

Harcourt Assessment Announces Partnership with Wireless eSystems

Harcourt will integrate support for Wireless eSystems' iRespond Response Systems into assessment products.

San Antonio, TX & Milton, FL ([PRWeb](#)) August 20, 2007 -- Harcourt Assessment, Inc., a leading assessment publisher, today announced a partnership with Wireless eSystems of Milton, Florida. Through the partnership, Harcourt Assessment will integrate support for the use of the iRespond Response System into multiple assessment products. Through the use of electronic response devices, iRespond allows teachers to conduct "on-the-fly" assessments as an integrated part of their instruction.

"Providing educators with the ability to integrate short assessments into their lesson plans helps them to ensure that all of their students are comprehending material as it is taught. When used in conjunction with Harcourt Assessment's proven assessment products, iRespond will help teachers to identify and address student instructional needs immediately, ensuring students are not falling behind," said Harcourt Assessment Education Division President Kevin Brueggeman. "We look forward to integrating iRespond's features into our assessment products and providing another high-value tool to educators."

"Engaging students and empowering teachers through the use of technology takes the guess work out of student comprehension. With iRespond's real-time scoring and reporting capabilities coupled with Harcourt Assessment's top quality assessments and progress monitoring tools, educators at all levels can have the resources needed to make important decisions based on students' strengths and weaknesses'," said Wireless e Systems, President Bill Thompson. "Integrating iRespond with Harcourt Assessment's assessments products ensures success in our company's long term goal, which is to make a difference in education."

The iRespond Response System is a versatile classroom response system which allows all students to respond to assessment questions in real time. Each student is equipped with a remote that allows them to key responses to assessment questions which are then transmitted to the teacher's computer, allowing the teacher to gain instant insight into which students comprehend the lesson material. This valuable feedback allows teachers to address learning breakdowns as they happen, minimizing the amount of review necessary for students who are falling behind.

Harcourt Assessment has begun development to integrate the use of the iRespond system into its Learnia® formative assessment solution. Learnia® is a classroom assessment tool for grades K-12 that examines student achievement through both formative and summative assessments and provides real-time, student-centric assessment data to make teaching - and learning - successful and rewarding. Learnia® provides educators with a formative assessment tool with unprecedented flexibility that informs classroom instruction. iRespond will bring yet another tool to the Learnia® solution that will further help teachers maximize student performance and learning gains. Future Harcourt Assessment products will also integrate the use of iRespond to help educators make data-based instructional decisions.

For more information on Harcourt Assessment's products, visit <http://www.harcourtassessment.com>

For more information on the Learnia® formative assessment solution, visit <http://www.learnia.net>

For more information on the iRespond® solution, visit <http://www.irespond.com>

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About Wireless eSystems, Inc.

Based in Milton, Florida- Wireless eSystems, Inc. is a premier supplier of real-time hardware and software assessment tools that focus on assessment for learning. Our products branded iRespond, leverages over 30 years of engineering experience in real-time data driven products for Department of Defense organizations around the world.

The company is privately owned and dedicated to making a difference in education. www.irespond.com

About Harcourt Assessment, Inc.

Based in San Antonio, Harcourt Assessment, Inc. is a leading provider of high-quality assessment instruments and testing programs published under two brand names -- Harcourt Assessment and PsychCorp™. For more than 85 years, Harcourt Assessment has been providing insight about children and adults; assisting human resources; and creating assessment innovations, in order to provide the most effective assessment solutions for the success of all individuals.

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