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**Benchmark Education Company**

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**Type of Instructional Program:**

*(Please describe if this is a comprehensive reading program, an intervention reading program, a supplemental program to be used in conjunction with another program. Also, please describe what students would be targeted for this instructional program. Use the columns below for your brief description )*

<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Supplemental to other programs</b>	<b>Students targeted</b>
Benchmark Literacy is a comprehensive K-6 reading program for districts that want a true balanced literacy approach to meeting the Common Core Standards in English or Spanish.			Benchmark Literacy addresses the needs of above-, on-, and below-level readers as well as English language learners and special needs students.

**If an intervention, describe what component of reading it addresses:**

**Grade Level:** **K 1 2 3**

*(Please circle the grade level(s) that the program is designed for.)*

**Program Summary:**

Benchmark Literacy daily lesson plans follow the same structure and pattern:

- Assessments to drive instruction, determine flexible student grouping for small-group instruction, and assist teachers to frequently monitor student progress
- Whole-Group, Interactive Read-Alouds to model good-reader strategies with award-winning literature
- Whole-Group, Shared Reading Mini-Lessons to explicitly teach comprehension, metacognition, vocabulary, and fluency
- Close Reading instruction using text-dependent strategies and scaffolded instruction to unlock access to complex texts



- Differentiated Small-Group Guided Reading that builds seamlessly on shared reading instruction and which addresses the needs of diverse readers.
- Differentiated Reader's Theater that allows students to develop fluency and active listening skills
- Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Word Study to build strong decoding and word-solving strategies
- *Writing to Sources* that supports constructed and authentic written responses to opinion/argument, informative/explanatory, and narrative writing prompts for each week
- Writer's Workshop, including process writing, variety of genres, informational text, alignment with Common Core writing standards, and 6+1 Traits
- Independent Reading to encourage the transfer to skills and strategies
- Assessments and Student Conferencing—this drives the instructional cycle back to the sequence of instruction
- Embedded and Ongoing Professional Development for effective implementation of comprehensive literacy framework

