

## TRIUMPH LEARNING PRESS RELEASE

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### TRIUMPH LEARNING INTRODUCES PROGRESS COACH— A NEW SERIES THAT MOVES BELOW-LEVEL STUDENTS TOWARD GRADE-LEVEL PROFICIENCY

New York, NY, December 2008—*Progress Coach* is the fully accessible series that helps at-risk students make measurable progress toward grade-level proficiency. *Progress Coach* was developed to cover every tested standard, giving struggling students the focused instruction and support they need to develop skills competency. *Progress Coach* books can be used in conjunction with *Coach* books so educators can reach on-level and at-risk students at the same time!

*Progress Coach* explains required grade-level content at a lower level with simplified instruction. With focused support, guided practice, and differentiated instruction, students will grasp basic concepts and master skills.

Each *Progress Coach* lesson is scaffolded and written to the standards. Reading passages are written below level so that readability is not a barrier to learning grade-level skills. Baseline math skills are clarified with stepped-out examples. A wide array of question types gives students familiarity with the state test format, while reinforcing important skills and concepts.

“We believe every student can show progress if the instructional pathway is thoughtfully planned and executed,” said Linda Sanford, Publisher and Executive Vice President of Triumph Learning. “That was the goal for *Progress Coach*, and we are excited to get it into classrooms so teachers have the resources they need to help their struggling students move towards grade-level success.”

Content is correlated to each state’s standards so that students will be thoroughly prepared for one of the following tests: Georgia’s CRCT, the New York State Test, Pennsylvania’s PSSA, and Texas’ TAKS.

Noteworthy features of the new *Progress Coach* series from Triumph Learning:

- Scaffolded lessons precisely written to your grade-level standards
- “Progress Checks” with below- and on-level questions for graduated test practice
- A full-length, on-grade-level Progress Test
- Reading contains fiction, nonfiction, informational, poetry, and how-to selections

- Math contains content vocabulary defined in each lesson
- Lots of review in each chapter

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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