductory price of \$349 per kit until April 30, 2009. A complete kit contains enough material for 15 students. After this date, the kits will sell for \$389, with 5 pack add-ons sold for \$89. The Spanish kits are also available at a special introductory rate of \$199 per kit until April 30, 2009. After this date, the Spanish kits will be available for \$219 with 5 pack add-ons sold for \$69. For a complete description of the Summer School Kits and to purchase, visit [www.cainc.com](http://www.cainc.com).

**About Curriculum Associates**

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