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Ascend Math Boosts Mastery for Spanish Speakers

(Austin, TX.) Ascend Education announced today its comprehensive K-12 Math Solution is now available En Espanol. Customizable and interactive, Ascend Math includes crucial skill-reinforcing multimedia components that are now more accessible than ever to Spanish-speaking students across the full spectrum of learning modalities. This additional layer of support includes Spanish text, audio and video that gives English Language Learners a leg up in understanding key math concepts--- a critical step toward bridging the student achievement gap.

The Spanish version of Ascend Math is offered for the full line of courseware, from Elementary Math through Algebra 1. Resources available in both Spanish and English include video-based lessons and directions, audio with practice problems, and student study guides.

Deeper Learning Experience for Special Needs Students

Marjorie Briley, Ascend's Vice President of Business Development, notes, "Ascend is dedicated to helping *all* students achieve, and with our new Spanish math offering, we are pleased to be deepening the learning experience for many of our special needs and at-risk students. Classroom teachers will also be happy to know this additional support requires no extra time or training on their part. Our solution is fully automated, with customized learning paths for individual students at all reading levels and built-in printable resources for extended offline practice."

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Proven Success with Ascend

Prior to the new Spanish release, Ascend Math's track record in districts across the country includes the following dramatic successes:

- Non-Traditional Learning Environment—Aspen Valley High School, Colorado Springs, CO. The average student gain in math scores was 25.7%.
- Remedial Class---Nolan Middle School, Manatee County, FL. The average per-student gain on the Norm Reference Test was 22.17 points.
- Alternative Education Program—Cleburne ISD, TX. Students in grades 5-8 showed dramatic math score gains, including 44% for 8th graders and 38% for 6th graders.
- At-Risk Students—Breakthrough Education Strategies, West Hartford, CN. Students posted an average gain of 37% on Ascend pre-and post-tests.
- Remediation and Test Prep---Lakewood High School, Pinellas Country, FL. Students improved math scores by 28% on Ascend's post test versus pre tests.

For an interactive demo of Ascend Math, or details on the above best practices, visit www.ascendedu.com.

About the Ascend Math Solution

The Ascend Math Solution offers targeted intervention to maximize student achievement and fully addresses state, federal and NCLB accountability requirements, and includes:

- Sophisticated diagnostics that identify instructional gaps and recommended grade levels
- Targeted assessments that further prescribe individual instruction bases on proficiency
- Instruction and practice based on proven pedagogy and lessons
- Post-instruction testing
- Continuously adjusted learning paths based on formative assessment
- Comprehensive assessment reporting by individual student, whole class, school-wide or district-wide data sets

About Ascend Education

Ascend Education is a Summit Interactive company. Summit Interactive is an established leader in K-12 mathematics intervention. Established in 1987, the company's solutions are now used by more than 5,000 schools and universities and are widely supported by math educators in secondary and adult learning environments. The company's programs are based on scientific research and are recognized for their abilities to measurably improve students' comprehension and performance in math.

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