

Sopris Learning Releases REWARDS® Intermediate Second Edition, the Newest Version of the Research-Validated Intervention Reading Program for Grades 4-6

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DALLAS, June 19, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Sopris Learning, a [business](#) unit of Cambium Learning® Group [NASDAQ: ABCD], a leading educational solutions and services company committed to helping all students reach their full potential by providing evidence-based solutions and services, announced today the release of *REWARDS Intermediate* Second Edition. An acronym for Reading Excellence: Word Attack and Rate Development Strategies, *REWARDS* is a specialized reading and writing program designed to teach intermediate students a flexible strategy for decoding long words and increasing oral and silent reading fluency. Developed by authors Anita L. Archer, Ph.D., Mary M. Gleason, Ph.D., and Vicky Vachon, Ph.D., *REWARDS* is grounded in extensive research and a classroom-tested strategy.

An update and expanded revision of the popular six-week intensive course, *REWARDS Intermediate* Second Edition is an explicit, systematic, research-validated reading intervention program, which empowers students with an adaptable, highly effective strategy for decoding multisyllabic words frequently found in content-area texts. Increasing oral and silent reading rates and expanding student knowledge of general academic and domain-specific vocabulary, *REWARDS Intermediate* Second Edition produces measurable results in approximately six weeks—improving reading skills, comprehension and confidence.

Aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for all Foundational Skills in grades 4 and 5, plus key standards for Language and Reading Informational Text, *REWARDS Intermediate* Second Edition has been used successfully in a wide range of settings, including general education classes (Response to Intervention, RTI, Tier 1—core instruction), intervention classes (RTI, Tier 2 and Tier 3), and summer school and after school programs.

"We are excited to release *REWARDS Intermediate* Second Edition in time for fall implementation," said George Logue, president of Voyager Learning and Sopris Learning. "We are confident this enhanced reading intervention will serve as a powerful new addition to the Sopris Learning portfolio that will help build reading success for all students."

Results reported in the [REWARDS Research Base](#) indicate that the program provides students with essential decoding preskills, a highly generalizable strategy for reading longer words—and the practice necessary to read words, sentences, and passages in various subject areas successfully and independently.

For more information and results data on *REWARDS Intermediate* Second Edition, visit <http://www.soprislearning.com/literacy/rewards-program> or call (800) 547-6747.

About Cambium Learning Group

Cambium Learning Group is a leading educational solutions and services company that is committed to helping all students reach their full potential by providing evidence-based solutions and expert professional services to empower educators and raise the achievement levels of all students. The company is composed of four [business](#) units: Voyager Learning (Voyagerlearning.com) and Sopris Learning (Soprislearning.com), Learning A–Z (LearningA-Z.com), ExploreLearning (Explorelarning.com), and Kurzweil Educational Systems® (Kurzweiledu.com). Together, these business units provide best-in-class intervention and supplemental instructional materials; gold-standard professional development and

school-improvement services; breakthrough technology solutions for online learning and professional support; valid and reliable assessments; and proven materials to support a positive and safe school environment. For more information, visit Cambiumlearning.com.

About Sopris Learning and Voyager Learning

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