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LEXIA READING TO BE USED IN DIOCESE OF WICHITA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM

K–12 Reading Software Proven to Accelerate Foundational Reading Skills Development and Improve Student Reading Proficiency

BOSTON — November 21, 2011 — This year, students at the Diocese of Wichita Catholic Schools’ Blessed Sacrament and Holy Name Elementary Schools will be using some of the world’s most advanced technology to improve their reading skills. The software program, called [Lexia Reading](#)®, provides a scientifically proven method for helping students pre-K through 12th grade to rapidly develop and improve their foundational reading skills.

The award-winning program from [Lexia Learning](#)® is a technology-based system of differentiated practice, embedded assessment and targeted instruction, designed as an essential component of every reading curriculum. The scalable, research-proven solution will provide Wichita educators norm-referenced measures that help identify and prioritize the students who are the greatest at-risk of reading failure, and provide them with targeted instructional activities to help their students improve performance on grade-level assessments.

“We were searching for a way to help our students be more successful in acquiring and advancing their reading skills,” said Dan McAdam, director of staff services in the Wichita Catholic Schools. “We believe that Lexia’s differentiated instructional approach will help us to maximize our ability to help all students acquire their foundational reading skills, and help our struggling students to close the achievement gap with their peers.”

With Lexia Reading, Wichita students will receive explicit, systematic and structured practice on foundational reading skills. Each of the age-appropriate, skill-specific activities conforms to federal guidelines and is aligned to Common Core State Standards. Students using the web-based program will work independently as the software automatically detects when additional practice is needed and advances students to higher levels as they demonstrate proficiency. The software provides teachers with detailed, real-time reports on students’ specific skill deficits, and recommends targeted instructional materials to accelerate skill development.

“Across the country, schools are finding that technology can help provide individualized instruction to meet the needs of all students—creating an efficient and engaging learning environment for students,” said Nick Gaehde, CEO of Lexia Learning. “With this implementation, the Wichita Catholic Schools is following the U. S. Department of Education’s roadmap for transforming instruction through the use of innovative solutions that provides rigorous, individualized reading skills practice and instruction.”

About Lexia Learning

Established with a promise to improve student literacy through the use of technology, Lexia has helped millions of students build reading skills. Lexia Reading is used as an essential component of reading instruction in thousands of districts across the country. For more information, visit www.lexialearning.com or call 1-800-435-3942.

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