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Waterford Institute Releases its Award-Winning Reading Program in the Cloud

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Waterford Reading is a comprehensive, computer-based K–2 curriculum designed to deliver online instruction tailored to each student's individual learning needs.

In this product release, we bring you a new, cloud-based version of *Waterford Reading* with instructional content fully aligned to Common Core Standards. Progress reports have also been improved. The tech notes also include fixed bugs and other updates to existing Waterford features.

These changes bring several benefits: better accessibility; lower IT and hardware costs; easier, faster product updates; curriculum, teacher materials, and search functionality all aligned with Common Core standards; and easier-to-read, faster loading, and expanded student progress reports.

NEW FEATURES

Cloud-Based Curriculum

Waterford Reading is now available in the cloud, meaning its full content is hosted online and available with the use of only a web browser. No installation is required. This feature allows for several benefits:

Accessibility: You only need an internet connection to use the cloud-based version of *Waterford Reading*. This means teachers can access content and run reports wherever they have internet access.

Lower costs: With the cloud-based product, schools can reduce costs across all major areas of their technology budgets: hardware, software, maintenance, and staffing. Having us manage the IT infrastructure means lower IT costs for hardware and software (no need for on-site servers), and frees up the people previously needed to manage it all.

Easy product updates: Product updates in the cloud are released automatically, meaning when users log on the latest version is immediately available.

Common Core Aligned

Content in the cloud version of *Waterford Reading* is now 100% aligned to Common Core standards. This means there are several improvements:

New sequencer: The sequencer that determines the individualized learning path for each student has been fully rebuilt based on Common Core standards.

Teacher materials: Updated, printable teacher materials explain specific Common Core standards, offer tips for teaching each standard, and suggest relevant *Waterford Reading* lessons.

Search for Common Core activities: Teachers can search through *Waterford Reading* curriculum for specific activities aligned to Common Core standards.

Improved Progress Reports

This release makes several improvements to the student progress reports feature:

Improved performance: With enhanced speed, teachers can now run reports faster.

Easy-to-read: Reports have been redesigned based on teacher feedback to enhance readability.

New area-of-difficulty report: Teachers can pull area-of-difficulty reports for an individual student, or get snapshots of groups of students having similar difficulties.

Product
Waterford Reading
Cloud Version

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March 31, 2014

Attention

- P-2 Teachers
- English Language Teachers (ELL)
- Curriculum Directors
- IT Administrators
- School Administrators

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