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## **EdOptions™ Introduces New Course: Spanish II**

**Arlington, VA, Jan. 12, 2010** – EdOptions (<http://www.edoptions.com/>), an award-winning educational technology company, is launching a new Spanish II course today for middle and high school students that will build upon the introductory language and culture material covered in Spanish I and expand students' knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

EdOptions recognizes that secondary language acquisition is increasingly necessary for communicating in today's globally connected society. Learning a second language fosters an appreciation and understanding for people and cultures from other countries. Studies show that foreign language study benefits students' comprehension of other school subjects as well. According to the University of Idaho study "An investigation into the effects of second language learning on achievement in English," graduating high school seniors with two or more years of foreign language study showed significant superiority in performance on achievement tests in English when compared with students who did not study a foreign language.

The lessons in the Spanish II course contain thematic cultural components that build vocabulary skills associated with everyday events and activities. Students will be introduced to the preterite, imperfect, future, and progressive verb tenses and will learn their correct conjugation and usage. Lessons also cover object pronouns and suffixes related to gender and size, among other grammar conventions. Audio clips of native speakers from various Spanish-speaking regions allow students to hear and model pronunciation of new vocabulary and conversations. Interactive quizzes and activities and engaging labs support and extend the student's mastery of Spanish. Throughout the course, students have frequent opportunities to complete practice exercises, which provide formative assessments of student learning.

"Spanish II will not only enrich students' understanding of cultures beyond their own, but it will enable them to complete the language requirement necessary for a high school diploma in many states," explains Janice Wilder, Vice President of Academics and Curriculum Development.

### About Educational Options, Inc.

EdOptions™ is an award-winning education technology firm located in Arlington, Virginia. Its premier product, Stars Suite® (<http://www.edoptions.com/products/stars/index.html>), has served more than one million students nationwide and features 46 middle and high school courses as well as Web-based solutions for state test preparation, high school preparation and GED® study. Other divisions include Blue Ridge International Academy™ (<http://www.blueridgelearning.com/>), a fully accredited online high school designed to support both public and non-traditional educational institutions with [rigorous curriculum](#), powerful [Web-based technology](#), and certified-teacher support. For more information, visit <http://www.edoptions.com/>.