



## IMRA 2025 | Publisher Response - *Saxon Reading Foundations*

We would like to thank the Texas Education Agency, the State Board of Education, and the participating educators and community members for considering *Saxon Reading Foundations* during the 2026 IMRA process. We appreciate the dedication and time invested in this comprehensive review, which ensures that Texas educators and students have access to high-quality, effective instructional materials.

We are proud that Saxon was recognized as a high quality foundational skills program achieving 100% alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) across three grades: K-2. *Saxon Reading Foundations* earned over 30 Suitability Excellence Flags showing the program's deep alignment to Texas' core educational values.

*Saxon Reading Foundations* is based on the latest research for teaching foundational reading skills, incorporating principles from cognitive science and proven methods in early literacy instruction. The program provides systematic, explicit, incremental, and cumulative instruction with application and continual review to achieve mastery.

Formerly published as *Saxon Phonics & Spelling*, the program has been proven over decades to be an incredibly effective supplementary tool for teaching phonics, fluency and phonemic awareness. Authored by longtime Texas educator, Lorna Simmons, Saxon has been widely used throughout the state as a trusted resource for teachers in K-2 ELA foundational skills classrooms. With the new 2026 copyright, Saxon continues this strong legacy of providing all students with the foundational reading skills they need to become successful readers. Saxon also now includes a Texas Teacher's Resource Guide created specifically to support Texas educators and, ultimately, students.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the educators and students of Texas, and we remain committed to supporting their success with our high-quality foundational skills program.