Fuel Education Unveils Mobile, Standards-Aligned Middle School Curriculum for Online and Blended Learning

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HERNDON, Va., April 9, 2014 — Personalized learning solutions provide Fuel Education™ today announced a new online curriculum designed for middle school students as they transition through the challenging “make or break” years, and for school districts as they adopt all-digital curriculum.

Available on a wide variety of platforms and devices such as the iPad®, Chromebook™, and Android™, FuelEd’s Online Courses for Middle School enable teachers to personalize learning for students in an online or blended learning environment. The curriculum:

- Fully aligns to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) goals and practices;
- Features a modular, flexible design that facilitates customization of courses to meet unique district needs;
- Prepares students for assessments from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC);
- Integrates literacy and vocabulary development across all curricular areas;
- Includes language arts and math courses that are fully aligned to Texas and Virginia state standards;
- Integrates STEM principles in science courses; and
- Is compatible with a wide variety of platforms and mobile devices, including the iPad, Chromebook, and Android.

Based on decades of cognitive research and best practices, FuelEd’s math, language arts, and science courses for grades 6–8 include interactive activities, videos, games, and formative assessments that provide students and teachers with real-time feedback. Each course includes vocabulary help, text to speech, and allows for flexible pacing, so students can move through content at the speed that best suits their needs. In addition, courses include translation to aid English language learners.

Jessica Hall, former middle school teacher and Fuel Education’s Senior Manager of Curriculum and Design, explains, “Designed with the diverse needs of middle school students in mind, each course uses engaging elements to create a sense of community and encourages students to be proactive in their learning, while the portfolio component requires that students set goals and reflect on progress toward those goals. These courses will prepare students for high school and beyond.”

The new middle school courses are integrated into PEAK™, Fuel Education’s Personalized Learning Platform, which makes it easy for districts to integrate and manage all of their online learning programs. In addition, teachers can easily customize the courses with resources available in the PEAK Library, which includes more than 5,500 lessons and assessments plus content from third-party partners such as Britannica School®, and open educational resources such as Khan Academy® and YouTube® Education.

“Our clients consistently share with us how critical the middle school years are for success in high school and beyond,” said Gregg Levin, General Manager of Fuel Education. “Fuel Education is delivering a high quality, standards-aligned solution that is easily customized by teachers using a variety of content, is portable across many platforms and devices, and is true to the common core goals of expanding critical and creative thinking. The feedback we have received to date suggests we’ve accomplished this. It’s very exciting.”

In addition to middle school, Fuel Education solutions enable districts to transform the education experience inside and outside the classroom. The company supports districts with a variety of online and blended programs, ranging from catalog expansion for low-enrollment or hard-to-staff courses, and hospital/homebound education, to full-time school programs, language exposure and learning, alternative education, remediation, and kindergarten readiness, among others.

Learn more about how middle schools are using online and blended programs to personalize learning in the online magazine, Learning Outside the Lines.

About Fuel Education

Fuel Education™ partners with school districts to fuel personalized learning and transform the education experience inside and outside the classroom. The company provides innovative solutions for pre-K–12th grade that empower districts to implement successful online and blended learning programs. Its open, easy-to-use Personalized Learning Platform, PEAK™, enables teachers to customize courses using their own content, FuelEd courses and titles, third-party content, and open educational resources. Fuel Education offers the industry’s largest catalog of digital curriculum, certified instruction, professional development, and educational services. FuelEd has helped 2,000 school districts to improve student outcomes and better serve diverse student populations. To learn more, visit getfueled.com and Twitter.

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