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## Celebrating Decades of Educational Excellence through DI

There is still time to submit your nomination for the **2014 Excellence in Education Awards** before the June 3rd deadline. Even if you don't make a nomination, plan on attending the McGraw-Hill Social and NIFDI Celebration of Excellence on Wednesday, July 16th, in conjunction with the 40th Annual National Direct Instruction Conference in Eugene, Oregon July 13th-17th.

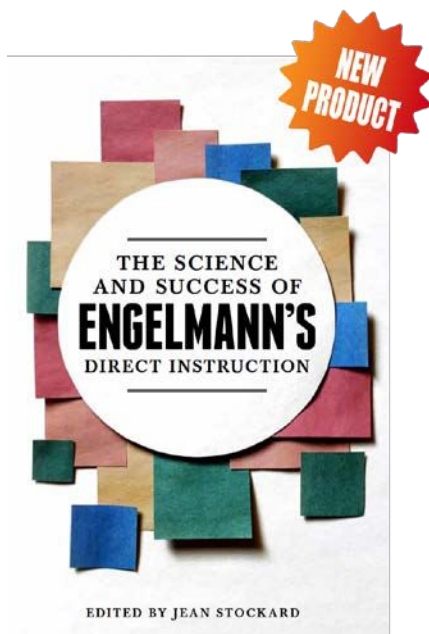
Along with celebrating the achievements of individuals and schools across the country, we will also be highlighting the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Berier-Engelmann Preschool. A short video that has not been publicly shown in years will be exhibited describing the preschool, and at least one of the original teachers will be in attendance. In the meantime, you might be interested in taking a step back in time and checking out the **video of Zig working with preschoolers** available on our **webpage**.

If you haven't signed up for the conference yet, there's still time. See the full **conference offerings** and **register online** today! We look forward to seeing you in Eugene!

## NIFDI Press Release: *The Science and Success of Engelmann's Direct Instruction*

For almost a half-century, Siegfried Engelmann has shown how all children can learn if they are taught effectively. The Direct Instruction (DI) curricular programs he developed reflect the most effective and thoroughly field tested instructional materials in the world. Engelmann's work has transformed the instructional experience of thousands of students and has also led to noted improvements in school behavioral climates and instructional practices. Exclusively available through NIFDI Press, *The Science and Success of Engelmann's Direct Instruction* is a tribute to the legacy and genius of Siegfried Engelmann and his decades of work in developing the Direct Instruction (DI) curricular programs.

Part I of the book documents the extensive research embodied in the development of DI programs, the research that confirms their effectiveness, and the rejection of the work by the education establishment. Part II examines the legacy of Engelmann's work, including the guidance it gives for transforming schools into effective learning centers for all children and the ways in which it has influenced the tradition of behavioral management in schools. The book ends with a look to the future, the potential for wider acceptance of Engelmann's contributions, and the hope for truly solving the problems of achievement in America's schools. This in-depth survey of DI's history and impact belongs in the collection of all educational researchers, teachers, college libraries, and administrators. **Order your copy today!**



## SRA 2Inform Administrator Access Now Available!

*SRA 2Inform* is an online application available through McGraw-Hill that allows teachers to easily collect student data and monitor progress to inform instruction. This online system stores data on curriculum-embedded assessments from nine of the Direct Instruction programs including Reading Mastery Signature Edition, Corrective Reading, Connecting Math Concepts, Essentials for Algebra.

Recent improvements include the ability for administrators to instantly access reports to measure and track student progress. Coaches and principals can view teacher, group, and individual student data. With the school-level view, users can aggregate data across instructional groups. District administrators can also aggregate group data across all schools.

Users can print, view, and save various reports that can be used to help improve the quality of the DI implementation. Administrators can use the information to:

- Identify instructional needs and goals
- Communicate progress to an educational team
- Generate reports for all stakeholders including parents

To learn more, visit the [SRA 2Inform website](#) or contact your McGraw-Hill representative.

## Sopris Learning Releases New Editions and eBook of *REWARDS*

New editions of *REWARDS Intermediate and Secondary* - programs designed to teach students strategies for decoding multisyllabic words, learning academic vocabulary, and building fluency - are now available through Sopris Learning.

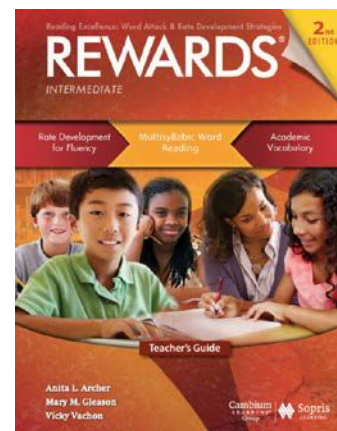
**Exciting updates to these programs include:**

- Common Core State Standards alignment
- Added instruction on the meanings of prefixes and suffixes
- Expanded instruction on academic and content-area vocabulary, enhanced with visual displays
- Text-dependent comprehension questions
- An updated lesson format that supports ease of instruction

- Notations on explicit instruction procedures throughout the lessons
- Progress monitoring assessments at the end of each unit
- Digital tools and resources including online lesson displays, illustrated vocabulary displays, student review sheets, assessments, and more

**And, now you can get *REWARDS Intermediate* on your digital device!**

Sopris Learning recently announced that the newest edition of *REWARDS Intermediate* is now available as an eBook as part of their new Learning eLibrary! The electronic version of this popular program is available for a variety of devices, including smartphones and tablets, such as Apple's iPad. By using the digital version of the book, educators can:



- Navigate content with features that include an interactive table of contents, intrabook links, a slider bar, and page jump
- Highlight, bookmark, add notes, and see annotations all in one place-all of which automatically sync to the cloud when moving between online and offline reading
- Toggle between two distinct reading options- a fully interactive, resource-laden view and a page-fidelity view, which shows pages exactly as they appear in the printed book
- Utilize embedded links to videos, printable tools, and educator resources
- Search across all book content and user annotations

For more information about the *REWARDS Intermediate* eBook, visit [Sopris Learning](http://www.soprislearning.com) online. An eBook version of *REWARDS Secondary* will also soon be available through Sopris Learning.

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