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Nominate Your Favorite DI Program for *District Administration* Magazine

Every year, *District Administration* magazine features Readers' Choice Top 100 products for the year. Readers nominate products that have made a positive impact in their schools and districts within the past year. Hundreds of products are nominated each year, but only 100 are selected to be featured in the December issue of *District Administration*.

Help other educators discover what you already have - a program that helps students of all skill levels achieve! Submit your nomination for DI at: <http://www3.districtadministration.com/mailling/outboundMarketing/2013/top100-0409.html>.

DI Aligns with the Common Core State Standards

In recent years, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) have become a universal language for schools across our nation and play a significant role in instructional decisions made in schools, including curriculum selections. The Common Core State Standards were developed with the intent to provide a clear framework of what students are expected to learn and to ensure consistent standards, regardless of where students attend school.

Direct Instruction is closely aligned to the Common Core State Standards. An evaluation of *Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE)*, a well-know and commonly used DI program, has been conducted by McGraw-Hill to determine the alignment of the program's content with the English Language Arts standards. The newest addition to the DI math family of programs -- the 2012 edition of *Connecting Math Concepts: Comprehensive Edition (CMCCE)* -- was specifically designed to meet the Common Core State Standards and has a 100% alignment.

Read more about Direct Instruction's alignment with the Common Core State Standards and access the links to the correlations [here](#).

Video Guide: Preschool Students Demonstrate Exceptional Math Skills

As many readers of NIFDI News! know, Direct Instruction got its start at the University of Illinois when Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann -- creator of Direct Instruction and Senior Author of the DI programs -- debuted DI, teaching at-risk preschoolers at the Institute for Research on Exceptional Children. Students in the preschool learned remarkable skills, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, basic algebra, fractions and how to solve

area problems. These students, some who attended the preschool for two years and others who only attended for one year, are shown demonstrating their skills in a video available on Zig's site (http://zigsite.com/video/zig_math_video.html).

The National Institute for Direct Instruction has developed a guide for the video that is free for download. The guide is designed to help viewers identify (and leaders to facilitate conversations on) key aspects of DI presented in the video, including:

- The children's knowledge of specific mathematics concepts, rules and processes.
- The students' ability to solve a wide range of mathematical problems.
- The self-confidence and independence demonstrated by the students.
- The children's ability to focus their attention for long periods of time.

See the video for yourself at http://zigsite.com/video/zig_math_video.html, and download the accompanying video guide [here](#).

New Sessions Added for First Annual Training Institute

The National Institute for Direct Instruction is excited to announce that we are adding two sessions to the First Annual Direct Instruction Training Institute! Due to demand, a session in CMC A/DISTAR will be added to the morning block of offerings. The other session, Road to Success: Classroom Routines and Expectations, will be available during both the morning and afternoon session times.

For more information on the First Annual Training Institute, visit <http://www.nifdi.org/training-institute>.

Promotional Room Rates for Annual Training Institute Ending Soon!

Don't forget! If you plan on joining us for the First Annual Training Institute, the promotional pricing for hotel room rates ends July 15th! Reserve your room now to get the discounted rate of \$106.00 per night. Call the Marriott Plaza San Antonio at 1-800-228-9290 and identify yourself as a participant of NIFDI's Annual Direct Instruction Training Institute. See you in San Antonio!

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