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WRIGHT GROUP/McGRAW-HILL INTRODUCES PINPOINT MATH FOR TARGETED INTERVENTION IN GRADES 1-7

CHICAGO – Wright Group/McGraw-Hill has published a new math intervention curriculum, *Pinpoint Math*. The supplemental program, with both online and print components, was designed for students in Grades 1-7 who are one to two grade levels behind in mathematics.

Pinpoint Math can be used successfully with any basal mathematics program. It incorporates the three essential elements necessary for improvement of mathematics performance among struggling students:

- Diagnostic Assessment: Identify areas of weakness for individual students.
- Targeted Instruction: Provides content in an individual Student Action Plan that meets the needs of the student with both print and animated tutorials.
- Progress Monitoring: For ongoing assessment of students' advancement on individual topics in both formal and informal formats.

The lesson format begins with teachers modeling solutions and moves to student group work before ending with independent student work. Interactive student activities are provided via software or online.

The instructional model includes:

- Pretest: Pretest for the first volume is given to all students, either online or by paper and pencil.
- Student Action Plan: The teacher prepares individual or group standards-based assignments based on test results.
- Student booklet pages and online computer tutorials are assigned based on individual student needs in the Student Action Plan.
- Summary and Review: Students complete informal assessment pages and receive teacher feedback.
- Teaching a Topic: Each topic is presented in a three-part lesson: model it, understand it, and try it. The optional online version of *Pinpoint Math* allows students to take assessments online. Teachers can then implement the computer-generated individual Student Action Plans based on assessment results.

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Pinpoint Math includes resources for English-language learners including suggestions for teachers, vocabulary instruction for key mathematical terms, short exercises to activate prior knowledge, and strategies to understand common mistakes.

To learn more about *Pinpoint Math*, visit: <u>http://www.wrightgroup.com/index.php/programsummary?isbn=0076215059</u>

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Wright Group/McGraw-Hill publishes innovative core and supplemental literacy and mathematics programs for differentiated instruction and teacher training in Grades PreK-8. The research-based approach is anchored in real-world applications and is based on the assessed needs of students, combining developmentally appropriate materials with explicit outcomes.

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