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## **Pennsylvania DOE Approves the BRIGANCE® Developmental Inventories as Early Learning Assessment Tools**

*BRIGANCE® Early Childhood Developmental Inventory and Head Start Developmental Inventory provide assessment solutions for infants/toddlers and pre-K students*

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., May 10, 2012 – The Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has defined a new child outcomes reporting strategy that will go into effect during the 2012–13 school year. In order to help Pennsylvania educators meet these requirements, OCDEL has released a list of approved early childhood assessments. Curriculum Associates’ BRIGANCE® Early Childhood Developmental Inventory (ECDI) and BRIGANCE® Head Start Developmental Inventory (HSDI) were both approved by OCDEL to support outcomes reporting for children in the Infant–Toddler (0–3 years) and Pre-kindergarten (3–5 years) age ranges.

“With the new OCDEL requirements, early learning educators in Pennsylvania are tasked with transitioning to a new child outcomes reporting system,” said Rob Waldron, President and CEO of Curriculum Associates. “The BRIGANCE Developmental Inventories provide valid and reliable assessment solutions that will not only help educators successfully and seamlessly navigate the new requirements, but also help ensure Pennsylvania children are making measurable progress toward kindergarten readiness.”

Both the BRIGANCE ECDI and BRIGANCE HSDI are based on more than 30 years of research and offer valid and reliable criterion-referenced assessments that identify a child’s mastery of specific skills along a developmental sequence. Both Inventories pinpoint each child’s individual readiness needs and monitor progress in the following key domains: language development, literacy, mathematics, science, social and emotional development, physical development and health, and approaches to learning.

Aligned to Pennsylvania’s Keystone Child Outcomes Framework, the BRIGANCE Developmental Inventories provide educators with flexible tools to assess school-readiness skills on an ongoing basis. With each Inventory, educators can easily monitor individual progress toward early learning standards and plan developmentally appropriate individualized instruction.

Educators are further supported in meeting the new OCDEL requirements when they use these assessment inventories with the BRIGANCE® Online Management System for Pennsylvania, Curriculum Associates’ state-specific data management and reporting platform that links directly with Pennsylvania’s state data system (known as PELICAN/ELN).

For more information on the BRIGANCE® Assessment Solution for Pennsylvania, visit [www.BRIGANCE.com/Pennsylvania](http://www.BRIGANCE.com/Pennsylvania).

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