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 | Publisher: | Benchmark |
| Course: |       | Grade Level: | Second |
| SE ISBN: | 9781450987820 | TE ISBN: | 9781450990691 |

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| **SECTION 1 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 1 Total: 1. #19 TOTAL 566 2. #20 TOTAL 596 3. #21 TOTAL 586 Average Score: 583 |
| **SECTION 1 ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 1: Unit Dividers front and back include mini lessons focus, recommended read alouds, multi-cultural connections and research and collaboration supports. Direct explicit instruction in Reading Foundation and Language Skills are applied to continuous texts. A variety of text genres including digital readers support literacy standards. |
| **SECTION 2 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2 Total: 1. #19 TOTAL 235 2. #20 TOTAL 221 3. #21 TOTAL 224 Average Score: 227 |
| **SECTION 2.A ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.A: Many resources for organizing a classroom with a Reading and Writing Workshop structure. Anchor texts for all writing genres are included. Phonics and Language and grammar lessons are included. Writing and Language Handbook has excellent resources for supporting grammar and a variety of writing genres. EOU assessments focus on metacognitive and comprehension strategies designed to measure specific skills taught.     ` |
| **SECTION 2.B ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.B: Below and above grade level texts are one grade level above and below providing a wide breadth of levels. |
| **Reviewer Comments** |
| Reviewer #: 19 Reviewer Background: Level III B Literacy Specialist with over 25 years’ experience. Comments:      Technology is supported well at this age level.Reviewer #: 20 Reviewer Background: ELA Instructional Coach, 13 years teaching and teacher leader experience       Comments: The texts students read independently are offered for each unit include grade level, a grade level above and a grade level below for students with a variety of abilities. Reviewer #: 21 Reviewer Background: Level III A ELA Instructional Leader and Coach, 25 years teaching primary grades Comments: Anchor texts are provided for teaching the basic writing genres. Anchor charts and texts will facilitate writing instruction.       |