

Instructional Materials Evaluation - Student Standards Review

Louisiana educators engaged in a professional review of the state’s academic standards for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics to ensure they continue to maintain strong expectations for teaching and learning aligned with college and workplace demands. The new ELA and math standards will be effective beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. As part of the Louisiana Department of Education’s support for a seamless transition to these new standards, the LDOE identified the major changes of the standards and their potential impact upon criteria used to review instructional materials.

Title: **Pearson High School Common Core: Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2** Grade: **9-11**

Publisher: **Pearson Education, Inc.**

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Overall Rating: **Tier III, Not Representing Quality**

This Mathematics review has been examined for the following major shifts in alignment resulting from the Louisiana Student Standards Review:

- Include standards for money in grades K, 1, and 3 to ensure connections that provide smooth transitions from one grade to the next
- Provide developmentally appropriate content for all grades or courses while maintaining high expectations:
 - Additive area is moved to grade 4 from grade 3
 - The Statistics - Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability (S-CP) domain is moved from Algebra II to Geometry
 - The standards provide extra clarity around the distinction between Algebra I and II

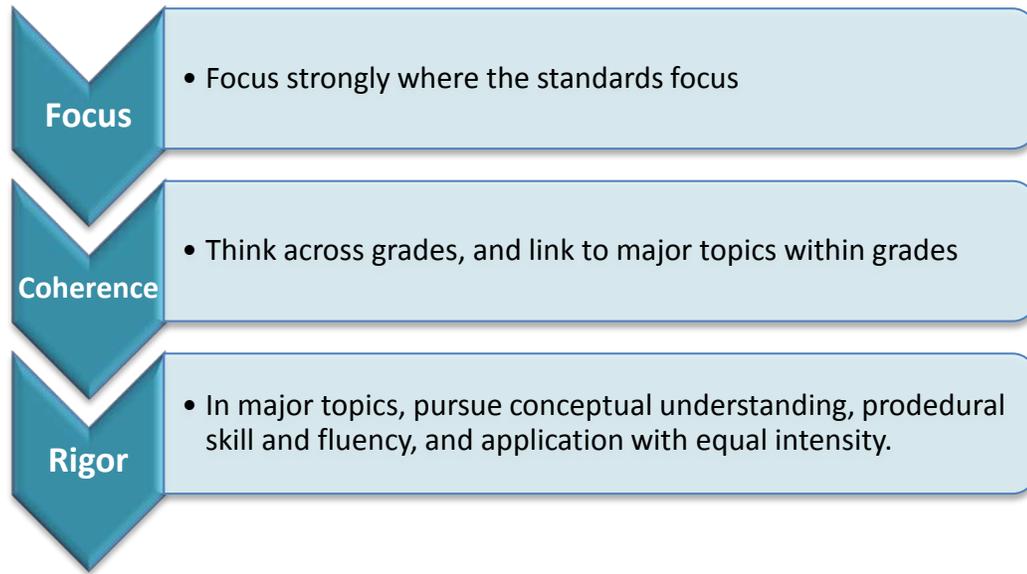
The following two indicators may be impacted:

- Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)
- Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)

This review remains a Tier 3 rating. As a result of these changes, the following chart identifies the potential impact on specific elements in the current review. The LDOE recommends that district curriculum staff, principals, and teachers take these findings into consideration when using these instructional materials.

Criteria	Currently in the Rubric	Next Steps for Educators
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	This program currently is reviewed as Yes for this criteria because student work corresponds to standards written for high school math. Students spend the majority of their time completing work widely applicable as prerequisites for postsecondary education.	Make sure to review all assessment materials to ensure alignment to new clarifications/limitations and the revised, as well as, the placement of standards by grade/course.
Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)	This program currently is reviewed as No for this criteria because coursework does not mention prior knowledge learned in middle school and how it is applied to the current coursework. No connections to prior knowledge from earlier grades or courses are explicitly stated in the text or course materials.	Since these materials received a “No” for this indicator, the current weakness will likely remain and should be addressed by adjusting or supplementing with stronger programs.

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



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Tier I, Tier II, Tier II Elements of this review:

STRONG	WEAK
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	<u>Consistent, Coherent Content</u> (Non-Negotiable)
Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)	<u>Practice-Content Connections</u> (Non-Negotiable)

Each set of submitted materials was evaluated for alignment with the standards beginning with a review of the indicators for the non-negotiable criteria. If those criteria were met, a review of the other criteria ensued.

Tier 1 ratings received a “Yes” for all Criteria 1 – 7.

Tier 2 ratings received a “Yes” for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” for the remaining criteria.

Tier 3 ratings received a “No” for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.

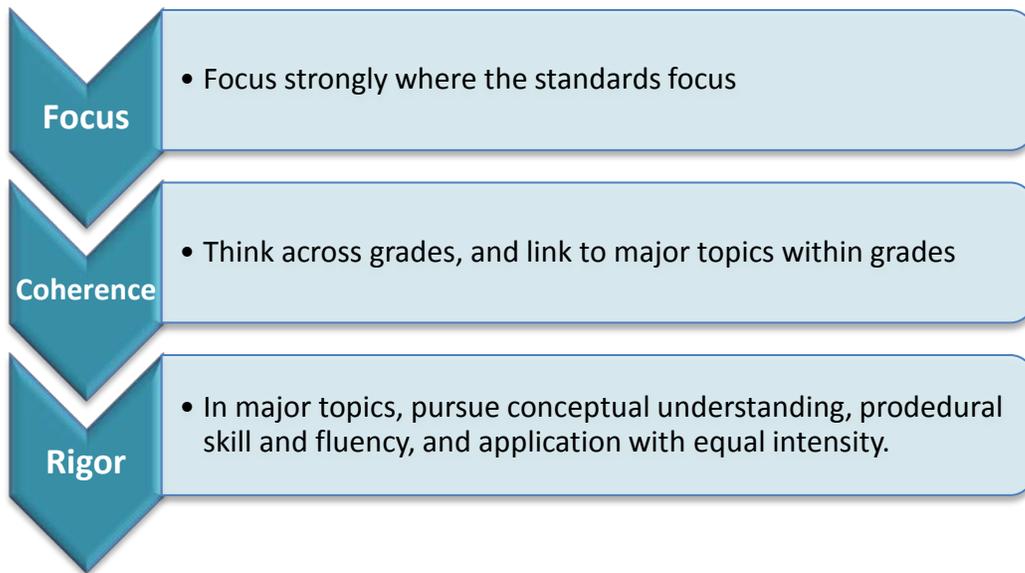
Click below for complete grade-level reviews:

[Algebra 1 \(Tier 3\)](#)

[Geometry \(Tier3\)](#)

[Algebra 2 \(Tier 3\)](#)

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



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Grade: 9

Publisher: Pearson Education, Inc.

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Overall Rating: Tier III, Not Representing Quality

[Tier I](#), [Tier II](#), [Tier II](#) Elements of this review:

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For Section II, begin by reviewing the required indicators in Column 2 for each criterion. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

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CRITERIA	INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY	MEETS METRICS (Y/N)	JUSTIFICATION/ COMMENTS
SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria to move to tier 2.			
<p>Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS IN HIGH SCHOOL: In any single course, students and teachers using the materials as designed spend the majority of their time developing knowledge and skills that are widely applicable as prerequisites for postsecondary education.^{1, 2}</p> <p>For courses that do not include Geometry standards, metrics 1a and 1b must be met. For courses including Geometry standards, all three of the metrics must be met.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 1a) In any single course, students spend at least 50% of their time on Widely Applicable Prerequisites for postsecondary education.³</p>	Yes	<p>Student work corresponds to standards written for high school math. Students spend the majority of their time completing work widely applicable as prerequisites for postsecondary education. In the teacher’s edition, at the front of each chapter, the standards are listed for that chapter. Each lesson lists the standard(s) used in the teacher’s edition. Also in the preface of the teacher’s edition, a table of standards and the lessons addressed by each standard is shown.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED 1b) There are problems at a level of sophistication appropriate to high school (beyond mere review of middle school topics) that involve the application of knowledge and skills from grades 6-8 including⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying ratios and proportional relationships. • Applying percentages and unit conversions, e.g., in the context of complicated measurement problems involving quantities with derived or compound units (such as mg/mL, kg/m³, acre-feet, etc.). • Applying basic function concepts, e.g., by interpreting the features of a graph in the context of an applied problem. • Applying concepts and skills of geometric measurement e.g., when analyzing a diagram or schematic. • Applying concepts and skills of basic statistics and probability (see 6–8.SP). • Performing rational number arithmetic fluently. 	Yes	<p>Skills used surpass the prerequisites required for 9th grade. For example Chapter 6 involves Systems of Equations and inequalities, in the 9th grade students are expected to analyze and solve pairs of simultaneous linear equations (8.EE.8). Chapter 6 uses this knowledge of systems of equations to expand on this knowledge and apply properties of systems of equations to systems of inequalities as required in A-REI-12.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED (as applicable) 1c) For courses that include standards from the Geometry conceptual category, student work in Geometry significantly involves applications/modeling as well as geometry applications that use algebra skills.⁵</p>	N/A	

¹ Refer also to criterion #1 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

² If materials show time in both block and standard 'days,' choose either but remain consistent.

³ For more information on the Widely Applicable Prerequisites, see Table 1 on Page 8 of the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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SECTION I (continued): NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA			
<p>Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards.⁶</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 2a) Giving all students extensive work with course-level problems: Review of material from previous grades and courses is clearly identified as such to the teacher, and teachers and students can see what their specific responsibility is for the current year.</p>	No	Previous-grades and -course review is not identified as such to the teacher. Teachers and students cannot see what their specific responsibility is for the current year. The electronic teacher’s edition lists standards for each lesson, however prior knowledge or whether material is review is not addressed.
	<p>REQUIRED 2b) Relating course-level concepts explicitly to prior knowledge from earlier grades and courses: The materials are designed so that prior knowledge becomes reorganized and extended to accommodate the new knowledge.</p>	No	Coursework does not mention prior knowledge learned in middle school and how it is applied to the current coursework. No connections to prior knowledge from earlier grades or course are explicitly stated in the text or course materials.
<p>Non-Negotiable 3. RIGOR AND BALANCE: Each grade’s instructional materials reflect the balances in the Standards and help students meet the Standards’ rigorous expectations, by helping students develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.⁷</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 3a) Attention to Conceptual Understanding: Materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, especially where called for in specific content standards or cluster headings by amply featuring high-quality conceptual problems and questions.</p>	Yes	Students are asked to explain understanding and reasoning throughout the coursework. After each introduced concepts, students are expected to practice for understanding as the next step. Students are asked to reason by explanations. For example, Chapter 2 Lesson 1 asks students to explain their reasoning behind solving equations using a particular process.
	<p>REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to meet all of the expectations set in the Standards as a whole.</p>	Yes	Practice sets are given for each lesson to develop procedural skill and fluency to mastery of the content.
	<p>REQUIRED 3c) Attention to Applications: Materials are designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with engaging applications/modeling. While modeling is a mathematical practice at every grade, it is more prominent and enhanced in high school with more elements of the modeling cycle present.</p>	Yes	Materials attend thoroughly to those places in the content standards where expectations for multi-step and real-world problems are explicit. Almost all lessons contain a section of application problems related to the material of that lesson. For example Chapter 2 Lesson 1, contains a section labeled B: Apply. In this section, students complete word problems associated with real-world expectations.

⁶ Refer also to criterion #3 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁷ Refer also to criterion #2 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

	REQUIRED 3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately	Yes	Lessons align to the three components of rigor: Conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and application as needed in each lesson based on the standard's need for each particular aspect of rigor.
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SECTION I (continued): NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA			
Non-Negotiable 4. PRACTICE-CONTENT CONNECTIONS: Materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Content and the Standards for Mathematical Practice. ⁸ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	REQUIRED 4a) The materials connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Mathematical Content.	No	Mathematical practices are listed in each lesson and problems are identified that exemplify mathematical practices; however, it is unclear how the mathematical practices are linked to the standards for mathematical content.
	REQUIRED 4b) The developer provides a description or analysis, aimed at evaluators, which shows how materials meaningfully connect the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Mathematical Content within each applicable course.	No	A brief reasoning is provided at the beginning of each lesson in the teacher's manual to connect the standards to the material in the lesson, but the material is not meaningfully connected to the standards.

⁸ Refer also to criterion #5 in the High School [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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SECTION II: ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<p>Additional Criterion 5. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT: Materials foster focus and coherence by linking topics within grades (across domains and clusters). Courses are designed based on the content in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 5a) Materials base courses on the content specified in the standards (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II).⁹</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 5b) Materials include problems and activities that serve to connect two or more clusters in a domain, or two or more domains in a category, or two or more categories, in cases where these connections are natural and important.^{10, 11}</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5c) Materials include learning objectives that are visibly shaped by CCSSM cluster and domain headings.¹⁰</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>5d) Materials preserve the focus, coherence, and rigor of the Standards even when targeting specific objectives.¹⁰</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
<p>Additional Criterion 6. ALIGNMENT CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE: Aligned materials make meaningful and purposeful connections that enhance the focus and coherence of the standards rather than detract from the focus and include additional content/skills to teach which are not included in the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 6a) Careful Attention to Each Practice Standard: Materials attend to the full meaning of each practice standard.¹²</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6b) Materials provide sufficient opportunities for students to construct viable arguments and critique the arguments of other concerning key course-level mathematics that is detailed in the content standards (cf. MP.3).¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>REQUIRED 6c) Materials engage students in problem solving as a form of argument, attending thoroughly to places in the standards that explicitly set expectations for multi-step problems.¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>6d) Materials explicitly attend to the specialized language of mathematics.¹³</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

⁹ Refer also to criterion #3 in the HS [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹⁰ Refer also to criterion #4 in the HS [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹¹ Refer to the standards for each course found in the [Teacher Support Library](#).

¹² Refer also to criterion #7 in the HS [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

¹³ Refer also to criterion #8 in the HS [Publishers' Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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SECTION II (continued): ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF QUALITY			
<p>Additional Criterion 7. INDICATORS OF QUALITY: Quality materials should exhibit the indicators outlined here in order to give teachers and students the tools they need to meet the expectations of the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	REQUIRED 7a) Materials support the uses of technology as called for in the standards.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7b) The underlying design of the materials distinguishes between problems and exercises. In essence the difference is that in solving problems, students learn new mathematics, whereas in working exercises, students apply what they have already learned to build mastery. Each problem or exercise has a purpose.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7c) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7d) There is variety in what students produce. For example, students are asked to produce answers and solutions, but also, in a grade-appropriate way, arguments and explanations, diagrams, mathematical models, etc.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7e) There are separate teacher materials that support and reward teacher study including, but not limited to: discussion of the mathematics of the units and the mathematical point of each lesson as it relates to the organizing concepts of the unit, discussion on student ways of thinking and anticipating a variety of students responses, guidance on lesson flow, guidance on questions that prompt students thinking, and discussion of desired mathematical behaviors being elicited among students.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	REQUIRED 7f) Support for English Language Learners and other special populations is thoughtful and helps those students meet the same standards as all other students. The language in which problems are posed is carefully considered.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7g) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage. ¹⁴		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7h) Lessons are thoughtfully structured and support the teacher in leading the class through the learning paths at hand, with active participation by all students in their own learning and in the learning of their classmates.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7i) Manipulatives are faithful representations of the mathematical objects they represent and are connected to written methods.		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.

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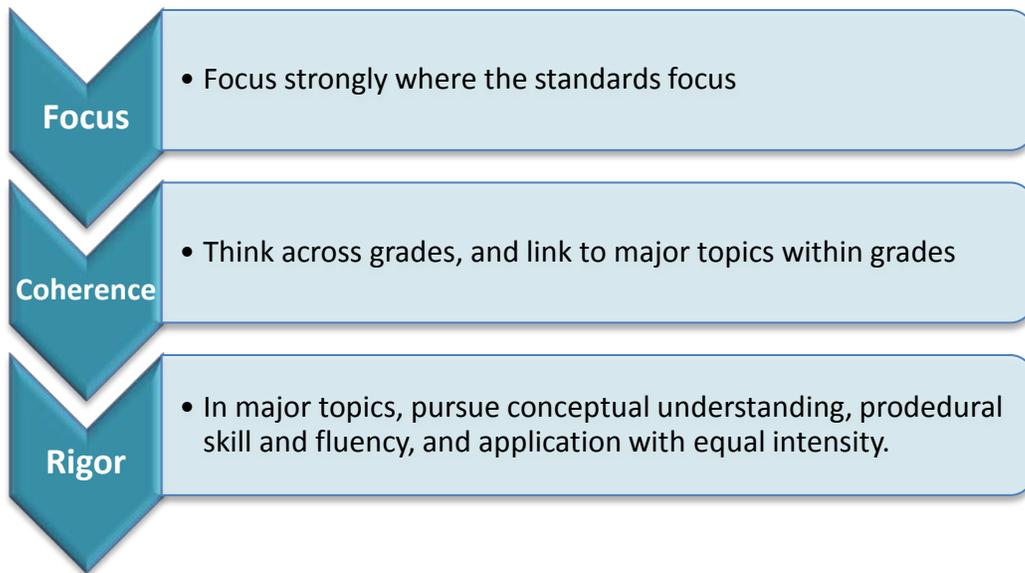
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FINAL EVALUATION			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
Section	Criteria	Y/N	Final Justification/Comments
I: Non-Negotiables	1. Focus on Major Work	Yes	Course materials contain applicable content for the subject matter.
	2. Consistent, Coherent Content	No	Review material or prior knowledge is not mentioned or identified within the text or the materials. Information the student should already know and information required for the current grade level is not clear.
	3. Rigor and Balance	Yes	Coursework provides an adequate balance of rigor as determined by each standard.
	4. Practice-Content Connections	No	Mathematical practices are listed and identified in each lesson; however, it is not clear how the mathematical practices relate cohesively to the content standards.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL DECISION FOR THIS MATERIAL: <u>Tier III, Not representing quality</u>			

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



Title: Pearson High School Math Common Core: Geometry (Math)

Grade: 10

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Tier I, Tier II, Tier II Elements of this review:

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	<p>REQUIRED 1b) There are problems at a level of sophistication appropriate to high school (beyond mere review of middle school topics) that involve the application of knowledge and skills from grades 6-8 including⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying ratios and proportional relationships. • Applying percentages and unit conversions, e.g., in the context of complicated measurement problems involving quantities with derived or compound units (such as mg/mL, kg/m³, acre-feet, etc.). • Applying basic function concepts, e.g., by interpreting the features of a graph in the context of an applied problem. • Applying concepts and skills of geometric measurement e.g., when analyzing a diagram or schematic. • Applying concepts and skills of basic statistics and probability (see 6–8.SP). • Performing rational number arithmetic fluently. 	Yes	Most skills used surpass the prerequisites required for high school. For example, although Chapter 7 Lesson 1 is a review of ratios and proportions from 8 th grade standards, Chapter 7 Lesson 3 and 4 make use of ratios and proportions in solving similar triangle problems, which are part of the high school standards and an extension and application of the 8 th grade standards.
	<p>REQUIRED (as applicable) 1c) For courses that include standards from the Geometry conceptual category, student work in Geometry significantly involves applications/modeling as well as geometry applications that use algebra skills.⁵</p>	Yes	Student work in Geometry involves applications/modeling as well as applications that use algebra skills. For example, Chapter 11 Lesson 5, students are asked to apply the volume formula for cones to application problems and solve for various variables in the equation related to the formula.

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<p>Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards.⁶</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 2a) Giving all students extensive work with course-level problems: Review of material from previous grades and courses is clearly identified as such to the teacher, and teachers and students can see what their specific responsibility is for the current year.</p>	No	<p>Previous-grades and -course review is not identified as such to the teacher. Teachers and students cannot see what their specific responsibility is for the current year. The electronic teacher’s edition lists standards for each lesson, however prior knowledge or whether material is review is not addressed. For example, Chapter 7 Lesson 1 deals with solving ratio and proportions. However, this is not a high school standard. This section should be labeled and identified as review material with appropriate standards listed.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED 2b) Relating course-level concepts explicitly to prior knowledge from earlier grades and courses: The materials are designed so that prior knowledge becomes reorganized and extended to accommodate the new knowledge.</p>	No	<p>Coursework does not mention prior knowledge learned in middle school and how it is applied to the current coursework. No connections to prior knowledge from earlier grades or course are explicitly stated in the text or course materials. For example, in Chapter 8 Lesson 1, The Pythagorean Theorem and its converse, students learn about the Pythagorean theorem and applications. However, basic solving to determine a side length of triangles is found in 8th grade standards in CCSS.Math.Content.8.G.B.6 Explain a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse. CCSS.Math.Content.8.G.B.7 Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions. CCSS.Math.Content.8.G.B.8 Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system. Chapter 8 Lesson 1, uses these content standards to introduce the Pythagorean theorem, but does not mention that these are eight grade or middle school standards. The standards related to the Pythagorean theorem at the high school level, address proof and application; not basic solving for a side in a right triangle. CCSS.Math.Content.HSG-SRT.B.4 Prove theorems about triangles. . CCSS.Math.Content.HSG-SRT.C.8 Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems.</p>

⁶ Refer also to criterion #3 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

<p>Non-Negotiable 3. RIGOR AND BALANCE: Each grade’s instructional materials reflect the balances in the Standards and help students meet the Standards’ rigorous expectations, by helping students develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.⁷</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 3a) Attention to Conceptual Understanding: Materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, especially where called for in specific content standards or cluster headings by amply featuring high-quality conceptual problems and questions.</p>	Yes	Students are asked to explain understanding and reasoning throughout the coursework. After being introduced to new concepts, students are expected to practice for understanding as the next step. Students are asked to reason by explanations. For example, Chapter 4 lesson 3 asks students how to prove that two triangles are congruent and to justify their answers.
	<p>REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to meet all of the expectations set in the Standards as a whole.</p>	Yes	Practice sets are given for each lesson to develop procedural skill and fluency to mastery of the content.
	<p>REQUIRED 3c) Attention to Applications: Materials are designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with engaging applications/modeling. While modeling is a mathematical practice at every grade, it is more prominent and enhanced in high school with more elements of the modeling cycle present.</p>	Yes	Materials attend thoroughly to those places in the content standards where expectations for multi-step and real-world problems are explicit. Almost all lessons contain a section of application problems related to the material of that lesson. For example Chapter 1 Lesson 4, contains a section labeled B: Apply. In this section, students complete word problems associated with real-world expectations.
	<p>REQUIRED 3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately</p>	Yes	Lessons align to the three components of rigor: Conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and application as needed in each lesson based on the standard’s need for each particular aspect of rigor.

⁷ Refer also to criterion #2 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

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	<p>REQUIRED 7c) Design of assignments is not haphazard: exercises are given in intentional sequences.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
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	<p>REQUIRED 7f) Support for English Language Learners and other special populations is thoughtful and helps those students meet the same standards as all other students. The language in which problems are posed is carefully considered.</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	<p>7g) There is variety in the pacing and grain size of content coverage.¹⁴</p>		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
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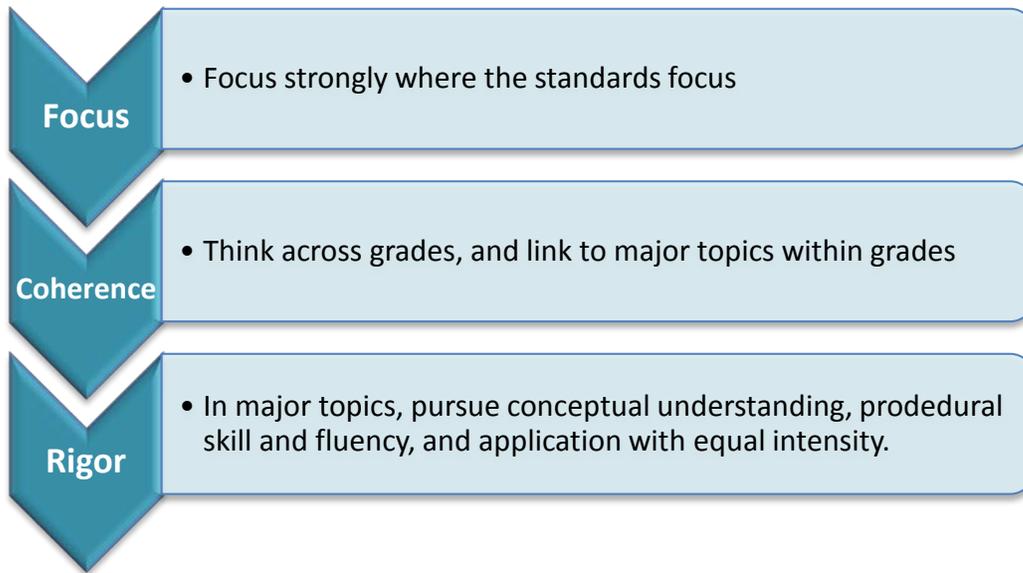
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Tier 3 ratings receive a “No” in Column 1 for at least one of the non-negotiable criteria.

FINAL EVALUATION			
Compile the results for Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review.			
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	3. Rigor and Balance	Yes	Coursework provides an adequate balance of rigor as determined by each standard.
	4. Practice-Content Connections	No	Mathematical practices are listed and identified in each lesson; however it is not clear how the mathematical practices relate cohesively to the content standards.
II: Additional Alignment Criteria and Indicators of Quality	5. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Content		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	6. Alignment Criteria for Standards for Mathematical Practice		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
	7. Indicators of Quality		Not evaluated. Non-negotiable criteria were not met.
FINAL DECISION FOR THIS MATERIAL: <u>Tier III, Not representing quality</u>			

Strong mathematics instruction contains the following elements:



Title: Pearson High School Math Common Core: Algebra 2 (Math)

Grade: 11

Publisher: Pearson Education, Inc.

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Overall Rating: Tier III, Not Representing Quality

Tier I, Tier II, Tier II Elements of this review:

STRONG	WEAK
Focus on Major Work (Non-Negotiable)	Consistent, Coherent Content (Non-Negotiable)
Rigor and Balance (Non-Negotiable)	Practice-Content Connections (Non-Negotiable)

To evaluate each set of submitted materials for alignment with the standards, begin by reviewing the indicators listed in Column 2 for the non-negotiable criteria in Section I. If there is a “Yes” for all indicators in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any indicator in Column 2 for Section I, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

For Section II, begin by reviewing the required indicators in Column 2 for each criterion. If there is a “Yes” for all required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “Yes” in Column 1. If there is a “No” for any required indicators in Column 2, then the materials receive a “No” in Column 1.

Tier 1 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for Criteria 1-7.

Tier 2 ratings receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all non-negotiable criteria (Criteria 1 – 4), but at least one “No” in Column 1 for the remaining criteria.

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SECTION I: NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA: Submissions must meet all of the non-negotiable criteria to move to tier 2.			
<p>Non-Negotiable 1. FOCUS IN HIGH SCHOOL: In any single course, students and teachers using the materials as designed spend the majority of their time developing knowledge and skills that are widely applicable as prerequisites for postsecondary education.^{1, 2} For courses that do not include Geometry standards, metrics 1a and 1b must be met. For courses including Geometry standards, all three of the metrics must be met.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 1a) In any single course, students spend at least 50% of their time on Widely Applicable Prerequisites for postsecondary education.³</p>	Yes	<p>Student work corresponds to standards written for high school math. Students spend the majority of their time completing work widely applicable as prerequisites for postsecondary education. In the teacher’s edition, at the front of each chapter, the standards are listed for that chapter. Each lesson lists the standard(s) used in the teacher’s edition. Also in the preface of the teacher’s edition, a table of standards and the lessons addressed by each standard is shown.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED 1b) There are problems at a level of sophistication appropriate to high school (beyond mere review of middle school topics) that involve the application of knowledge and skills from grades 6-8 including⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying ratios and proportional relationships. • Applying percentages and unit conversions, e.g., in the context of complicated measurement problems involving quantities with derived or compound units (such as mg/mL, kg/m³, acre-feet, etc.). • Applying basic function concepts, e.g., by interpreting the features of a graph in the context of an applied problem. • Applying concepts and skills of geometric measurement e.g., when analyzing a diagram or schematic. • Applying concepts and skills of basic statistics and probability (see 6–8.SP). • Performing rational number arithmetic fluently. 	Yes	<p>Skills used surpass the prerequisites required for High School. For example Chapter 6 involves Systems of Equations and inequalities, in the 9th grade students are expected to analyze and solve pairs of simultaneous linear equations (8.EE.8). Chapter 3 lesson 5 uses this knowledge of systems of equations to expand on this knowledge and apply properties of systems of equations in two variables to systems of equations in three variables.</p>
	<p>REQUIRED (as applicable) 1c) For courses that include standards from the Geometry conceptual category, student work in Geometry significantly involves applications/modeling as well as geometry applications that use algebra skills.⁵</p>	N/A	

¹ Refer also to criterion #1 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

² If materials show time in both block and standard 'days,' choose either but remain consistent.

³ For more information on the Widely Applicable Prerequisites, see Table 1 on Page 8 of the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁴ Information excerpted from Table 1 on Page 8 of the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

⁵ Since the Geometry category itself contains relatively fewer Widely Applicable Prerequisites, this criterion is important to help foster students’ college and career readiness.

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SECTION I (continued): NON-NEGOTIABLE CRITERIA			
<p>Non-Negotiable 2. CONSISTENT, COHERENT CONTENT Each course’s instructional materials are coherent and consistent with the content in the standards.⁶</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 2a) Giving all students extensive work with course-level problems: Review of material from previous grades and courses is clearly identified as such to the teacher, and teachers and students can see what their specific responsibility is for the current year.</p>	No	Previous-grades and -course review is not identified as such to the teacher. Teachers and students cannot see what their specific responsibility is for the current year. The electronic teacher’s edition lists standards for each lesson, however prior knowledge or whether material is review is not addressed.
	<p>REQUIRED 2b) Relating course-level concepts explicitly to prior knowledge from earlier grades and courses: The materials are designed so that prior knowledge becomes reorganized and extended to accommodate the new knowledge.</p>	No	Coursework does not mention prior knowledge learned in middle school and how it is applied to the current coursework. No connections to prior knowledge from earlier grades or course are explicitly stated in the text or course materials.
<p>Non-Negotiable 3. RIGOR AND BALANCE: Each grade’s instructional materials reflect the balances in the Standards and help students meet the Standards’ rigorous expectations, by helping students develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application.⁷</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>REQUIRED 3a) Attention to Conceptual Understanding: Materials develop conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, especially where called for in specific content standards or cluster headings by amply featuring high-quality conceptual problems and questions.</p>	Yes	Students are asked to explain understanding and reasoning throughout the coursework. After being introduced to new concepts, students are expected to practice for understanding as the next step. Students are asked to reason by explanations. For example, Chapter 3 Lesson 2 students are asked to reason algebraically using substitution and justify their reasoning. Students must understand the concepts about what solutions to a system of equations mean in order to explain why the solution works for both equations.
	<p>REQUIRED 3b) Attention to Procedural Skill and Fluency: Materials give attention throughout the year to individual standards that set an expectation of procedural skill and fluency. In higher grades, sufficient practice with algebraic operations is provided in order for students to meet all of the expectations set in the Standards as a whole.</p>	Yes	Practice sets are given for each lesson to develop procedural skill and fluency to mastery of the content.
	<p>REQUIRED 3c) Attention to Applications: Materials are designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with engaging applications/modeling. While modeling is a mathematical practice at every grade, it is more prominent and enhanced in high school with more elements of the modeling cycle present.</p>	Yes	Materials attend thoroughly to those places in the content standards where expectations for multi-step and real-world problems are explicit. Almost all lessons contain a section of application problems related to the material of that lesson. For example Chapter 4 Lesson 7 contains a section of labeled B: Apply. In this section, students complete word problems associated with real-world expectations.

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⁷ Refer also to criterion #2 in the High School [Publishers’ Criteria](#) for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (Spring 2013).

	REQUIRED 3d) Balance: The three aspects of rigor are not always treated together, and are not always treated separately	Yes	Lessons align to the three components of rigor: Conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and application as needed in each lesson based on the standard's need for each particular aspect of rigor.
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FINAL DECISION FOR THIS MATERIAL: <u>Tier III, Not representing quality</u>			