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'BRIGANCE® Transition Skills Activities' Helps Special Education Students Master Independent Living and Post-Secondary Skills

NORTH BILLERICA, MA, October 13, 2011—Designed to develop middle and high school special education students' skills in key transition areas, Curriculum Associates' new **BRIGANCE® Transition Skills Activities** delivers data-driven instruction to support students' transition services needs. With 35 lessons covering four skill areas – post-secondary education and training, employment, independent living and community participation – the product helps districts meet IDEA (Indicator 13) requirements around transition planning.

Directly aligned to assessments in the BRIGANCE® Transition Skills Inventory (TSI), each lesson within the program contains several activities that deal with real-life experiences and support classroom- and community-based instruction. Designed to address a wide range of student interests, the activities include modifications that support a variety of ability levels and learning styles. User-friendly overviews point out each lesson's objective, targeted skills and aligned TSI assessments.

Educators can use the written activities within the accompanying student book to help their students apply what they have learned. Included vocabulary further enriches each lesson and class discussion questions encourage student participation.

"Ensuring that special education students will be ready for the post-secondary world can be especially intimidating for teachers, families and students themselves," said Robert L. Waldron, president and CEO of Curriculum Associates. "BRIGANCE offers very targeted assessments linked to robust activities to provide a comprehensive yet flexible solution at an affordable price for developing necessary transition skills."

Pricing and Availability

The BRIGANCE Transition Skills Activities is available in the Complete Transitions Kit (Transition Skills Inventory, 20 TSI Record Books, Transition Skills Activities, 20 Student

Books, and a canvas tote) for \$599. Also available is a Transition Skills Activities Kit (Transition Skills Activities, 20 Student Books and canvas tote) for \$359. Buyers will also be able to purchase the Transition Skills Activities by itself for \$249 and a Student Book five-pack for \$35.

About Curriculum Associates

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