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KENTUCKY AWARDS 39 GRANTS TO SCHOOLS TO USE NUMBER WORLDS, SRA/MCGRAW-HILL'S MATH INTERVENTION PROGRAM

FRANKFORT, Ky. – SRA/McGraw-Hill's *Number Worlds* was one of two programs identified by the Kentucky Committee for Math Achievement as an effective early math intervention tool to be used by schools awarded a Math Achievement Fund grant by the Kentucky Department of Education.

On June 2, the schools receiving the grant were announced on the department's Web site at www.education.ky.gov. Thirty-nine of the 45 schools will use SRA's *Number Worlds*.

The Kentucky Committee for Math Achievement was established under House Bill 93 to enhance knowledge of and access to exemplary mathematics research and resources; create an environment conducive to building mathematics capacity; expand teachers' mathematical content knowledge, pedagogical skills and knowledge, and enjoyment of teaching mathematics; and increase the number and the retention rate of Kentucky teachers with expertise in mathematics and mathematics teaching.

The committee of 25 education experts in the state met over the last year to set criteria for math intervention curricula and to find programs that meet those criteria and that are research-based.

"After hearing presentations by educators representing primary intervention programs and carefully reviewing existing materials, the Committee recommended two programs that show considerable promise," said Dr. William S. Bush, Chair, of the Committee on Mathematics Achievement and professor at the University of Louisville. Bush added that *Number Worlds* is one of the two programs with a "high potential for success" that is based on "substantial research on young children's developmental learning of numeracy and mathematics."

The Kentucky Center for Mathematics (KCM) will be responsible for developing and executing an implementation, research and evaluation plan to put into action the goals outlined by the Committee for Mathematics Achievement. KCM will provide training for grant recipients using *Number Worlds* and will track the effectiveness of the program. More information is available on its Web site at kentuckymathematics.org.

Schools that did not apply for or receive the Math Achievement Funds grant may still sign-up for *Number Worlds* training. Contact Stephenie_Harrington@mcgraw-hill.com for more information on the *Number Worlds* training in Kentucky.

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About Number Worlds

Number Worlds is a research-proven Grades Pre-K–6 intensive mathematics intervention program that focuses on students who are one or more grade levels behind. It provides all the tools teachers need to assess students' abilities, individualize instruction, build foundational skills and concepts, and make learning fun. *Number Worlds* is the only program that includes prevention instruction for students in Grades Pre-K–1. For students in Grades 2–6 who are behind in math, *Number Worlds* uses a carefully structured sequence of hands-on, computer, discussion, and paper-and-pencil activities to help teachers develop student skills and understanding. Standards-based assessment and progress-monitoring ensure correct student placement and tracks their progress.

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