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ASCEND EDUCATION ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR COMMON CORE STANDARDS

Shreveport, LA (March 15, 2011), Ascend Education today announced the release of Ascend Math®'s scope and sequence alignment to the Common Core Standards. As states roll out their plans to align with the Common Core standards, Ascend Education school partners will have the flexibility to deliver Ascend Math content aligned as dictated by the Common Core Standards and each state department of education.

To date, 39 U.S. states and territories and the District of Columbia have announced that they will adopt the Common Core State Standards, which define the knowledge and skills students should have in English and Math during their K-12 careers in order to be successful in college and the workforce.

Ascend Math currently offers alignment by grade level by existing academic states standards and for NCTM standards. This current alignment capability automatically sets out a standards based instructional path for students without the need for administrators and teachers to align their Ascend Math instruction content to standards based curricular requirements.

"The Common Core standards are a key component of education reform efforts. Expanding Ascend's correlations to the Common Core is important to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our school and district partners," said Kevin Briley, CEO of Ascend Education.

About Ascend Math.

Ascend Math is a research based instructional resource in which students have proven to achieve two or more grade level gains in a six month period. This web delivered individualized intervention resource identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction, and motivates students to achieve their maximum performance and potential.

Ascend Math offers intensive math intervention instructional resources, addresses multiple learning modalities by delivering video instruction, student-centered concept explorations, interactive practice with immediate feedback and opportunities for re-teaching, and printable resources.

Ascend's fully automated solution reduces the demands on teachers' time. Ascend's approach supports improved math achievement regardless of students' reading levels. This resource providing important support for ESE, ESOL and students with special needs through the use of video, audio, and multimedia components. Ascend's reports will assist in simplifying progress monitoring and helping meet Federal audit guidelines.

Study plans align by grade level to National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards, Core Curriculum and 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 tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit www.AscendMath.com

For more information about the Common Core State Standards Initiative, please visit:
www.corestandards.org.