

# **BUCKLE DOWN PUBLISHING**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BUCKLE DOWN PUBLISHING INTRODUCES NEW PSSA SCIENCE PREP MATERIALS FOR PENNSYLVANIA**

Iowa City, IA, August 9, 2007 — Buckle Down Publishing, a national leader in state-specific test preparation and a Hights Cross Communications company, has introduced new science test-preparation materials developed exclusively for the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing program. The new editions, released in time for the '07-'08 school year, are 100% aligned with the 2007 Pennsylvania Assessment Anchors and Eligible Content for science. The new editions provide students with test-formatted practice. New titles were released for PSSA Science in Grades 4 and 8.

Highlights of the new *Buckle Down PSSA Science* series include:

- End-of-lesson practice sections and two external practice tests matched to the PSSA test in format and question types, building familiarity and reducing test anxiety.
- Pennsylvania-specific content to build on students' experiential base and reinforce learning.
- Appropriate page counts and uncluttered layouts to make materials approachable for frustrated learners and build student confidence.

“The 2006-07 school year was the first time that science testing was mandated under No Child Left Behind,” said Dr. Tom Emrick, President of Buckle Down Publishing. “In this emerging subject area, we’re proud to provide Pennsylvania students with the materials they need to excel on the PSSA Science assessment.”

Buckle Down workbooks and practice tests are developed exclusively for classroom review in preparation for the PSSA testing program. For additional information, visit [www.BuckleDown.com](http://www.BuckleDown.com) or call 800-776-3454 to reach Customer Service.

**About Buckle Down Publishing:**

Buckle Down Publishing, a division of Haight Cross Communications' Triumph Learning unit, is one of the nation's leading publishers of state-specific, test-preparation materials. Founded in 1982 and based in Iowa City, IA, Buckle Down creates supplemental student workbooks and practice tests that combine standards-based review and test-formatted practice with regionalized content. Together, Buckle Down and Triumph Learning are the largest publisher of standards-focused materials used to prepare for the tests mandated by NCLB legislation. For more information, visit [www.BuckleDown.com](http://www.BuckleDown.com).

**About Haight Cross Communications:**

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Haight Cross is a leading developer and publisher of products for the kindergarten through twelfth grade, or K-12, supplemental education, library, and medical education markets. Haight Cross imprints include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). For more information visit [www.haightcross.com](http://www.haightcross.com).

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