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Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Texas Edition
Benchmark Fonética y estudio de palabras Texas Edition

Benchmark Education Company would like to acknowledge the Texas Education Agency, the State Board of Education, and the educators and community members for their evaluation of *Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Texas Edition* and *Benchmark Fonética y estudio de palabras Texas Edition*. We are proud that both programs received 100% alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and have no red flags for product suitability. This alignment not only highlights the programs' quality and integrity but also reinforces our ongoing commitment to equipping Texas educators with the tools and resources necessary to foster literacy achievement and long-term academic success.

Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Texas Edition and *Benchmark Fonética y estudio de palabras Texas Edition* are grounded in the latest science of reading research and aligned with the principles of Structured Literacy, providing comprehensive phonics instruction that explicitly teach how English and Spanish work.

- ***Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Texas Edition:*** Designed to offer students meaningful practice and application opportunities that build English language proficiency. The program reflects the authentic structure and orthographic complexity of English, providing explicit, systematic instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, and high-frequency words while reinforcing comprehension and fluency.

- ***Benchmark Fonética y estudio de palabras Texas Edition:*** The program emphasizes the transparent, syllabic nature of the Spanish language, guiding students to internalize its consistent sound-symbol relationships through explicit, systematic instruction in syllables, phonemes, and spelling patterns. This approach leverages the regularity of Spanish orthography to build strong decoding, spelling, and fluency skills, and offers students meaningful practice and application opportunities to build Spanish proficiency and deepen language transfer.

When used together, *Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Texas Edition* and *Benchmark Fonética y estudio de palabras Texas Edition* provide a comprehensive framework that nurtures biliteracy and language transfer, ensuring students develop strong and connected literacy skills in both English and Spanish. The programs are intentionally designed to complement one another, supporting students as they apply what they know about the structure of one language to strengthen their understanding of the other.

At Benchmark Education Company, our mission is to empower both students and teachers with the resources they need to become problem-solvers, decision-makers, and joyful learners. We believe that education is most powerful when it inspires a lifelong love of learning and equips individuals with the skills to think critically and creatively in an ever-changing world. We are honored to continue partnering with the educators and students of Texas, whose dedication fuels our purpose.