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New York City Selects Harcourt *Trophies* for Reading First Schools

Joins growing number of school districts using *Trophies* for Reading First

Orlando, FL – Harcourt School Publishers, a leading publisher of instructional materials for the elementary grades, announced today that the Harcourt *Trophies* reading program has been selected by New York City for use in the city’s Reading First schools. The New York State Department of Education last week approved the NYC Department of Education’s Reading First grant application, which designates *Trophies* as the core reading curriculum for grades K-3 in the city’s 49 Reading First schools.

New York City joins a growing number of school districts across the United States that have chosen Harcourt *Trophies* as their Reading First core reading program. School districts using *Trophies* in their Reading First schools include:

- Buffalo Public Schools, Buffalo, NY
- Cleveland Municipal School District, Cleveland, OH
- Joliet Public Schools District 86, Joliet, IL
- Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo, MI
- Lorain City Schools, Lorain, OH
- Philadelphia Public Schools, Philadelphia, PA
- School District of the City of Pontiac, Pontiac, MI
- Reading Public Schools, Reading, PA
- Springfield Public Schools, Springfield, MA

Nationwide, over 2 million students are using Harcourt *Trophies* in more than 2,000 school districts.

Harcourt *Trophies* is a balanced, comprehensive reading and language arts program for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade that provides the full range of resources and support that teachers need to deliver research-based, motivational instruction for all learners. The instructional focus of the program progresses from “learning to read” to “reading to learn” and ultimately, to “learning for life.”

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

Key Areas of Reading Instruction: The program develops student proficiency in all aspects of reading and language arts, including the key areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, as well as writing, spelling, grammar, listening, and speaking.

Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners: The program provides teachers with a clear path for intervening to meet a variety of needs. Resources include a complete intervention program for students struggling to read and write and a scaffolded support program for English language learners. In addition, Harcourt's comprehensive Spanish-language program, *Trofeos*, parallels the complete *Trophies* program.

Assessment: Integrated assessment components allow teachers to determine each student's strengths and weaknesses and adjust instruction as needed, using a wide variety of resources.

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About Harcourt School Publishers:

Harcourt School Publishers (www.harcourtschool.com) publishes core instructional materials for students in PreK through sixth grade. Harcourt School products range from print materials to interactive multimedia and Web-based eLearning resources and cover all the major subject areas, including reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, health, and art. Harcourt School Publishers is part of Harcourt, Inc. (www.harcourt.com), a global education provider serving students and teachers in PreK through grade 12, adult learners, and readers of all ages. The Harcourt companies include Harcourt School Publishers, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Harcourt Achieve (including the Rigby and Steck-Vaughn imprints), Harcourt Assessment, Classroom Connect, Harcourt Canada, and Harcourt Trade Publishers.

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