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EdOptions™ Algebra 1 Wins 2009 Education Software Review Award

Arlington, VA, Oct. 6, 2009 – EdOptions (<http://www.edoptions.com/>) announced today that it has been awarded an Education Software Review (EDDIE) award by the ComputED Learning Center for its Math Course – Algebra 1. The EDDIE awards target innovative, content-rich programs and Web sites that augment classroom curriculum and improve teacher productivity. This technology provides parents and teachers with the tools needed to foster educational excellence. Winners are selected from hundreds of courses submitted by publishers worldwide.

EdOptions is extremely proud to be recognized for its Algebra 1 course, given its importance in today's education. National Mathematics Advisory Panel research shows that students who do well in algebra are more likely to succeed in college and to be ready for better career opportunities in the global economy.

Algebra 1 is known as the “gatekeeper” class because it is the first math class that requires abstract thinking and problem solving. Unfortunately, algebra becomes the first stumbling block many students may encounter. A 2006 study at Florida International University found that students who failed Algebra 1 were four times more likely to drop out of high school than those who passed the course. EdOptions' award-winning algebra course can help prepare these students to be successful in this crucial class and beyond.

“Our interactive curriculum engages all students and explains complicated concepts through interesting real world examples,” states Janice Wilder, Vice President of Academics and Curriculum. Research shows that a rigorous high school curriculum is the single most important factor in determining whether young people succeed in college and in the workplace. EdOptions provides educators with comprehensive Web-based tools that develop their students' fundamental skills to ensure their future success.

“We are especially excited that our Algebra 1 course won this prestigious award. Algebra is a gateway to success in the 21st century,” said Tom Sawner, CEO of EdOptions (<http://www.edoptions.com/about/ceo.html>). “Our goal is to prepare all students with the building blocks necessary for both postsecondary education and workforce training.”

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 triple-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/>.