



## **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's SkillsTutor Partners with Intel to Provide Schools a Total Learning Technology Solution**

*At ISTE 2011, SkillsTutor also unveils series of mobile solutions to continue making learning an "anytime, anywhere" proposition.*

**PHILADELPHIA** – June 27, 2011 – At the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference in Philadelphia, SkillsTutor, a division of global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH), announced an innovative partnership with Intel and Equus Computer. Schools implementing SkillsTutor digital learning programs will now be provided with hardware as part of an integrated solution, eliminating the need for users to choose between great hardware or proven software technology. Teachers and administrators will now have more opportunities to integrate purpose-built technology into their classrooms without worrying about budget restraints.

“In order to engage the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner, education companies and educators must find ways to transform traditional learning into an anytime, anywhere ecosystem,” said Adam Hall, President of SkillsTutor. “By providing students with both leading software and devices, we can make sure they are able to take advantage of all that the SkillsTutor suite has to offer, in an innovative way that meets them where they already are. SkillsTutor is leading the way in ensuring that installed base hardware limitations do not stop schools from providing their students with the best technology available.”

Through the partnership with Intel and Equus, SkillsTutor is able to offer a solution to help overcome hardware limitations at schools around the country. SkillsTutor will provide favorable education pricing on total solution subscriptions that include SkillsTutor content on Intel-powered convertible net-book Classmate PCs provided and supported by Equus Computer.

“Intel is excited to be working closely with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in bringing industry leading learning solutions to schools,” said Kapil Wadhwa, General Manager of Intel’s Education Market Platforms Group. “Intel® Learning Series solutions make learning engaging for children, helping teachers build the skills that their students will need to be successful in the future.”

In addition to changing the landscape of educational partnerships, SkillsTutor continues to make its programs even more available and optimized for mobile devices. *Math Fact Fluency* will now be offered in mobile form, allowing students to access the research-proven, all-digital program from anywhere. *Math Fact Fluency* is only the beginning, as SkillsTutor continues its efforts to make all of its content available on the latest tablet devices. Currently, SkillsTutor programs are compatible with Windows, iOS, and Droid operating systems as well as traditional devices found in schools.

### **About Houghton Mifflin Harcourt**

With education products and services used by 57 million students throughout all 50 U.S. states and 120 countries, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is a global education and learning company. The world's largest provider of materials for pre-K–12 learning, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is leading the way with innovative solutions and approaches to the challenges facing education today. Through curricula excellence coupled with technology innovations and professional services, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt collaborates with school districts, administrators, teachers, parents and students, providing interactive,

results-driven learning solutions. Its Educational Consulting Services group works to increase student achievement in underperforming schools by developing, implementing and supporting education transformation through sustained district partnerships. With origins dating back to 1832, the Company also publishes an extensive line of reference works and award-winning literature for adults and young readers. For more information, visit [www.hmhco.com](http://www.hmhco.com).

#### **About SkillsTutor**

SkillsTutor, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, is a leader in e-learning solutions for the K-Adult learner. SkillsTutor publishes online supplemental programs that are used to help increase proficiency in math, reading, writing, language, science, and workforce readiness. It can be used as a teacher-aided instructional tool or as a one-on-one tutoring resource with minimal guidance. Differentiated instruction, diagnostic testing, prescriptive assignments and automatic reporting are incorporated. A powerful, easy-to-use management system allows users to assign lessons by standard and monitor progress while providing administrators and teachers real-time usage and performance data. SkillsTutor leverages the multimedia capabilities of smart mobile devices and extends “anytime, anywhere” access. Its best-in-class, award winning solutions are research-based, align to state and national standards, and are proven to deliver results. For more information about SkillsTutor, visit [www.skillstutor.com](http://www.skillstutor.com).

#### **About Equus Computer Systems, Inc. Corporation**

Equus Computer Systems, Inc. is one of America's largest manufacturers of build-to-order desktops, notebooks, servers and workstations. Recognized as a top OEM of industry leading vendors such as Microsoft® and Intel® and named by *Computer Reseller News* as one of the top three North American system builders, Equus has delivered more than three million custom computer systems to business, education and government customers. The company is privately owned and has over 200 employees. More information can be obtained by visiting the Web site at [www.equuscs.com](http://www.equuscs.com).

#### **About the Intel® Learning Series**

The Intel Learning Series brings together a strong ecosystem of PC manufacturers, operating system vendors, education service providers, content and software providers to deliver a complete, end-to-end education solution. It offers marketing tools, training, online exposure and a forum for its members to share resources and find common opportunities. More than 300 members in 60 countries are developing applications, peripherals and services optimized for the Learning Series. For more information about the Intel Learning Series, visit <http://www.intelllearningseries.com>.

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