

ALEKS Corporation Releases Fully Bilingual English-Spanish Mathematics Products Online assessment and tutorial guides students to success in K-12!

Tustin, CA. – June 8, 2006 – ALEKS Corporation (<u>www.aleks.com</u>), a leading provider of K-12 and adult web-based assessment and tutorial solutions for mathematics and business, today announced the release of fully bilingual English-Spanish products for grades 4-8.

ALEKS is an assessment and tutorial program in mathematics that uses artificial intelligence to allow students to identify their strengths and focus on their weaknesses.

The new ALEKS mathematics products offer the following features:

- **Fully Bilingual Content and Student Interface**: Students can instantaneously switch from a page in English to the same page in Spanish (and vice versa)
- Focused, Individualized Instruction
- **Detailed Reports** that track mastery versus state standards
- Unlimited 24-Hour Online Access

ALEKS has hit a milestone with the full translation of K-8 products and will continue the translation with all of its high school courses, which already have much of their content in Spanish. According to JP Lenney, Senior Vice President of ALEKS Corporation, "This release of K-8 products allows English Language Learners to make better progress in Mathematics. There are other math products with Spanish translations, but students cannot easily toggle between English and Spanish on an as-needed basis. The ability for students and their parents to see any problem or explanation translated instantaneously fulfills a huge need in mathematics education in America."

ALEKS (Assessment and LEarning in Knowledge Spaces) is a web-based learning assistant that provides students with individualized and highly targeted instruction in a variety of subjects. By assessing a student's current knowledge in a subject, ALEKS is able to deliver only the topics that the student is ready to learn.

By tailoring the course to each student's needs, ALEKS allows instructors to offer individualized instruction to supplement traditional classroom pedagogy. "ALEKS helps students see where their specific knowledge gaps are and requires students to clear them up. When students demonstrate that they've closed the gap, they can go on in the program. ALEKS makes sure students have really grasped a basic concept before they try something new," notes Peter O'Neil, Director of Instruction at Deforest Area School District in Wisconsin.

The ALEKS fully bilingual English-Spanish products for grades 4-8, as well as a range of other courses at all educational levels, is online and ready for use by individuals, schools, and districts.

About ALEKS Corporation

ALEKS Corporation is a leader in the creation of web-based, artificially intelligent educational software. ALEKS assessment and learning technologies were originally developed by a team of cognitive scientists and software engineers at the University of California, Irvine, with major funding from the National Science Foundation. ALEKS is founded on ground-breaking research in cognitive psychology and applied mathematics. Through adaptive questioning, ALEKS accurately assesses a student's knowledge state and then delivers targeted instruction on the topics a student is most ready to learn.

ALEKS course products are currently being used by hundreds of thousands of students in over 20 courses ranging from fourth grade mathematics to precalculus at over 1000 institutions throughout the world. For additional information about ALEKS Corporation or its products, visit <u>www.aleks.com</u>.

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