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### BESTSELLING LADDERS TO SUCCESS SERIES—NOW AVAILABLE FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS

New York, NY, December 2008—Triumph Learning announces the release of a Science Edition in their bestselling intervention series, *Ladders to Success*. This highly acclaimed series is already available in reading and math.

*Ladders to Success, Science* offers comprehensive science solutions that target foundational skills for at-risk students. Each *Ladders* lesson covers 10 grade-appropriate topics that are divided into three scaffolded lessons with lots of extra practice and step-by-step instruction. Focused review for each topic reinforces skills and allows teachers to monitor progress.

In addition to improving science skills, this series gradually guides students to grade-level proficiency and builds confidence. Students will retain science knowledge and show significant growth in their performance.

“With *Ladders to Success*, educators see skills improve on a daily basis, with a high retention rate,” said Jane Fisher, Vice President of Triumph Learning. “*Ladders to Success* bridges the transition from below level to on level smoothly and efficiently. It’s also fun for students to use their own Science Scorecard because it gives them a way to keep track of their increasing progress.”

*Ladders Science* helps educators build on the basics, adding more content knowledge in each step-by-step lesson so that students can then go beyond the basics and master grade-level skills.

Content is correlated to each state’s standards so that students will be thoroughly prepared for one of the following tests: the Florida State Test, Georgia’s CRCT, Illinois’ ISAT, Louisiana’s iLEAP and LEAP, New Jersey’s ASK, the New York State Test, the Ohio Achievement Test, Pennsylvania’s PSSA, Texas’ TAKS, and Virginia’s SOL.

Noteworthy features of the new **Ladders to Success** series from Triumph Learning:

- Correlated to your state standards
- Ten 14-page topics in every book—three lessons for each topic
- High-interest, low-difficulty “Think Like a Scientist” stories

- Science Scorecard allows teachers to diagnose areas where students need instruction
- Comprehensive, diagnostic test at the beginning of the book
- Lots of graphic organizers and diagrams
- Review at the end of each topic
- Inquiry Skills and Key Concepts highlighted in the margins
- Developed with input from educators
- A wide array of practice questions

Triumph Learning is the market leader in standards-focused instruction for state tests. Its primary brand is *Coach*, which has been helping students succeed on state tests since 1985, and is the oldest and largest state test prep publisher. Triumph Learning is a subsidiary of Hights Cross Communications. **About Hights Cross Communications:** Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross is a leading developer and publisher of products for the kindergarten through twelfth grade, or K-12, supplemental education, library, and medical education markets. Hights Cross imprints include: Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), and Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD). For more information, visit [www.hightscross.com](http://www.hightscross.com).

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