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One2OneMate offers a Linux-based laptop for schools

One2OneMate, a division of California-based Alta Heights Technology Corp., has introduced what it calls the first Linux-based laptop for education. (The much-publicized One Laptop Per Child initiative, commonly known as the "\$100 laptop," aims to distribute low-cost laptops running on a customized version of the Linux operating system to students in developing nations, but as of press time only demonstration versions of this computer were in use.)

The StudentMate features a seven-inch color screen, a full-size QWERTY keyboard, Ethernet connectivity (with optional wireless), Flash, a web browser, Word- and Excel-compatible applications, a typing tutor, eMail, and a five-year warranty. It includes touch-screen functionality and comes with 128 megabytes of base memory, as well as a Secure Digital card slot and two USB ports.

"The StudentMate is designed to offer teachers and students the means through which affordable technology can be available and adapted to today's ever-changing [school] environment. Simple to use and compatible with all computers, the StudentMate offers every student a portable computing hardware and software solution, allowing for learning to occur anytime and anywhere," the company says.

The device is available starting at \$399. www.one2onemate.com/student.html

New technology-based curriculum teaches students language arts and critical thinking

SRA/McGraw Hill has unveiled a new reading and language-arts curriculum for

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