

HMH's Commitment

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is committed to delivering integrated solutions that engage learners, empower educators and improve student outcomes. We serve over 50 million students and three million teachers in more than 150 countries worldwide. HMH has a rich history of research behind our programs and offerings, and we prioritize building partnerships with our customers – finding the right combination of solutions and services to meet individual district needs and to support students, teachers and administrators from program purchase to implementation to classroom practice.

Regarding EdReports.org's Review of Saxon Math Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II

HMH respects and supports EdReports.org's goal of providing educators with a comprehensive understanding of Common Core State Standards alignment across the academic materials their districts are considering for adoption.

The Saxon Math programs (Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II) reviewed here hold a 2009 copyright and predate the creation and subsequent implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Therefore, the programs were not built in direct alignment with the standards.

At the time of its copyright, Saxon Math met current pedagogical and instructional standards. By reviewing Saxon Math programs today and using CCSS alignment as the measurement for efficacy, EdReports has produced a report that provides an incomplete picture of the programs' capabilities and discounts a decades-long history of success in classrooms nationwide. In addition, this review did not include all of the ancillary materials that are available for the programs.

Saxon Math's pedagogical approach differs from that put forth in CCSS; however, empirical studies have shown that this approach can lead to greater mathematics learning and understanding when measured against other teaching pedagogies (see Kirschner, Sweller, and Clark (2006), Rohrer and Taylor (2006), and Rohrer (2012)).

Beloved by many educators for its consistent results, Saxon AGA has been implemented in thousands of school districts with fidelity and teachers continue to select this program for its approach and track record. HMH provides a variety of options to its customers, including Common Core aligned materials. While Saxon AGA does not directly align with CCSS, we continue to offer the program for those educators who believe in the power of its pedagogy and see student growth and success as a result of implementation.