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Aligning Curriculum and Assessments to Advance Achievement with CenterPoint and EL Education

Non-profit organizations partner to provide interim assessment aligned to the language arts curriculum

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb 11, 2020 – CenterPoint Education Solutions (<u>www.centerpointeducation.org</u>) has designed interim assessments aligned to the highly rated EL Education K-8 Language Arts curriculum (ELEducation.org).

Effective instructional systems include a high-quality curriculum and an aligned set of classroom assessments to monitor ongoing progress. Now, schools that use EL Education have the option of having interim assessments that were built specifically for use with the high-quality curriculum. CenterPoint's web-based, curriculum-aligned, K-8 interim assessments mirror the EL Education Language Arts curriculum scope and sequence and were designed to complement the existing embedded formative assessments.

CenterPoint's interim assessments mirror the topics and rigor of the curriculum modules. The tests use technology-enhanced and constructed response items to assess the knowledge and skills in the underlying standards and provide teachers and administrators with reliable data on student progress towards meeting end-of-the-year expectations.

"Given the right tools, resources, and support, we know that teachers can transform students' lives," said Kathleen Schwille, EL Education's Chief Partnership Officer. "Our partnership with CenterPoint Education Solutions will further our goal of empowering educators and ensuring that they have what they need to succeed."

"The EL Education Language Arts curriculum is rich and engaging and fosters deep critical thinking through quality texts organized around compelling topics. It's the kind of curriculum every student should have access to. I am excited about CenterPoint's partnership with EL Education, and our shared mission of supporting all students on their path to college and career readiness," says Laura Slover, CEO of CenterPoint. "We believe alignment matters. CenterPoint's EL Education aligned assessments connect curriculum and assessments in an innovative and unique way. Now, educators can get clear and meaningful information about their students' understanding of what they learn, when they learn it."

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About CenterPoint Education Solutions

At CenterPoint Education Solutions, we work with schools, education systems, and like-minded organizations to provide a suite of reliable assessments, high-quality content and curriculum development services, and expert professional learning solutions that catalyze teacher practice, deepen student learning, fuel meaningful policy, and promote equity.

About EL Education

EL Education is a leading K-12 nonprofit empowering teachers to transform schools in diverse communities across America. For more than 25 years, EL Education has brought to life a three-dimensional vision of student achievement that includes mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high-quality student work. By promoting active classrooms that are alive with discovery, problem-solving, challenge, and collaboration, EL Education's curriculum inspires teachers to fulfill their highest aspirations and motivates students to achieve more than they think possible.

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