

For nearly two centuries, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has been—and continues to be—committed to creating quality, pedagogically sound content. HMH Learning Architects in our Math, Science and Humanities studios are passionate about building curriculum that is rooted in the latest research, is grade-level appropriate, meets standards, and contains appropriate language, images and instructional strategies. We believe that dynamic, reliable and flexible classroom resources create learning environments that empower students, educators and their families.

HMH's *Common Core Code X* is one of these programs – it has a proven track record and we remain confident in its ability to deliver the highest-quality literacy tools to younger readers:

- HMH *Common Core Code X* is a comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum for middle school that challenges students to read, think, analyze, synthesize, question, cite evidence, debate, and write every day. *Code X* was built specifically to address the rigorous demands of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and to ensure that students become deep readers and measured writers who can translate these skills into success on the Next Generation Assessments.
- Each grade-level edition of *Code X* offers a full year of instruction, designed around seven Units. These Units focus on vocabulary, language, comprehension, writing, and performance tasks designed to engage students in close reading and daily writing about complex nonfiction and literature. As students progress through the program, they encounter instruction that deepens cognitive processes, introduces new aspects of content, extends knowledge and skills to a wider range of content, and decreases the level of scaffolding and teacher support.
- The program design of *Code X* is centered around three areas:
  1. Engagement and Rigor: Transformative Common Core instruction in the middle school classroom.
  2. Comprehensive literacy instruction to address the instructional shifts of the Common Core for all learners.
  3. Ongoing assessment and evidence-centered design.
- Students are systematically and explicitly assessed throughout *Code X* to ensure they are mastering the key instructional shifts of the Common Core State Standards. There are three types of assessments to *Code X* modeled on the Next Generation Assessments, including Formative Assessments, Written Unit Performance Tasks, and Next Generation Practice Assessments
- Several organizations responsible for the formation and implementation of the CCSS assisted with the development of the program's instructional model that accounted for the "how" as well as the "what" of implementing the instructional shifts of the CCSS. In addition, HMH *Common Core Code X* was developed based on expert knowledge, and the latest academic and scholarly work, about what works for adolescent literacy. The latest foundational research base is available upon request.

HMH is committed to supporting teachers, schools, and districts with Professional Services from the point of initial program implementation and beyond. Our mission is to further the goals of the districts we serve, and we do this through a strong and established cadre of dedicated consultants ready to help districts of every size.

*HMH Common Core Code X* works, and we are proud of the impact that this program makes in classrooms each and every day.