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NACOL Releases Second in Promising Practices in Online Learning Series:
Using Online Learning for At-Risk Students and Credit Recovery

WASHINGTON, DC, July 1, 2008 – The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL) is pleased to announce the release of *Using Online Learning for At-Risk Students and Credit Recovery*, the second report in the 2008 *Promising Practices in Online Learning* series, researching and highlighting case studies and promising practices for K-12 online learning.

Susan Patrick, President of NACOL, states, “When students are struggling, online learning opens new pathways to success. Online learning is expanding access and opportunities for schools to offer engaging alternative programs to build knowledge and skills – helping students become ready for graduation and prepare them for new opportunities in lifelong learning.”

As online programs increasingly focus on at-risk students and credit recovery, educators are finding new ways for reaching students and understanding how to overcome specific issues. This promising practices paper explores the issues and solutions for credit recovery through online learning case studies.

According to author John Watson, of Evergreen Consulting Associates, “As online learning moves past the early adopter phase, the growth of online programs focused on at-risk students or credit recovery has redefined how educational technology can be used to address the needs of all students, from advanced students in search of Advanced Placement or dual-credit courses, to at-risk students trying to find the right instructional mix to fit their learning styles.”

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The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL) is an international K-12 non-profit association advocating online learning to increase access to high quality education and represents the interests of educational stakeholders, providers and students worldwide (www.nacol.org). NACOL is the host of the Virtual School Symposium, October 26-28, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ (www.virtualschoolsymposium.org).