

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: **Glencoe Math Course 1-3 Accelerated Pre-Algebra**

Grade: **6-8**

Publisher: **McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC**

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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

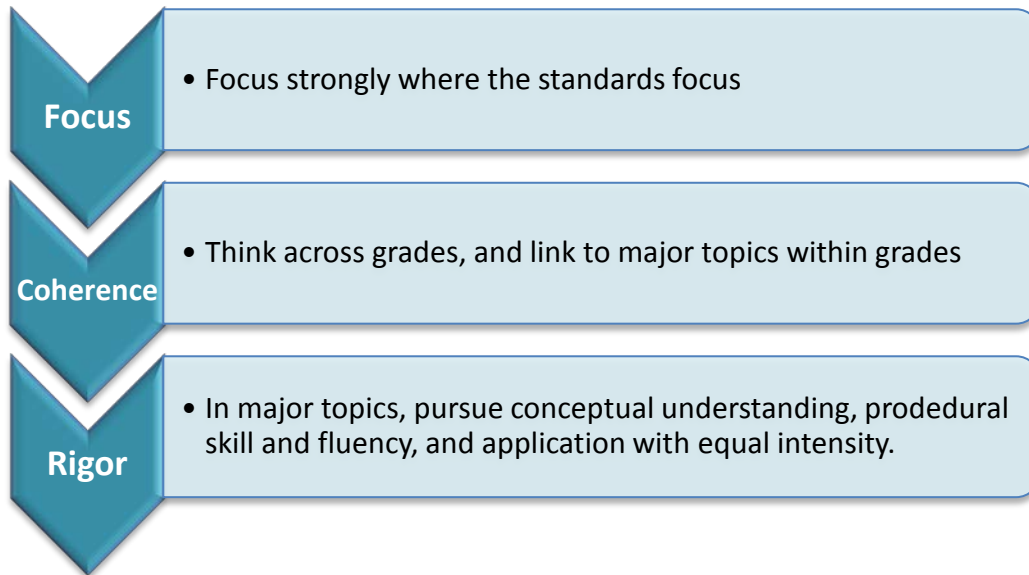
The following two indicators may be impacted:

- 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 these 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 “Yes” for these criteria because the materials covered connect the supporting content to the major content in meaningful ways to enhance the focus and coherence throughout the year.	Make sure to review instructional materials focused on new supporting content (e.g., money in Grades K and 1) to ensure it supports the major work of the grade/course.

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



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Grade: 6-8

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Tier I, Tier II, Tier III Elements of this grade band:

STRONG	WEAK
<u>Focus on Major Work</u> (Non-Negotiable)	<u>Practice-Content Connections</u> (Non-Negotiable)
<u>Consistent, Coherent Content</u> (Non-Negotiable)	
<u>Rigor and Balance</u> (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 received a “Yes” for all Criteria 1– 7.

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

Tier 3 ratings received a “No” for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.

Click below for complete grade-level reviews:

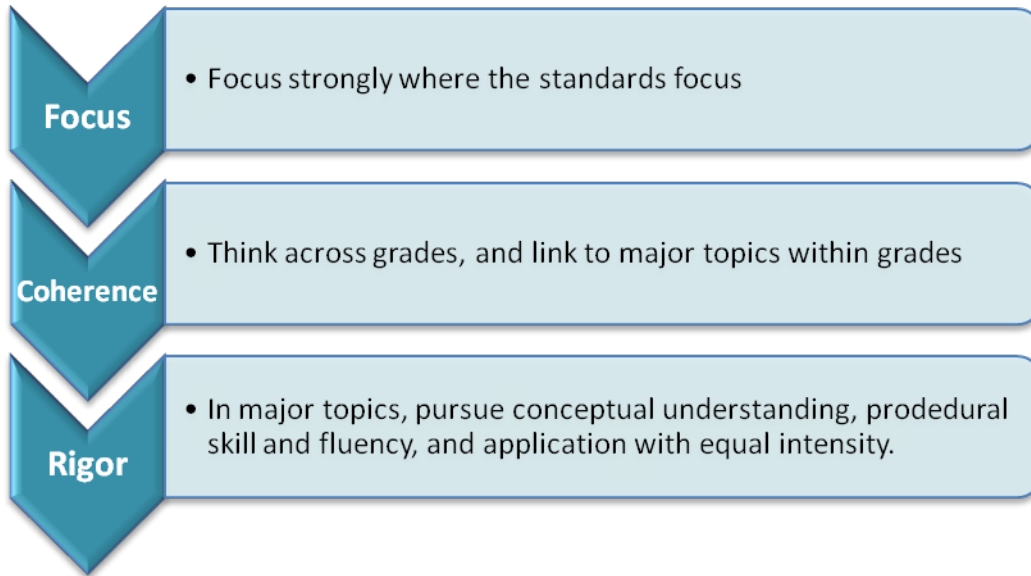
[Grade 6 \(Tier 3\)](#)

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

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

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

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



Title: Glencoe Math Course 1

Grade: 6

Publisher: McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC

Copyright: 2013

Overall Rating: Tier III, Not Representing Quality

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

STRONG	WEAK
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	Practice-Content Connections (Non-Negotiable)
Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)	
Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)	

To evaluate each set of submitted materials for alignment with the standards, begin by reviewing the indicators listed in Column 2 for the non-negotiable criteria in Section I. If there is a “Yes” for all indicators in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any 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 (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria to move to tier 2.			
Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS ON MAJOR WORK¹: Students and teachers using the materials as designed devote the large majority ² of time in each grade K–8 to the major work of the grade. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 1a) Materials should devote at least 65% and up to approximately 85% of class time to the major work of each grade with Grades K–2 nearer the upper end of that range, i.e., 85%. Each grade must meet the criterion; do not average across two or more grades.	Yes	All materials covered are aligned to the state standards as presented in the teacher edition.
	REQUIRED 1b) 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	Yes	The materials presented focuses mainly on Grade 6. The materials have a section at the end of each lesson that focuses on CCSS review of prior grade level standards.
Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 2a) Materials connect supporting content to major content in meaningful ways so that focus and coherence are enhanced throughout the year. ⁴	Yes	It is evident in the teacher’s edition that the materials covered connects the supporting content to the major content in meaningful ways to enhance the focus and coherence throughout the year.
	REQUIRED 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	Yes	In each unit, there were two or more domains in a grade that represented materials including problems and activities.

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).

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<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 develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.⁶</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</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 questions.</p>	Yes	The materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts.
	<p>REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In grades K-6, materials help students make steady progress throughout the year toward fluent computation. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to have the foundation for later work in algebra.</p>	Yes	The materials and activities align with the state standards. The lesson addresses skill and fluency through guided practice, independent practice, and collaboration. This allows the teacher and student to engage in meaningful activities to master specific standards.
	<p>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 that develop the mathematics of the grade, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving.</p>	Yes	The materials are designed so that the teachers and students spend a substantial amount of time engaging in meaningful activities that involves application. The materials include a section where the students have to analyze and reflect in each lesson as well as answer HOT questions which involves problem solving.
	<p>REQUIRED 3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.</p>	Yes	Each activity has equal intensity of conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.
<p>Non-Negotiable 4. PRACTICE-CONTENT CONNECTIONS: Materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Content and the Standards for Mathematical Practice.^{7,8}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4a) The materials connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content.</p>	No	All mathematical practices are listed in the introduction of the lesson, but are not specifically linked to the standards.
	<p>REQUIRED 4b) The developer provides a description or analysis, aimed at evaluators, which shows how materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Mathematical Content within each applicable grade.</p>	No	The developer does not make the connection between the mathematical practices and CCSS.

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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.⁹</p>		Not evaluated. 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5d) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster headings.¹⁰</p>		Not evaluated. 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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<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><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Each Practice Standard: Materials attend to the full meaning of each practice standard.¹¹ The analysis for evaluators explains how the full meaning of each practice standard has been attended to in the materials.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6b) 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).¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6c) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>6d) Materials explicitly attend to the specialized language of mathematics.¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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<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.</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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7b) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7d) 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 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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7e) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7f) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7h) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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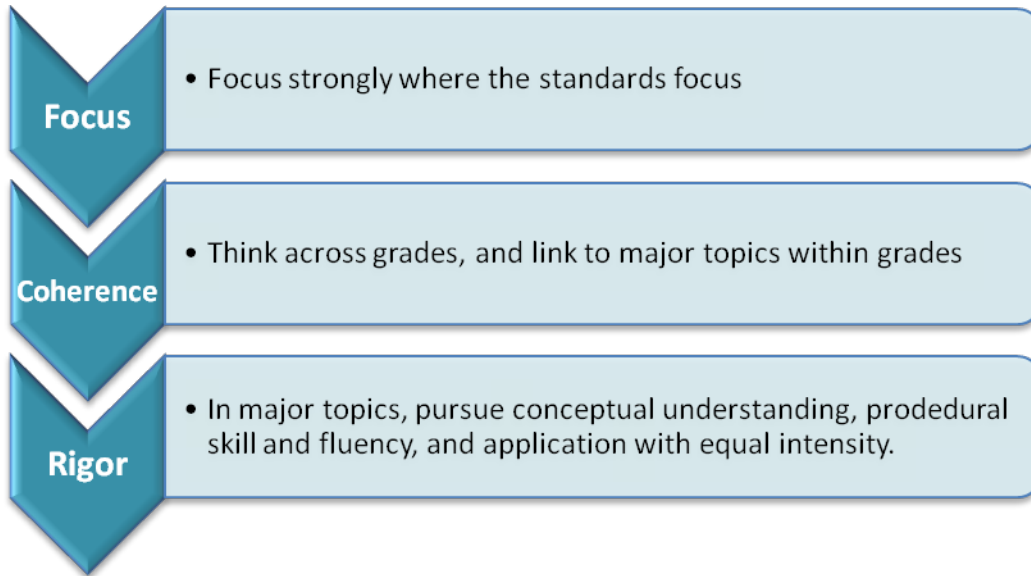
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FINAL EVALUATION			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Y/N	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	The course materials contain applicable content to the appropriate subject matter.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	Yes	Each unit represents two or more domains; thus, enhancing the coherence of the content.
	3. Rigor and Balance	Yes	The materials support conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application with equal intensity.
	4. Practice-Content Connections	No	The mathematical practices are listed and identified at the beginning of each lesson; however, it is not obvious how the mathematical practices relate cohesively to the content standards.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality		Not evaluated. 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:



Title: Glencoe Math Course 2

Grade: 7

Publisher: McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC

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Overall Rating: Tier III, Not Representing Quality

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<p>Non-Negotiable 4. PRACTICE-CONTENT CONNECTIONS: Materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Content and</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4a) The materials connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content.</p>	No	All mathematical practices are listed in the introduction of the lesson, but are not specifically linked to the standards.

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<p>the Standards for Mathematical Practice.^{7,8}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4b) The developer provides a description or analysis, aimed at evaluators, which shows how materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Mathematical Content within each applicable grade.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The developer does not make the connection between the mathematical practices and CCSS.</p>
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<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.</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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7b) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7d) 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 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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7e) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7f) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7h) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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

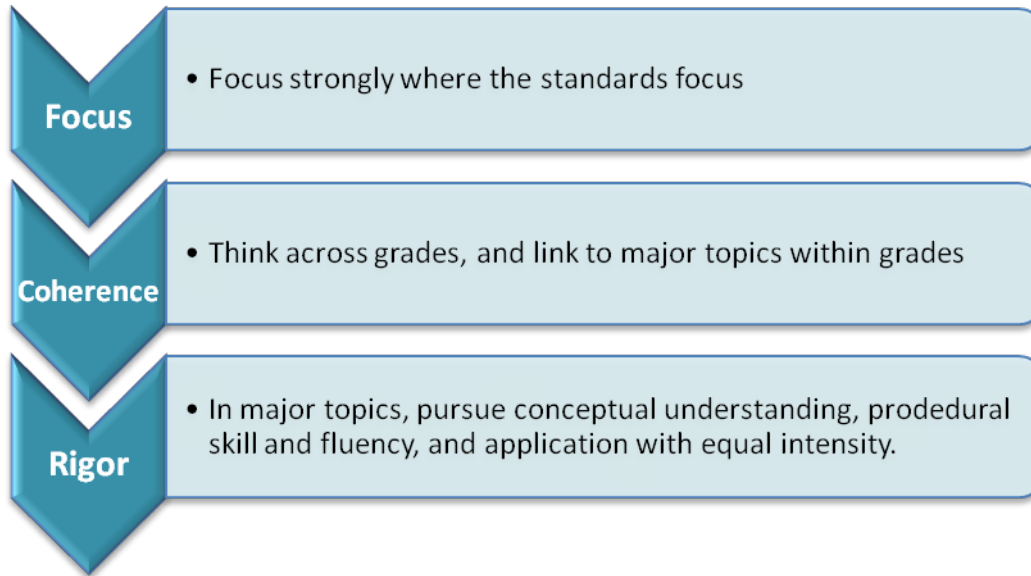
Tier 1 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1–7.

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.

FINAL EVALUATION			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Y/N	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	The course materials contain applicable content to the appropriate subject matter.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	Yes	Each unit represents two or more domains; thus, enhancing the coherence of the content.
	3. Rigor and Balance	Yes	The materials support conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application with equal intensity.
	4. Practice-Content Connections	No	The mathematical practices are listed and identified at the beginning of each lesson; however, it is not obvious how the mathematical practices relate cohesively to the content standards.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality		Not evaluated. 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:



Title: Glencoe Math Accelerated: A Pre-Algebra Program

Grade: 7

Publisher: McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC

Copyright: 2013

Overall Rating: Tier III, Not Representing Quality

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

STRONG	WEAK
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	Practice-Content Connections (Non-Negotiable)
Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)	
Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)	

To evaluate each set of submitted materials for alignment with the standards, begin by reviewing the indicators listed in Column 2 for the non-negotiable criteria in Section I. If there is a “Yes” for all indicators in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any 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 (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria to move to tier 2.			
Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS ON MAJOR WORK¹: Students and teachers using the materials as designed devote the large majority ² of time in each grade K–8 to the major work of the grade. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 1a) Materials should devote at least 65% and up to approximately 85% of class time to the major work of each grade with Grades K–2 nearer the upper end of that range, i.e., 85%. Each grade must meet the criterion; do not average across two or more grades.	Yes	All materials covered are aligned to the state standards as presented in the teacher edition.
	REQUIRED 1b) 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	Yes	The materials presented focuses mainly on Grade 7. The materials have a section at the end of each lesson that focuses on CCSS review of prior grade(s) level standards.
Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 2a) Materials connect supporting content to major content in meaningful ways so that focus and coherence are enhanced throughout the year. ⁴	Yes	It is evident in the teacher’s edition that the materials covered connects the supporting content to the major content in meaningful ways to enhance the focus and coherence throughout the year.
	REQUIRED 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	Yes	In each unit, there were two or more domains in a grade that represented materials including problems and activities.

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).

CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION I (continued): NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA			
<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 develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.⁶</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</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 questions.</p>	Yes	The materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts.
	<p>REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In grades K-6, materials help students make steady progress throughout the year toward fluent computation. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to have the foundation for later work in algebra.</p>	Yes	The materials and activities align with the state standards. The lesson addresses skill and fluency through guided practice, independent practice, and collaboration. This allows the teacher and student to engage in meaningful activities to master specific standards.
	<p>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 that develop the mathematics of the grade, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving.</p>	Yes	The materials are designed so that the teachers and students spend a substantial amount of time engaging in meaningful activities that involves application. The materials include a section where the students have to analyze and reflect in each lesson as well as answer HOT questions which involves problem solving.
	<p>REQUIRED 3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.</p>	Yes	Each activity has equal intensity of conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.
<p>Non-Negotiable 4. PRACTICE-CONTENT CONNECTIONS: Materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Content and</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4a) The materials connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content.</p>	No	All mathematical practices are listed in the introduction of the lesson, but are not specifically linked to the standards.

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

<p>the Standards for Mathematical Practice.^{7,8}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4b) The developer provides a description or analysis, aimed at evaluators, which shows how materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Mathematical Content within each applicable grade.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The practices are implied but the developer does not make the direct connection between the mathematical practices and CCSS.</p>
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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
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.⁹</p>		Not evaluated. 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5d) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster headings.¹⁰</p>		Not evaluated. 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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

⁸ All items do not need to align to a Mathematical Practice. In addition, there is no requirement to have an equal balance among the Mathematical Practices in any set of materials or grade.

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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION II (continued): ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<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><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Each Practice Standard: Materials attend to the full meaning of each practice standard.¹¹ The analysis for evaluators explains how the full meaning of each practice standard has been attended to in the materials.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6b) 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).¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6c) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>6d) Materials explicitly attend to the specialized language of mathematics.¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

¹¹ Refer also to criterion #9 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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

CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION II (continued): ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<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.</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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7b) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7d) 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 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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7e) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7f) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7h) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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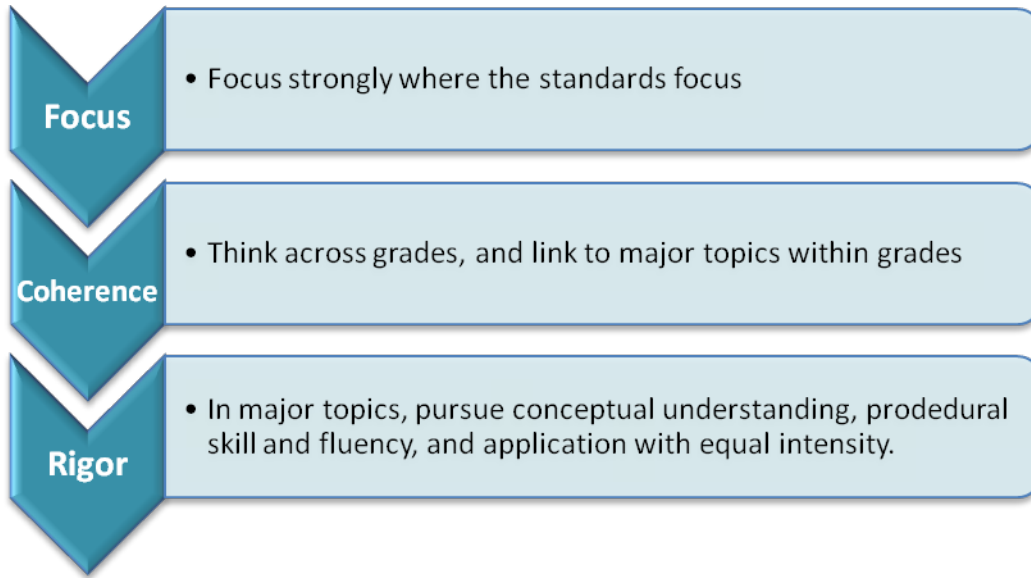
Tier 1 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1–7.

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

FINAL EVALUATION			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Y/N	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	The course materials contain applicable content to the appropriate subject matter.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	Yes	Each unit represents two or more domains; thus, enhancing the coherence of the content.
	3. Rigor and Balance	Yes	The materials support conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application with equal intensity.
	4. Practice-Content Connections	No	The mathematical practices are listed and identified at the beginning of each lesson; however, it is not obvious how the mathematical practices relate cohesively to the content standards.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality		Not evaluated. 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:



Title: Glencoe Math Course 3

Grade: 8

Publisher: McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC

Copyright: 2013

Overall Rating: Tier III, Not Representing Quality

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

STRONG	WEAK
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	Practice-Content Connections (Non-Negotiable)
Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)	
Rigor and Balance (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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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria to move to tier 2.			
Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS ON MAJOR WORK¹: Students and teachers using the materials as designed devote the large majority ² of time in each grade K–8 to the major work of the grade. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 1a) Materials should devote at least 65% and up to approximately 85% of class time to the major work of each grade with Grades K–2 nearer the upper end of that range, i.e., 85%. Each grade must meet the criterion; do not average across two or more grades.	Yes	All materials covered are aligned to the state standards as presented in the teacher edition.
	REQUIRED 1b) 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	Yes	The materials presented focuses mainly on Grade 6. The materials have a section at the end of each lesson that focuses on CCSS review of prior grade level standards.
Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 2a) Materials connect supporting content to major content in meaningful ways so that focus and coherence are enhanced throughout the year. ⁴	Yes	It is evident in the teacher’s edition that the materials covered connects the supporting content to the major content in meaningful ways to enhance the focus and coherence throughout the year.
	REQUIRED 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	Yes	In each unit, there were two or more domains in a grade that represented materials including problems and activities.

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).

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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION I (continued): NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA			
<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 develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.⁶</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</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 questions.</p>	Yes	The materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts.
	<p>REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In grades K-6, materials help students make steady progress throughout the year toward fluent computation. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to have the foundation for later work in algebra.</p>	Yes	The materials and activities align with the state standards. The lesson addresses skill and fluency through guided practice, independent practice, and collaboration. This allows the teacher and student to engage in meaningful activities to master specific standards.
	<p>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 that develop the mathematics of the grade, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving.</p>	Yes	The materials are designed so that the teachers and students spend a substantial amount of time engaging in meaningful activities that involves application. The materials include a section where the students have to analyze and reflect in each lesson as well as answer HOT questions which involves problem solving.
	<p>REQUIRED 3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately.</p>	Yes	Each activity has equal intensity of conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.
<p>Non-Negotiable 4. PRACTICE-CONTENT CONNECTIONS: Materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Content and</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4a) The materials connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content.</p>	No	All mathematical practices are listed in the introduction of the lesson, but are not specifically linked to the standards.

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

<p>the Standards for Mathematical Practice.^{7,8}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 4b) The developer provides a description or analysis, aimed at evaluators, which shows how materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Mathematical Content within each applicable grade.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The developer does not make the connection between the mathematical practices and CCSS.</p>
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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
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.⁹</p>		Not evaluated. 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5d) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster headings.¹⁰</p>		Not evaluated. 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. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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⁸ All items do not need to align to a Mathematical Practice. In addition, there is no requirement to have an equal balance among the Mathematical Practices in any set of materials or grade.

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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION II (continued): ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<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><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Each Practice Standard: Materials attend to the full meaning of each practice standard.¹¹ The analysis for evaluators explains how the full meaning of each practice standard has been attended to in the materials.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6b) 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).¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6c) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>6d) Materials explicitly attend to the specialized language of mathematics.¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

¹¹ Refer also to criterion #9 in the K–8 [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION II (continued): ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<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.</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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7b) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7d) 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 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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 7e) 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>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7f) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>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.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7h) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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

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.

FINAL EVALUATION			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Y/N	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	The course materials contain applicable content to the appropriate subject matter.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	Yes	Each unit represents two or more domains; thus, enhancing the coherence of the content.
	3. Rigor and Balance	Yes	The materials support conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application with equal intensity.
	4. Practice-Content Connections	No	The mathematical practices are listed and identified at the beginning of each lesson; however, it is not obvious how the mathematical practices relate cohesively to the content standards.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL DECISION FOR THIS MATERIAL: <u>Tier III, Not Representing Quality</u>			