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: | Journeys Common Core 2013 | Publisher: | Houghton Mifflin |
| Course: | ELA | Grade Level: | Third |
| SE ISBN: | 9780547885025 | TE ISBN: | 9780547972893 |

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| **SECTION 1 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 1 Total: 1. # 22 TOTAL 725 2. # 23 TOTAL 721 3. # 24 TOTAL 725  Average Score: 723 |
| **SECTION 1 ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 1:  Program included a variety of quality literature with complex text. Graphic organizers were abundant to help students organize text information for multiple opportunities for writing, speaking and listening. Citing textual evidence is incorporated throughout the program. Instructions for close reading are included for anchor text. Exposure, explanations and examples of formal and informal language was evident throughout the curriculum. The program encouraged taping student’s reading to improve fluency. |
| **SECTION 2 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2 Total: 1. # 22 TOTAL 200 2. # 23 TOTAL 185 3. # 24 TOTAL 180  Average Score: 188 |
| **SECTION 2.A ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.A:  Rubrics for text complexity, presentation, writing opinions, informative writing, and retelling narratives were included as a resource. |
| **SECTION 2.B ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.B:  Common Core planning and pacing guide is present and shows a clear progression of student learning. Textbook provides a variety of cultural perspectives used within the lesson content to account for various cultural/background experiences. |
| **Reviewer Comments** |
| Reviewer #: 22 Reviewer Background: Level 3 K-3 of 15 years Comments: Programs activities/lessons are research based and clearly cited in the resource section.  Reviewer #: 23 Reviewer Background: Level 3 District Literacy Coach. 24 years experience. Comments: Student materials included a magazine which is inviting for this age learner. Resources were well organized and teacher/student friendly.  Reviewer #: 24 Reviewer Background: Level 3 Reading Specialist. 20 years experience. Comments: Program had engaging research projects that incorporated many common core standards. Excellent literature and informational text were embedded throughout the curriculum. |