

# School News & Notes

## Improve Your Child's Test Performance

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, parents, teachers and administrators are doing their homework when it comes to finding ways to help children perform better in school and on state tests.

Consider these helpful hints from The Princeton Review (TPR), a test preparation company with more than 20 years of experience helping to raise students' standardized test scores:

- Make sure you are aware of the date your child will take his or her state test.
- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test and eats a healthy breakfast that morning.
- Wish your child good luck before he or she leaves.
- Ask about the test when your child returns from school, but don't overemphasize its importance.
- Explore resources to help your child prepare for the test. Several education companies with experience in preparing students for college and graduate school admission have developed educational tools for younger students. Some offer discounted services for parents, or free parent access with a school-bought subscription.

For example, the Princeton Review K-12 Services offers a suite of products designed specifically to help students excel on state tests. Many schools across the country use their online tool Homeroom.com in the classroom. You can also use it at home to help reinforce skills your child learns in school, pinpoint areas that need



### Online tools can help reinforce the skills your child is learning in the classroom.

extra work, increase test scores, and improve your child's academic performance.

"The beauty of these products is that they are designed to meet the needs of students, teachers, parents and administrators," says Stephen Kutno, VP of Education Policy and Strategy at The Princeton Review K-12 Services. "With this software, each person who has a stake in the success of the student on state tests has an ability to assist in that success."

Every school subscription to Homeroom includes free parent accounts; contact your child's school to find out if it uses the service. To learn more, or to purchase your own subscription to use at home, go to [www.k12.princetonreview.com](http://www.k12.princetonreview.com), or call 1-800-REVIEW-2.