2015 Instructional Material Summer Review Institute

Grade K – 8 : English Language Arts/Reading; CORE Reading Intervention; Modern, Classical and Native Languages

**Review Team Appraisal of Title – English Language Arts/Reading**

This information is provided for local school boards and governing authorities of charter schools to consider in their selection process to meet the needs of their student population.

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| Text Title: | Texts for Close Reading Leveled Texts | Publisher: | Benchmark Education Company |
| Course: | ELA | Grade Level: | First |
| SE ISBN: | 9781450987677 | TE ISBN: | 9781450990677 |

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| **SECTION 1 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 1 Total: 1. #19 TOTAL 608 2. #20 TOTAL 615 3. #21 TOTAL 608  Average Score: 610 |
| **SECTION 1 ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 1: There are many separate components of this program. Teachers will need to integrate the separate components into everyday lessons. Reader’s and Writer’s workshop are strong components for experienced teachers. Foundation skills and Phonological skills are addressed in this program. Assessments and checklists are provided for every aspect of the program, including pre and post tests. |
| **SECTION 2 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2 Total: 1. #19 TOTAL 220 2. #20 TOTAL 224 3. #21 TOTAL 222  Average Score: 222 |
| **SECTION 2.A ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.A: Many formative assessments (paper pencil, observational, performance and students’ self-assessments)` |
| **SECTION 2.B ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.B: Stories represented a variety of cultures and covered many genres. Scope and Sequence charts were provided in all T.E. Lessons had components for meeting ELL and struggling students. |
| **Reviewer Comments** |
| Reviewer #: 19 Reviewer Background: Level III B Literacy Specialist with over 25 years’ experience. Experience teaching Elementary and Middle School as well as administration experience. Comments: Program has various materials that support literacy skills.  Reviewer #: 20 Reviewer Background: ELA Instructional Leader and Coach, 15 years teaching primary grades, Level 3A  Reviewer #: 21 Reviewer Background: ELA Instructional Leader and Coach, 25 years teaching primary grades, Level 3A Comments: A wide variety of components for teachers to select from. Writer’s workshop is strong. Foundational Skills are met in this program. Teachers not experienced with Reader and Writer’s workshops may need guidance integrating all of the pieces of this program. |