



Pointers For Parents

Parents—Take Action and Help Your Kids Read

(NAPSA)—Nearly 70 percent of fourth graders in America read below grade level, and experts nationwide are calling for more research-based reading instruction—both in school and at home.

Parents can take action and help their children learn how to read by utilizing an inexpensive resource offered by the non-profit American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE; www.abcte.org or 1-877-669-2228).

ABCTE is offering the innovative *ABCs of Reading Instruction* CD-ROM course to help parents learn to teach reading. *ABCs of Reading Instruction* provides lessons on the science of reading and is modeled on the recommendations of the National Reading Panel.

“The course was initially designed as a training tool for classroom teachers, but parents can use it to help their children, too,” said ABCTE President David Saba. ABCTE is a national teacher-certification organization, funded in part by U.S. Department of Education grants.

Almost three out of four fourth-graders are reading below grade level. Parents can help improve reading scores by learning effective techniques in reading instruction. (T)

ABCs of Reading Instruction is presented in a dynamic textbook format and features graphics, animations, text, audio and video. Modules include phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and text comprehension. The cost of the CD-ROM is only \$75.

For parents who want to ensure that they mastered the content of the course, ABCTE offers a professional certificate program. Designed for elementary teachers, the program is also available for parents and non-school-based reading instructors. The certificate program requires candidates to complete a computer-based exam on reading acquisition.

To purchase *ABCs of Reading Instruction*, visit www.abcte.org/reading or call 1-877-669-2228.