

INFORMED DECISIONS. IMPROVED MATERIALS. BETTER OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS.

Emerging research shows quality instructional materials impact student achievement as much as quality instruction, and are almost 40 times more cost-effective than class size reduction. However, schools, districts, and states often lack information about the quality of materials they use to guide instruction.

EdReports.org is an independent nonprofit that publishes free reviews of instructional materials, using an educator-designed tool that measures standards alignment, usability, and other quality criteria. The reports help districts make informed purchasing and instructional decisions that support improved student outcomes.

Districts and schools can use the reports to inform the curriculum adoption process and the effective implementation of materials. The detailed evidence the reports provide are designed to support districts throughout the selection process, including understanding how well the materials are aligned to the standards and meet local priorities.

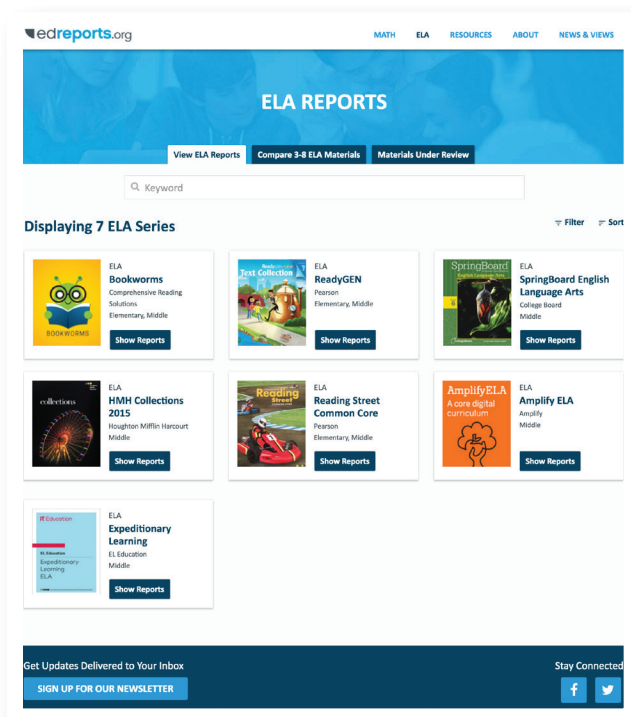
90% of districts report identifying or developing CCSS-aligned materials as a challenge.

Only **18%** of teachers strongly agree that their district or school's instructional materials are aligned with the CCSS.

"We used the EdReports' reviews to whittle down to 3-4 textbooks to pilot. This information helped our leaders see the vision and plan and how each would fit into the district."

Most importantly, we're using the reports to make future purchasing decisions, and to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses inherent with each. We know how important these decisions are for our students."

– Kristen Henninger, District Coach, AZ



FOR EDUCATORS, BY EDUCATORS

The experience and expertise of educators inform all aspects of our work – from our material and content review team members to our board. We value the end-user perspective our teachers, coaches, and district leaders bring. We also know that educators most trust other educators to provide information about the quality and alignment of instructional materials; therefore, we select expert educators to develop our criteria and conduct extensive content reviews.

Our Reports. Our **free, online reports** are grouped by series and grade-level. Each report shows the material's performance against the EdReports.org review tool. Educators examine year-long instructional materials for K-12 math and ELA. Download our tool, methodology, and evidence guides from our website.

The Review Process. The review tool supports a sequential review process through three gateways which are focused first on alignment to standards and then on usability and design. Each grade-level report receives a summary score by gateway, as well as detailed evidence on how well the units and lessons meet the outlined criteria.

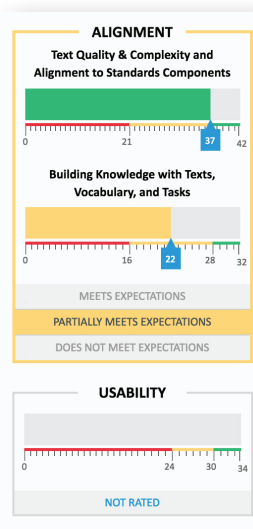
We select our reviewers through a highly competitive, national application process. These educator-leaders spend hundreds of hours collecting evidence, meeting weekly in professional learning communities to reach consensus on scoring, and writing reports.

Part of our commitment to the field is to work collaboratively with multiple stakeholders, including publishers. Publishers have the opportunity to orient review teams to their materials, answer clarifying questions throughout the process, and provide a publisher response that is posted on our website.

REPORT COMPARISON

The screenshot shows the EdReports.org website with a table titled 'ELA REPORTS'. The table compares various materials across different gateways. The materials listed are Amplify ELA, Bookworms, Expeditionary Learning, IM 6-8 Math Collections 2015, Reading Street Common Core, ReadyGEN, and Springboard English Language Arts. The gateways are: Alignment to Standards Components (Text Quality & Complexity, Building Knowledge with Texts, Vocabulary, and Tasks), Usability, and Design. The table uses color-coded circles (green for 'Meets Expectations', yellow for 'Partially Meets Expectations', and red for 'Does Not Meet Expectations') to indicate performance. For example, Amplify ELA has a green circle for Text Quality & Complexity, a yellow circle for Building Knowledge with Texts, and a green circle for Usability. The table also includes a 'Create Custom Comparisons' button and a 'Sign Up for Our Newsletter' button.

SUMMARY SCORE



DETAILED EVIDENCE

The Detailed Evidence section for Indicator 1h shows a score of 1/2. The indicator is described as 'Sets of high-quality sequences of text-dependent questions and tasks build to a culminating task that integrates skills (may be writing, speaking, or a combination)'. The text explains that the materials reviewed for Grade 4 partially meet the expectations for the indicator of providing sets of high-quality sequences of text-dependent questions and tasks build to a culminating task that integrates skills (may be writing, speaking, or a combination). The text dependent questions in the close reading section as well as some of the reading analysis sections should help students in completing the end of unit assessment successfully. However, not all Performance Based Assessments (PBAs) or end-of-unit assessments require text evidence. In addition, not all of the lessons leading up to the PBA will support the student's ability to successfully complete it. The units are designed in themes. Most questions allow for students to develop an understanding of the theme in the text and build toward the culminating task. The evidence includes a list of examples: For example, Unit 3, Module A, Lesson 2 the Close Reading section asks students to identify where the majority of earthquakes occur, locate the plates and faults near North America, and identify patterns observed based on maps provided. The theme for this particular unit is Exploring Impact and Effect. The performance based task at the end of Unit 3, Module A requires students to use text evidence over the course of the module to complete the task. Students are required to analyze two of the texts and state which one is more effective in portraying the impact of earthquakes.

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