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: | Pearson System of Courses Kindergarten | Publisher: | Pearson Education, INC. |
|  |  | Grade Level: | Kindergarten |
| SE ISBN: | 9780133316711 | TE ISBN: | 9780133316711 |
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| **SECTION 1 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 1 Total: 1. #19 TOTAL 532 2. #20 TOTAL 540 3. #21 TOTAL 528  Average Score: 533 |
| **SECTION 1 ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 1:  The Pearson System of Courses curriculum spirals each strand through the lessons in a unit.  This program is digital and tools are easy for students to use and navigate through the different components.  Student portfolios are kept digitally and travel with the student from one grade to the next providing a longitudinal perspective of student achievement.  The Pearson System of Courses needs to be teacher directed. It is not a plug and play. Teacher resources are abundant and friendly to navigate through.  While Reading Foundational skills are present, additional support may be needed. |
| **SECTION 2 SCORE** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2 Total: 1. #19 TOTAL 195 2. #20 TOTAL 195 3. #21 TOTAL 195  Average Score: |
| **SECTION 2.A ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.A   * In terms of differentiation and dealing with students at distinct levels in the same classroom, the Pearson System of Courses includes strategies, scaffolding, and assessments which greatly aid the teacher in maintaining a classroom environment in which all students have a opportunity to grow. * Reading selections are varied and include many different genres and interest levels appropriate for the grade level. The platform allows the inclusion of a much greater range of informational and prose texts. * Many units include multi-cultural settings and characters.   : |
| **SECTION 2.B ASSESSMENT** |
| Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 2.B:  Rubrics are provided and appropriate for the grade level. Rubrics would be a great tool for the teacher to guide his/her instructional planning to insure that students will achieve grade level standards. The Pearson System of Courses sets up students to be independent learners. |
| **Reviewer Comments** |
| Reviewer #: 19 Reviewer Background: Level 3 Literacy Specialist with over 25 years’ experience teaching elementary and mid-school. Comments: This program will provide students with an opportunity to build technological skills while developing their literacy abilities.  Reviewer #: 20 Reviewer Background: Level 3 ELA Instructional Coach Comments: This program is most effective with 1:1 technology  Reviewer #: 21 Reviewer Background: Level 3 Elementary teacher and Instructional Coach 25 years’ experience in teaching reading. Comments: This is a program that has many components all provided in digital format. No need to hunt down materials! |