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**Curriculum Associates Releases Major New Edition of BRIGANCE®
Inventory of Early Development (IED)**

BRIGANCE IED III and BRIGANCE IED III Standardized include new content, up-to-date research, Common Core alignment and more

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., April 3, 2013 – Curriculum Associates has added critical updates to the [BRIGANCE Inventory of Early Development \(IED\)](#), the company’s popular and long-trusted developmental assessment tool for children birth through seven years. Available in criterion-referenced and norm-referenced editions, the new BRIGANCE IED III assessments include new content, up-to-date validity and reliability research, and strong alignment to early learning and Common Core standards.

“Based on more than 30 years of research and experience, the BRIGANCE inventories provide educators with the tools needed to accurately assess the needs of students functioning below developmental age eight, while meeting required standards,” said Rob Waldron, President and CEO of Curriculum Associates. “With the latest updates to both the criterion- and norm-referenced inventories, educators are assured they are using the most comprehensive, up-to-date and reliable inventories to identify – and help meet – each student’s needs.”

The criterion-referenced [BRIGANCE IED III](#) includes all-new science assessments, expanded literacy and math coverage, and a broadened social and emotional development section, in addition to the updated research base and standards alignment. Focusing on the key domains of physical development, language development, literacy, mathematics and science, daily living, and social-emotional development, the inventory contains more than 100 assessments that cover a broad range of skills to help educators identify each student’s specific strengths and needs. The BRIGANCE IED III allows educators to provide ongoing assessment of key developmental skills, plan individualized instruction based on assessment results, and monitor student progress.

The [BRIGANCE IED III Standardized](#) contains norm-referenced assessments, which allow educators to compare a student’s performance to that of a nationally representative sample of students the same age. This streamlined assessment tool produces standardized scores, which can be used to support referrals for initial and ongoing eligibility, to benchmark students with pre- and post-tests, and to meet standardized reporting requirements. Major content updates to the BRIGANCE IED III Standardized include new early literacy assessments, including phonological awareness; new mathematics assessments, including

sorting and word problems; and an expanded social and emotional development section. The assessments also benefit from new standardization and validation studies that reflect up-to-date normative data; strong test-retest and inter-rate reliability; and significant content, construct and criterion-related validity.

The BRIGANCE IED III and BRIGANCE IED III Standardized are both part of Curriculum Associates' [BRIGANCE® Special Education family of products](#), which was recently endorsed by the Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE), a division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). This comprehensive family of products includes the BRIGANCE Online Management System, which provides teachers and administrators with an online platform to manage BRIGANCE IED III assessment data and generate user-friendly reports.

Pricing and Availability

The BRIGANCE IED III and BRIGANCE IED III Standardized are both currently available for purchase. The BRIGANCE IED III Classroom Kit (IED III Inventory, 20 IED III Record Books, IED III Accessories and a canvas tote) and the BRIGANCE IED III Standardized Kit (IED III Standardized Inventory, 20 Standardized Record Books, IED III Standardization and Validation Manual, IED III Accessories and a canvas tote) can be purchased for \$349 per kit. Record Books for both inventories, the IED III Standardization and Validation Manual, and the BRIGANCE IED III Accessories may be purchased separately.

To learn more about BRIGANCE IED III and BRIGANCE IED III Standardized, visit: www.curriculumassociates.com/products/detail.aspx?title=BRIGSE-IED3-sum

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