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PLATO Learning Introduces Online AP Courses for School Districts

Leader in education technology to offer new courses for accelerated students as part of expansion into classroom curricula

DENVER – June 28-30, 2010 – ISTE Conference 2010 Booth #2228 – PLATO Learning, a leading provider of education technology solutions for kindergarten through adult learners, today announced the expansion of its curriculum offerings including new Advanced Placement* (AP*) courses for accelerated students. While PLATO has been the leader in providing intervention and remediation solutions for nearly 50 years, this introduction marks the first time the company will offer AP courses as part of its expanded courseware for school districts.

“Our customers are always seeking innovative, high-value ways to serve their students and improve their school districts’ performances, and PLATO’s newly expanded portfolio of curricula, including AP courses, will help them do just that,” said Jamie Candee, vice president of product and marketing for PLATO Learning. “These unique online courses represent yet another way PLATO can help school districts do more with less. The courses are designed to prepare students to take and pass the College Board’s AP exam, which is the top criteria used by *Newsweek* in its annual ranking of America’s best high schools.”

PLATO Courses and new PLATO AP Edition Courses are individualized, semester-long online courses that allow students to earn credits. Each course is packed with relevant curriculum and unique activities that challenge and engage students in a collaborative environment. Available in July, AP Edition Courses from PLATO include AP Biology, AP English Literature and AP Calculus, each of which is two semesters long. Existing PLATO customers that subscribe to the company’s Secondary Academic Library – the most common PLATO subscription – will receive access to the new AP courses as part of their current subscription at no additional cost.

“The unique thing about these new online courses is that a district can use them to offer AP courses to students across different campuses and leverage teacher resources, instructing the class in a virtual or blended environment,” Candee said. “This not only maximizes the district’s resources, but also potentially allows them to offer a course they couldn’t logistically operate in a traditional classroom setting.”

In addition to its new course offerings, PLATO is rolling out updated features on its platform in July. The new features allow for greater collaboration between students and teachers through enhancements like a digital drop box and threaded discussions.

PLATO AP Edition Courses and the new online platform will be showcased at the ISTE Conference 2010 at booth #2228. More information is also available online at www.plato.com.

About PLATO Learning, Inc.

PLATO Learning is a leading provider of computer-based and online instruction for kindergarten through adult learners, offering curricula in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and life and job skills. For more information on PLATO Learning, visit www.plato.com.

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