

Instructional Materials Evaluation - Student Standards Review

Louisiana educators engaged in a professional review of the state’s academic standards for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics to ensure they continue to maintain strong expectations for teaching and learning aligned with college and workplace demands. The new ELA and math standards will be effective beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. As part of the Louisiana Department of Education’s support for a seamless transition to these new standards, the LDOE identified the major changes of the standards and their potential impact upon criteria used to review instructional materials.

Title: **PARCC Made Easy**

Grade: **6-8**

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Overall Rating: **Tier III, not representing quality**

This Mathematics review has been examined for the following major shifts in alignment resulting from the Louisiana Student Standards Review:

- Include standards for money in grades K, 1, and 3 to ensure connections that provide smooth transitions from one grade to the next
- Provide developmentally appropriate content for all grades or courses while maintaining high expectations:
 - Additive area is moved to grade 4 from grade 3
 - The Statistics - Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability (S-CP) domain is moved from Algebra II to Geometry
 - The standards provide extra clarity around the distinction between Algebra I and II

The following two indicators may be impacted:

- Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)
- Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)

This review remains a Tier 3 rating. As a result of these changes, the following chart identifies the potential impact on specific elements in the current review. The LDOE recommends that district curriculum staff, principals, and teachers take these findings into consideration when using these instructional materials.

Criteria	Currently in the Rubric	Next Steps for Educators
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	This program currently is reviewed as “Yes” for this criteria because the materials devote the majority of class time to the major work of the grade and spend minimal time outside the appropriate grade level.	Make sure to review all assessment materials to ensure alignment to new clarifications/limitations and the revised, as well as, the placement of standards by grade/course.
Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)	This program currently is reviewed as “No” for these criteria because the supporting content is not connected to major content in meaningful ways. Most of the activities stand alone for the particular standard or skill that is being addressed.	Since these materials received a “No” for this indicator, the current weakness will likely remain and should be addressed by adjusting or supplementing with stronger programs.

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Tier I, Tier II, Tier III Elements of this review:

STRONG	WEAK
1. Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	2. Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)
	3. Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)
	4. Focus Coh. via Practice Std (Non-Negotiable)

Each set of submitted materials was evaluated for alignment with the standards beginning with a review of the indicators for the non-negotiable criteria. If those criteria were met, a review of the other criteria ensued.

Tier 1 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1 – 7.

Tier 2 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” in Column 1 for the remaining criteria.

Tier 3 ratings receive a “No” in Column 1 for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.

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[Grade 6 \(Tier 3\)](#)

[Grade 7 \(Tier 3\)](#)

[Grade 8 \(Tier 3\)](#)



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	3. Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)
	4. Focus Coh. via Practice Std (Non-Negotiable)

To evaluate each set of submitted materials for alignment with the standards, begin by reviewing the required indicators listed in Column 2 for the non-negotiable criteria in Section I. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicator in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

For Section II, begin by reviewing the required indicators in Column 2 for each criterion. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

Tier 1 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1 – 7.

Tier 2 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” in Column 1 for the remaining criteria.

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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Yes/No)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS WITH EXAMPLES
SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria in order for the review to continue.			
<p>Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS ON MAJOR WORK¹: Students and teachers using the materials as designed devote the large majority² of time in each grade K–8 to the major work of the grade.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 1a) In any one grade, aligned materials should spend minimal time on content outside of the appropriate grade levels. In aligned materials there are no chapter tests, unit tests, or other such assessment components that make students or teachers responsible for any topics before the grade in which they are introduced in the Standards.³</p>	Yes	<p>Student materials focus on 6th grade standards. A chart of the standards is provided on page iii of the student material and page 8 of the teacher material. At the beginning of each chapter, the standards are listed for the chapter. For example, Chapter 1 addresses standards 6.NS.1 and 6.NS.4.</p>
<p>Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 2a) Materials connect supporting content to major content in meaningful ways so that focus and coherence are enhanced throughout the year.⁴</p> <p>2b) Materials including problems and activities that serve to connect two or more clusters in a domain, or two or more domains in a grade, in cases where these connections are natural and important.⁵</p>	No	<p>Supporting content is not connected to major content in meaningful ways. Three of the four supporting standards in Grade 6- 6.G.A.1, 6.G.A.2, and 6.G.A.4- are taught in isolation in Chapters 11 and 12.</p>
<p>Non-Negotiable 3. RIGOR AND BALANCE: Each grade’s instructional materials reflect the balances in the standards and help students meet the standards’ rigorous expectations, by helping students</p>	<p>REQUIRED 3a) Attention to Conceptual Understanding: Materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, especially where called for explicitly in specific content standards or cluster headings by amply featuring high-quality conceptual problems and conceptual discussion questions.</p>	No	<p>These materials do not develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts. For example, cluster 6.RP.A focuses on understanding ratio concepts and using ratio reasoning to solve problems. Equivalent ratios are introduced on Page 91. The example uses a cross-multiplication solution method that does not emphasize equivalent ratios. Later on, other models of ratios are provided, but the equivalence of the ratios is not emphasized, and</p>

¹ For more on the major work of the grade, see [Focus by Grade Level](#).

² The materials should devote at least 65% and up to approximately 85% of class time to the major work of the grade with Grades K–2 nearer the upper end of that range, i.e., 85%.

³ Refer also to criterion #2 in the K–8 [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁴ Refer also to criterion #3 in the K–8 [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁵ Refer also to criterion #6 in the K–8 [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application. ⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			students are often prompted to find ratios in "simplest form" (see page 97). As a result, conceptual understanding of equivalent ratios is not developed in these materials.
	REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: The materials are designed so that students attain the fluencies and procedural skills required by the Standards. Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In grades K-6, materials provide repeated practice toward attainment of fluency standards. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to have the foundation for later work in algebra.	No	These materials are not designed so that students attain the fluencies and procedural skills required by the Standards. Standards 6.NS.B.2 and 6.NS.B.3 target fluency. Standard 6.NS.B.2 is only addressed in Chapter 3, and Standard 6.NS.B.3 is only addressed in Chapter 2.
	REQUIRED 3c) Attention to Applications: Materials are designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with engaging applications, without losing focus on the major work of each grade including ample practice with single-step and multi-step contextual problems, including non-routine problems, that develop the mathematics of the grade, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving. Application problems particularly stress applying the Major Work of the grade.	Yes	Within each chapter, students are given engaging application problems which practice the skill(s) learned during the chapter. For example, Chapter 2 (Decimals) has 12 single step and 4 multi-step problems for students to practice applying the new skill. These problems are not part of the chapter review or assessment.
	3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.	Yes	The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together and are not always treated separately.
Non-Negotiable 4. FOCUS AND COHERENCE VIA PRACTICE STANDARDS: Materials promote focus and coherence by connecting practice standards with content that is emphasized in the Standards. ⁷	REQUIRED 4a) Materials address the practice standards in such a way as to enrich the Major Work of the grade; practices strengthen the focus on Major Work instead of detracting from it, in both teacher and student materials.	No	Practice standards are not used or addressed in the material. The material focuses on Depth of Knowledge.

⁶ Refer also to criterion #4 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁷ Refer also to criterion #8 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
SECTION II: ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<p>Additional Criterion 5. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT: Materials foster focus and coherence by linking topics within grades (across domains and clusters) and across grades by staying consistent with the progressions in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 5a) Materials base content progressions on the grade-by-grade progressions in the Standards. Content from previous or future grades does not unduly interfere with or displace on-grade-level content.⁸</p> <p>REQUIRED 5b) Materials provide all students extensive work with course-level problems. Review of material from previous grades and courses is clearly identified as such to the teacher, and teachers and students can see what their specific responsibility is for the current year.¹⁰</p> <p>5c) Materials relate course-level concepts explicitly to prior knowledge from earlier grades and courses. The materials are designed so that prior knowledge becomes reorganized and extended to accommodate the new knowledge.¹⁰</p> <p>5d) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster headings.⁹</p> <p>5e) Materials preserve the focus, coherence, and rigor of the Standards even when targeting specific objectives.¹¹</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p> <p>Not Evaluated</p> <p>Not Evaluated</p> <p>Not Evaluated</p> <p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p> <p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p> <p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p> <p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p> <p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
<p>Additional Criterion 6. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE: Aligned materials make meaningful and purposeful connections that enhance the focus and coherence of the standards rather than detract from the focus and include additional content/skills to teach</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Included Practice Standards: Materials attend to the full meaning of each included practice standard.¹⁰ Over the course of any given year of instruction, mathematical practice standards are meaningfully present in the form of assignments, activities, or problems that stimulate students to develop the habits of mind described in the practice standard.¹¹ There are teacher-directed materials that explain the role of the practice standards in the classroom and in students' mathematical development. Alignments to practice standards are accurate.</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>

⁸ Refer also to criterion #5 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁹ Refer also to criterion #6 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹⁰ Refer also to criterion #9 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹¹ Refer also to criterion #7 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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<p>which are not included in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6b) Materials Support the Standards’ Emphasis on Mathematical Reasoning: Materials provide sufficient opportunities for students to construct viable arguments and critique the arguments of other concerning key grade-level mathematics that is detailed in the content standards (cf. MP.3). Materials engage students in problem solving as a form of argument, attending thoroughly to places in the standards that explicitly set expectations for multi-step problems.¹²</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
	<p>6c) Materials explicitly attend to the specialized language of mathematics.¹²</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
<p>Additional Criterion 7. INDICATORS OF QUALITY: Quality materials should exhibit the indicators outlined here in order to give teachers and students the tools they need to meet the expectations of the Standards.¹³</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 7a) The underlying design of the materials distinguishes between problems and exercises. In essence the difference is that in solving problems, students learn new mathematics, whereas in working exercises, students apply what they have already learned to build mastery. Each problem or exercise has a purpose.</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED 7b) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED 7c) There is variety in what students produce. For example, students are asked to produce answers and solutions, but also, in a grade-appropriate way, arguments and explanations, diagrams, mathematical models, etc.</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED 7d) Support for English Language Learners and other special populations is thoughtful and helps those students meet the same standards as all other students. The language in which problems are posed is carefully considered.</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>
	<p>7e) There are separate teacher materials that support and reward teacher study including, but not limited to: discussion of the</p>	<p>Not Evaluated</p>	<p>This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.</p>

¹² Refer also to criterion #10 in the K–8 [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹³ Refer also to pages 18-20 in the K – 8 [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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	mathematics of the units and the mathematical point of each lesson as it relates to the organizing concepts of the unit, discussion on student ways of thinking and anticipating a variety of students responses, guidance on lesson flow, guidance on questions that prompt students thinking, and discussion of desired mathematical behaviors being elicited among students.		
	7f) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7g) Lessons are thoughtfully structured and support the teacher in leading the class through the learning paths at hand, with active participation by all students in their own learning and in the learning of their classmates.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7h) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL EVALUATION <i>Tier 1 ratings</i> receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1 – 7. <i>Tier 2 ratings</i> receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” in Column 1 for the remaining criteria. <i>Tier 3 ratings</i> receive a “No” in Column 1 for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Yes/No	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	Focus of the major work is present for grade 6 with standards being listed.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	No	Often supporting content is not connected to major content of the grade.
	3. Rigor and Balance	No	Conceptual understanding and fluency are not adequately addressed in the materials.
	4. Focus and Coherence via Practice Standards	No	Practice standards are not used or addressed in the material. The material focuses on Depth of Knowledge.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL DECISION FOR THIS MATERIAL: <u>Tier III, Not representing quality</u>			

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Tier I, Tier II, Tier III Elements of this review:

STRONG	WEAK
1. Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	2. Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)
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For Section II, begin by reviewing the required indicators in Column 2 for each criterion. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

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SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria in order for the review to continue.			
<p>Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS ON MAJOR WORK¹⁴: Students and teachers using the materials as designed devote the large majority¹⁵ of time in each grade K–8 to the major work of the grade.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 1a) In any one grade, aligned materials should spend minimal time on content outside of the appropriate grade levels. In aligned materials there are no chapter tests, unit tests, or other such assessment components that make students or teachers responsible for any topics before the grade in which they are introduced in the Standards.¹⁶</p>	Yes	Student materials focus on 7th grade standards. A chart of the standards is provided on page iii of the student material and page 7 of the teacher material. At the beginning of each chapter, the standards are listed for the chapter. For example, Chapter 1 addresses standards 7.NS.1 and 7.NS.2.
<p>Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 2a) Materials connect supporting content to major content in meaningful ways so that focus and coherence are enhanced throughout the year.¹⁷</p> <p>2b) Materials including problems and activities that serve to connect two or more clusters in a domain, or two or more domains in a grade, in cases where these connections are natural and important.¹⁸</p>	No	Supporting content is not connected to major content in meaningful ways. For example, standards in the supporting clusters, 7.SP.A and 7.SP.C, are taught in isolation.
<p>Non-Negotiable 3. RIGOR AND BALANCE: Each grade’s instructional materials reflect the balances in the standards and help students meet the standards’ rigorous expectations, by helping students</p>	<p>REQUIRED 3a) Attention to Conceptual Understanding: Materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, especially where called for explicitly in specific content standards or cluster headings by amply featuring high-quality conceptual problems and conceptual discussion questions.</p>	No	These materials do not develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts. For example, standard 7.NS.A.2b requires students to understand $-(p/q)=(-p)/q=p/(-q)$. Chapter 1 addresses this standard by stating "If fractions have an even number of negative signs, they simplify to a positive fraction" and "If fractions have an odd number of negative signs, they simplify to negative fractions." No explanation for signs other than this counting method is

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¹⁷ Refer also to criterion #3 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹⁸ Refer also to criterion #6 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application. ¹⁹ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			provided. As a result, conceptual understanding of division of rational numbers is not developed in these materials.
	REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: The materials are designed so that students attain the fluencies and procedural skills required by the Standards. Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In grades K-6, materials provide repeated practice toward attainment of fluency standards. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to have the foundation for later work in algebra.	Yes	Materials do provide repeated exposure to fluency standards. For example, 7.NS.A.1 is addressed in Chapters 1, 2, and 3.
	REQUIRED 3c) Attention to Applications: Materials are designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with engaging applications, without losing focus on the major work of each grade including ample practice with single-step and multi-step contextual problems, including non-routine problems, that develop the mathematics of the grade, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving. Application problems particularly stress applying the Major Work of the grade.	Yes	Within each chapter, students are given engaging application problems which practice the skill(s) learned during the chapter. For example, Chapter 4 (Multiplying and Dividing Rational Numbers) has 12 single step and 5 multi-step problems for students to practice applying the new skill.
	3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.	Yes	The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.
Non-Negotiable 4. FOCUS AND COHERENCE VIA PRACTICE STANDARDS: Materials promote focus and coherence by connecting practice standards with content that is emphasized in the Standards. ²⁰ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 4a) Materials address the practice standards in such a way as to enrich the Major Work of the grade; practices strengthen the focus on Major Work instead of detracting from it, in both teacher and student materials.	No	Practice standards are not used or addressed in the material. The material focuses on Depth of Knowledge.

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²⁰ Refer also to criterion #8 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013)

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SECTION II: ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<p>Additional Criterion 5. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT: Materials foster focus and coherence by linking topics within grades (across domains and clusters) and across grades by staying consistent with the progressions in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 5a) Materials base content progressions on the grade-by-grade progressions in the Standards. Content from previous or future grades does not unduly interfere with or displace on-grade-level content.²¹</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 5b) Materials provide all students extensive work with course-level problems. Review of material from previous grades and courses is clearly identified as such to the teacher, and teachers and students can see what their specific responsibility is for the current year.¹⁰</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5c) Materials relate course-level concepts explicitly to prior knowledge from earlier grades and courses. The materials are designed so that prior knowledge becomes reorganized and extended to accommodate the new knowledge.¹⁰</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5d) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster headings.²²</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5e) Materials preserve the focus, coherence, and rigor of the Standards even when targeting specific objectives.¹¹</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
<p>Additional Criterion 6. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE: Aligned materials make meaningful and purposeful connections that enhance the focus and coherence of the standards rather than detract from the focus and include additional content/skills to teach which are not included in the standards.</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Included Practice Standards: Materials attend to the full meaning of each included practice standard.²³ Over the course of any given year of instruction, mathematical practice standards are meaningfully present in the form of assignments, activities, or problems that stimulate students to develop the habits of mind described in the practice standard.²⁴ There are teacher-directed materials that explain the role of the practice standards in the classroom and in students' mathematical development. Alignments to practice standards are accurate.</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>6b) Materials Support the Standards' Emphasis on Mathematical Reasoning: Materials provide sufficient opportunities for students to</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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²² Refer also to criterion #6 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

²³ Refer also to criterion #9 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

²⁴ Refer also to criterion #7 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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Additional Criterion 7. INDICATORS OF QUALITY: Quality materials should exhibit the indicators outlined here in order to give teachers and students the tools they need to meet the expectations of the Standards. ²⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 7a) The underlying design of the materials distinguishes between problems and exercises. In essence the difference is that in solving problems, students learn new mathematics, whereas in working exercises, students apply what they have already learned to build mastery. Each problem or exercise has a purpose.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7b) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7c) There is variety in what students produce. For example, students are asked to produce answers and solutions, but also, in a grade-appropriate way, arguments and explanations, diagrams, mathematical models, etc.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7d) Support for English Language Learners and other special populations is thoughtful and helps those students meet the same standards as all other students. The language in which problems are posed is carefully considered.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7e) There are separate teacher materials that support and reward teacher study including, but not limited to: discussion of the mathematics of the units and the mathematical point of each lesson as it relates to the organizing concepts of the unit, discussion on student	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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	7f) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7g) Lessons are thoughtfully structured and support the teacher in leading the class through the learning paths at hand, with active participation by all students in their own learning and in the learning of their classmates.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7h) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL EVALUATION <i>Tier 1 ratings</i> receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1 – 7. <i>Tier 2 ratings</i> receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” in Column 1 for the remaining criteria. <i>Tier 3 ratings</i> receive a “No” in Column 1 for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Yes/No	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	Materials focus on the grade 7 standards.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	No	Often supporting content is not connected to major content of the grade, and most of the activities are stand alone for the particular standard or skill that is being addressed.
	3. Rigor and Balance	No	Conceptual understanding is not adequately addressed in the materials.
	4. Focus and Coherence via Practice Standards	No	Practice standards are not used or addressed in the material. The material focuses on Depth of Knowledge.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.

CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Yes/No)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS WITH EXAMPLES
	7. Indicators of Quality	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL DECISION FOR THIS MATERIAL: <u>Tier III, Not representing quality</u>			

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



Focus strongly where the standards focus

Think across grades, and link to major topics within grades

In major topics, pursue conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application with equal intensity.

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Overall Rating: **Tier III, Not representing quality]**

Tier I, Tier II, Tier III Elements of this review:

STRONG	WEAK
1. Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	2. Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)
	3. Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)
	4. Focus Coh. via Practice Std (Non-Negotiable)

To evaluate each set of submitted materials for alignment with the standards, begin by reviewing the required indicators listed in Column 2 for the non-negotiable criteria in Section I. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicator in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

For Section II, begin by reviewing the required indicators in Column 2 for each criterion. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

Tier 1 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1 – 7.

Tier 2 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” in Column 1 for the remaining criteria.

Tier 3 ratings receive a “No” in Column 1 for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.

CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Yes/No)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS WITH EXAMPLES
SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria in order for the review to continue.			
<p>Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS ON MAJOR WORK²⁷: Students and teachers using the materials as designed devote the large majority²⁸ of time in each grade K–8 to the major work of the grade.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 1a) In any one grade, aligned materials should spend minimal time on content outside of the appropriate grade levels. In aligned materials there are no chapter tests, unit tests, or other such assessment components that make students or teachers responsible for any topics before the grade in which they are introduced in the Standards.²⁹</p>	Yes	Student materials focus on 8th grade standards. A chart of the standards is provided on page iii of the student material and page 6 of the teacher material. At the beginning of each chapter, the standards are listed for the chapter. For example, Chapter 1 addresses standard 8.EE.A.1.
<p>Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 2a) Materials connect supporting content to major content in meaningful ways so that focus and coherence are enhanced throughout the year.³⁰</p> <p>2b) Materials including problems and activities that serve to connect two or more clusters in a domain, or two or more domains in a grade, in cases where these connections are natural and important.³¹</p>	No	Of the six supporting six supporting standards, three are not connected to major content. Standards 8.SP.A.1, 8.SP.A.2, and 8.SP.A.4 are addressed in Chapter 9 with no connection to other standards.
<p>Non-Negotiable 3. RIGOR AND BALANCE: Each grade’s instructional materials reflect the balances in the standards and help students meet the standards’ rigorous expectations, by helping students</p>	<p>REQUIRED 3a) Attention to Conceptual Understanding: Materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, especially where called for explicitly in specific content standards or cluster headings by amply featuring high-quality conceptual problems and conceptual discussion questions.</p>	No	These materials do not develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts. For example, standard 8.EE.B.6 requires students to use similar triangles to explain why the slope m is the same between any two distinct points and derive the equation $y=mx+b$. The materials state that Chapter 11 addresses this standard, but this standard is not adequately addressed. As a result, conceptual understanding of slope is not developed in these

²⁷ For more on the major work of the grade, see [Focus by Grade Level](#).

²⁸ The materials should devote at least 65% and up to approximately 85% of class time to the major work of the grade with Grades K–2 nearer the upper end of that range, i.e., 85%.

²⁹ Refer also to criterion #2 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

³⁰ Refer also to criterion #3 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

³¹ Refer also to criterion #6 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application. ³² <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			materials.
	REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: The materials are designed so that students attain the fluencies and procedural skills required by the Standards. Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In grades K-6, materials provide repeated practice toward attainment of fluency standards. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to have the foundation for later work in algebra.	Yes	Materials do support procedural skill and fluency. For example, students are provided many opportunities to practice 8.EE.C.7. However, most of these opportunities are provided in Chapter 4.
	REQUIRED 3c) Attention to Applications: Materials are designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with engaging applications, without losing focus on the major work of each grade including ample practice with single-step and multi-step contextual problems, including non-routine problems, that develop the mathematics of the grade, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving. Application problems particularly stress applying the Major Work of the grade.	Yes	Within most chapters, students are given application problems which provide practice with the skill(s) learned during the chapter. For example, Chapter 8 (Relations and Functions) provides students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of functions to solve application problems.
	3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.	Yes	Conceptual understanding, fluency and application are taught in isolation in some parts of the material and together in other parts of the material.
Non-Negotiable 4. FOCUS AND COHERENCE VIA PRACTICE STANDARDS: Materials promote focus and coherence by connecting practice standards with content that is emphasized in the Standards. ³³ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 4a) Materials address the practice standards in such a way as to enrich the Major Work of the grade; practices strengthen the focus on Major Work instead of detracting from it, in both teacher and student materials.	No	Practice standards are not used or addressed in the material. The material focuses on Depth of Knowledge.

³² Refer also to criterion #4 in the K-8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

³³ Refer also to criterion #8 in the K-8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013)

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<p>Additional Criterion 5. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT: Materials foster focus and coherence by linking topics within grades (across domains and clusters) and across grades by staying consistent with the progressions in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 5a) Materials base content progressions on the grade-by-grade progressions in the Standards. Content from previous or future grades does not unduly interfere with or displace on-grade-level content.³⁴</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 5b) Materials provide all students extensive work with course-level problems. Review of material from previous grades and courses is clearly identified as such to the teacher, and teachers and students can see what their specific responsibility is for the current year.¹⁰</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5c) Materials relate course-level concepts explicitly to prior knowledge from earlier grades and courses. The materials are designed so that prior knowledge becomes reorganized and extended to accommodate the new knowledge.¹⁰</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5d) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster headings.³⁵</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5e) Materials preserve the focus, coherence, and rigor of the Standards even when targeting specific objectives.¹¹</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
<p>Additional Criterion 6. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE: Aligned materials make meaningful and purposeful connections that enhance the focus and coherence of the standards rather than detract from the focus and include additional content/skills to teach which are not included in the standards.</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Included Practice Standards: Materials attend to the full meaning of each included practice standard.³⁶ Over the course of any given year of instruction, mathematical practice standards are meaningfully present in the form of assignments, activities, or problems that stimulate students to develop the habits of mind described in the practice standard.³⁷ There are teacher-directed materials that explain the role of the practice standards in the classroom and in students' mathematical development. Alignments to practice standards are accurate.</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>6b) Materials Support the Standards' Emphasis on Mathematical Reasoning: Materials provide sufficient opportunities for students to</p>	Not Evaluated	This section was not evaluated because the non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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Appendix I.

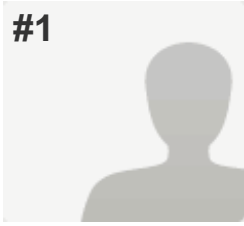
Publisher Response

The publisher had no response.

Appendix II.

Public Comments

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Q5: Did you personally review the title selected?	No
Q6: Were the materials inviting and appealing?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q7: Were the materials user-friendly and easy to navigate?	No
Q8: Were the materials age and grade appropriate?	No
Q9: My comments are based upon:	Personal review
Q10: My comments pertain to:	A particular title or grade
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