

**Today's News Brief**  
is now available.

# eSCHOOL NEWS

*Daily Tech News & Innovation*

Join over 150,000 of your Peers!

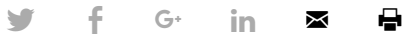
Get the latest ed-tech news & innovations delivered to your email!

NEWS

## New service is like 'Consumer Reports' for ed tech

BY DENNIS PIERCE, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR, [@ESN\\_DENNIS](#)

April 2nd, 2014



### Learning List is a subscription-based service that helps schools evaluate instructional materials



A new Texas-based service could help K-12 educators choose the best instructional materials for their schools.

Called Learning List, the subscription-based service describes itself as a combination “Consumer Reports” and “Angie’s List” for K-12 curriculum products and online courses. Its professional curriculum and software reviews can save schools money by supplementing the local review process, said Founder and President Jackie Lain.

Learning List describes itself as a combination “Consumer Reports”

and “Angie’s List” for K-12 curriculum products.

A former associate executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards who also worked for Standard and Poor’s School Evaluation Services division, Lain launched Learning List last fall to serve Texas school districts. Beginning this month, the service is expanding its reach nationwide.

Subscribers can access Learning List’s online library of completed reviews, and they also can ask Learning List to review additional materials in the subjects it already covers.

Learning List employs more than 30 professional reviewers. All are current teachers with at least five years’ experience and certification in the subjects and grade levels of the instructional materials they are reviewing, Lain said.

*(Next page: How Learning List ensures the objectivity of reviews—and which subjects its reviews currently cover)*

1 2 [Read More »](#)

