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Learning.com begins spring assessment season with two major implementations

Educators in Philadelphia and Rhode Island now using TechLiteracy Assessment to get data on students' technology proficiency

PORTLAND, Ore. — January 21, 2009 — Learning.com is testing more than 50,000 students in two major new assessment projects to help educators understand how well students grasp critical technology literacy skills. The latest projects are:

- The [Philadelphia School System](#) is assessing all its 39,000 middle school (sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade) students as part of the first year of a three-year program to gather data on students' technology proficiency.
- The state of [Rhode Island](#) is testing its 14,000 eighth-grade students, also in the first year of a three-year program to gather critical data on student skills.

Additionally, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has completed a program to test both eighth-grade students and teachers' technology proficiency using TechLiteracy Assessment.

Since its introduction in 2006, educators have administered more than 500,000 assessments using TechLiteracy Assessment. TechLiteracy Assessment already is used under state contracts in Arizona, Texas, South Dakota and Maryland.

The psychometrically valid [TechLiteracy Assessment](#) blends interactive, performance-based items and multiple choice questions to authentically assess students' technology knowledge and skills. It is aligned to state technology standards, and to the national ISTE NETS-S standards.

"The data does more than help educators understand how well students are doing with technology. It also supports them to make adjustments to their curriculum, and improve how they teach and integrate technology skills into their curriculum," says Learning.com CEO William J. Kelly.

TechLiteracy Assessment is designed to be given in just one class period to make it easy for teachers. It provides districts with a valid and accurate standard for technology literacy, and the data necessary to show progress toward accountability goals. It is the recipient of the prestigious Technology & Learning Award of Excellence and the 2007 SIIA CODiE Award.

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