CHESTERFIELD COUNTY JOINS OTHER VIRGINIA DISTRICTS IN SAYING YES TO EDUCATIONAL VIDEO GAMES FROM TABULA DIGITA

Districts across the state are combining educational content with digital game technology and collaborative social network features to improve student test scores

New York, March 14, 2011 – Sixteen schools in Chesterfield County Public Schools outside of Richmond have officially ‘got game’ with the recent addition of Tabula Digita’s research-based DimensionU Learning System to its math classrooms.

“We are thrilled to have our students join what is becoming the world’s largest community of students pursuing collaborative learning in immersive worlds,” said Greg Jastrzemski, instructional specialist for mathematics. “It’s one of the most engaging and relevant student practice tools I have ever seen. It not only captures student interest but it invigorates their learning; even for a complex subject like math.”

The schools in Chesterfield County join those in numerous other Virginia districts including Montgomery County, Loudoun County, Alexandria City, Fairfax County, and Richmond City, among others that over the past two years have embraced the content-rich, educational video game technology as a way to help students learn and perform at higher academic levels.

“These schools represent the very essence of why we developed the DimensionU Learning System, to provide students a with a reason to become involved, eager, and committed to improving their mastery of math, literacy, and even science,” said Ntiedo Etuk, chief executive officer and co-founder of Tabula Digita. “Adding educational video games and the social network component now available in our games to classrooms is a very powerful way to add relevance to a student’s education. They feel vested in
their learning because educational gaming encourages active and critical, not passive, learning and that’s what resonates with young people today.”

For Jastrzembski, adding DimensionU goes beyond the intrinsic ingenuity of gaming in the classroom. “The research speaks for itself: well-designed immersive educational video games can improve students’ mastery of mathematical skills and significantly raise scores on benchmark exams. In its short tenure here in Chesterfield, we already have several testimonies of students succeeding in math where they otherwise weren’t before.”

In all, DimensionU Games embed over 400 math and literacy skills in a multitude of 3D, interactive formats. Available on both Windows and Macintosh platforms, the games assist students in learning and mastering multi-faceted mathematical and literacy concepts within three-dimensional, lesson-based environments. The DimensionU Games for math include four distinct missions for students in grade three through 12 and have proven effective in introducing math concepts, differentiating instruction, engaging students in their own learning, increasing time on task, enhancing student motivation, and improving academic achievement. All the math games align to standards set by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and all mathematics and literacy content is aligned to standards for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

About Tabula Digita
Since 2007, Tabula Digita has set a new course in the development of innovative educational video games. Through its collaborative, content-rich, immersive learning environments, Tabula Digita’s DimensionU Learning System offers research-based instructional tools that support math, literacy and science curriculum for elementary, middle and high school students.

Students in more than 70 school districts across the country are currently using Tabula Digita games including New York City Public Schools, Chicago Public Schools, Miami-Dade and Broward County Public Schools in Florida, and Dallas, Austin and Ft. Worth Independent School Districts in Texas. For more information, please call 1-877-6-TABULA or 1-877-682-2852 or visit www.DimensionU.com.

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