Textbook and Instructional Material Evaluation Rubric Form- English Language Arts

Instructional materials are designed for use by students and teachers as a learning resource for students to acquire essential knowledge, skills, abilities, and dispositions. This includes print and non-print materials, including comprehensive/core textbooks, supplemental materials, Web-based and electronic textbooks, and assessments.

Title: Amplify Core Knowledge La Author(s): Hirsch Publisher(s): Core Knowledge

Copyright Date: 2015 Subject/Grade Level: 1st

Student ISBN:

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-1-68161-892-0

Instructions: Use the tables below to determine if the Textbook or Instructional material meets each criteria.

Organization

Criteria	2 Meets	1 Inadequate	Comments
1. Material provides a useful table of contents, glossary, supplemental pages, and index.	X		
2. Layout is consistent; chapters/units are arranged logically; and allow access through multiple modalities.	X		
3. Teacher edition contains interesting introductions and a list of prerequisites skills for each chapter.	X		Great intro to each domain and the prerequisites for the learning material
4. Material contains examples, explanations, and/or online resources to the depth and breadth of the Nevada Academic Content Standards.		X	Lists standards but does not have a guide to list all standards
5. Information is accurate, current, and research-based.		X	Researched based, wonder where domain ideas came from
6. Focus of academic and domain specific vocabulary is prevalent throughout reading, writing, listening, and speaking.	X		Huge focus
7. Size and format of print is appropriate.		X	Ok
8. Format is visually appealing & interesting.			Gray and white...boring
9. Material provides Smarter Balanced assessment type questions and/or performance-based tasks.		X	No smarter balance things. Performance tasks.
10. Electronic and interactive format available.	X		Online resources
Other: _____			
Total Organization:	10	4	

English Language Arts Content

Criteria	2 Meets	1 Inadequate	Comments
11. Materials focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) appropriate to the grade level.	X		
12. Material demonstrates coherence and rigor of KSAs appropriate to grade level.	X		Rigor!!
13. Real-world applications are relevant to the students.		X	
14. Information and directions are clearly written and explained.	X		
15. Tasks are aligned to the anchor standards of the Nevada Academic Content Standards.	X		
16. Non-text content (maps, graphs, pictures, etc.) are accurate, authentic, and well integrated into the instructional material.		X	Very little is available
17. Lessons/tasks are interdisciplinary when appropriate.		X	Read and write are tied together other lit pieces seem disjointed and individualized
18. Tasks apply to the diversity of students and their abilities, interests, and learning styles.		X	Tips for varied learners, but lessons are very set.
19. Questions and tasks encourage the development and application of higher-level thinking skills.	X		High level thinkiing
20. Teacher edition includes questioning strategies and/or questions to check for understanding at all Depth of Knowledge (DOK) levels.			high DOK
21. Teacher edition includes formative assessment/evaluation tools and processes.		X	Very simple, easy assessments. But, not tracking of how kids are doing.
22. Material adheres to the text complexity at each grade level outlined by the Nevada Academic Content Standards.	X		
23. Material provides access to or demonstrates concepts in multiple ways, allowing for a variety of student responses.		X	Very simple, explicit
24. Tasks have a purpose, aligned to a skill or concept at grade level.	X		
25. Range and quality of text at each grade level is addressed with a well-balanced representation of literary and informational texts.		X	
26. Material includes application of skills and concepts at grade level.	X		Practice pages, culminating activity, work samples, application part of daily lesson
27. Material makes it clear that student writing is a key task (argument, informative, response to audience and purpose, short focused research).	X		Love it
28. Content includes 21st Century skill development such as collaboration, creative thinking, and problem solving.		X	Not stated, easy to make lesson such.
Other: _____			
Total ELA Content Criteria:	18	8	

Inclusion

Criteria	2 Meets	1 Inadequate	Comments
29. Material reflects a variety of ways to differentiate instruction and model content to support all learners.	X		Nice tips for reaching all learner types
30. Material reflects sensitivity with regard to gender, race/ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, intellectual, and physical abilities.	X		
31. Material includes access to a multilingual glossary.		X	
32. Material provides resources for students with disabilities and English Language Learners aligned to grade level content.	X		
33. Material is available for students with visual impairments via a NIMAS file on the NIMAC system.		X	
Other: _____			
Total Inclusion Criteria:	6	2	

Alignment

Criteria	2 Meets	1 Inadequate	Comments
34. Material content aligns to district/organization curriculum.	X		Fits NVACS for ELA
35. Material content aligns with college and career readiness skills (Nevada Academic Content Standards).	X		
36. Material is a useful resource in preparing students to meet the requirements of the Nevada Academic Content Standards and statewide assessments.		X	Not all parts are developmentally appropriate
Other: _____			
Total Alignment Criteria:	4	1	

Total Score for ELA Textbook or Instructional Material: 53/72