IMRA Instructional Materials Review and Approval

Interoperability and Technical Specifications

The information provided in this form is intended to assist local school systems decision-making during the Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) process.

Note: If information is the same for all grade levels, only one form is required.

All fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Publisher* Benchmark Education Company

Program Title* Benchmark Phonics Texas Edition

Subject Area* ELAR Phonics

Course/Grade Levels* K-3

Part One: Access and Use

Feature/Requirement/Specification

1. This product is designed for 1:1 use (one digital device per student). *

☒ Yes ☐ No

2. This product combines print and digital materials. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. This product is digital only. *

☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Online products can be used offline. Students can continue working when internet connection is dropped. *

☐ Yes ☒ No

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5. The product automatically syncs when a connection is re-established, and work completed offline is saved and uploaded. *

☐ Yes ■ No

6. Single sign-on is supported. If yes, select the platforms below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

■ ClassLink	■ Clever	■ Google Workspace/Classroom
☐ JumpCloud	☐ Microsoft Azure Active Directory (AD)	☐ Okta
☐ OneLogin	☐ Ping Identity	■ Schoology
☐ Other: _____		

7. Students are permitted to use the product on more than one device (e.g., a computer at school and a laptop at home). *

■ Yes ☐ No

8. The product uses the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) with unique IDs for students and staff. *

■ Yes ☐ No

9. Accounts can be created for support staff. *

■ Yes ☐ No

10. Content is printable. *

■ Yes ☐ No

11. Content is exportable. If yes, specify formats. *

■ Yes ☐ No

BEC is certified for the following: Thin Common Cartridge (Thin CC) version 1.0, Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI) versions 1.3. Some content is available for download via PDF.

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12. Content is presentable in e-book format. If yes, specify formats below. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Our ebooks may be downloaded in multiple formats, including braille, HTML, ePub, audio, and translated versions.

13. The product has embedded videos. If yes, specify file format, average file size, and the average number of videos per chapter/unit below. *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Videos are linked, not embedded. Average number of videos per unit will differ depending on unit and grade level. Average file size is approximately 16 MB, MP4 format.

14. The product contains simulations. If yes, specify formats below. *

☐ Yes ☒ No

15. The product contains animations. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

16. The product platform allows digital objects (e.g., text, video, simulations, etc.) to be divided and tagged with keywords and standards. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

17. The product contains embedded assessments. If yes, describe assessment format, location, and compatibility with an external learning management system below. *

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Part Two: Compatibility

Device Compatibility*

Fill out the following table. Identify each compatible device and indicate the oldest and newest associated operating systems for that device.

	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
■ Android phone	Last 4 stable versions	Android 4.2+
■ Android tablet	Last 4 stable versions	Android 4.2+
■ Chromebook	Last 4 stable versions	Chrome OS 53+
■ iPad	Last 4 stable versions	iPadOS 13+
■ iPhone	Last 4 stable versions	iOS 26+
☐ Interactive Whiteboard		

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☐ Kindle Fire		
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
☐ Kindle, other		
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
■ Mac	Last 4 stable versions	macOS 10.8+
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
☐ Nook		
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
☐ Other e-reader		
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
■ PC	Last 4 stable versions	Windows 10+
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported
■ Windows tablet	Last 4 stable versions	Windows 10+
	Oldest Operating System/Version Supported	Newest Operating System/ Version supported

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Browser and Operating System Compatibility *

Fill out the following table. Identify each compatible device and indicate the oldest and newest associated operating systems for that device.

Browser	Oldest browser version supported	Newest browser version supported	Mac OS	Windows	Linux	Chromium	N/A
Chrome	last 4 stable versions		X	X	N/A	N/A	
Edge	last 4 stable versions		X	X	N/A	N/A	
Firefox	last 4 stable versions		X	X	N/A	N/A	
Safari	last 4 stable versions		X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Other							

Part Three: Product Format, Installation Requirements, and Support

Feature/Requirement/Specification

1. Product is browser-based online; continuous Internet connection required. *

■ Yes ☐ No

2. Plug-ins are required. If yes, list the required plug-ins below. *

☐ Yes ■ No

3. Product is downloaded to individual device: One-time internet connection required. *

☐ Yes ■ No

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4. Product is installed on an individual computer (from DVD, flash drive, etc.): No internet connection required. If yes, estimate time per device required for setup; indicate if support is provided and if local IT staff is needed below. *

☐Yes ■No

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5. Product is installed on a LAN (district or school server): No internet connection required for teachers, students, or other users. *

☐Yes ■No

6. Infrastructure and software licensing are required. If yes, list license requirements and specify if set-up support is provided below. *

☐Yes ■No

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7. Server configuration is required. If yes, list server requirements and specify if set-up support is provided below. *

■Yes ☐No

Whitelist is available here: https://help.benchmarkuniverse.com/bubateacher/Content/A_Introduction%20Topics/SystemRequirements.htm

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8. The product supports deployment through Mobile Device Management (MDM) systems. *

☐Yes ■No

9. Technical support is provided to districts during initial set-up and deployment. If yes, specify the type of set-up support Provided below. *

■Yes ☐No

Benchmark Education provides support to named Technical Contacts as well as Educators and Administrators. We can be contacted via Email: techsupport@benchmarkeducation.com or phone (855)-245-9751, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET

10.Technical support is provided during duration of contract. If yes, specify the type of on-going support provided below. *

■Yes ☐No

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Part Four: Data Security, Access, and Privacy

Feature/Requirement/Specification

1. Login authentication uses district protocols to establish common usernames and passwords. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

2. Passwords can be reset without assistance from technical staff. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

3. Personally-identifying student data is recorded by the product. If yes, list required student data and optional data fields below. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

Benchmark Universe requires minimal PII for users. Name, username, school, and a unique identifier (e.g. SourcedID, Clever ID) are required for each user if using a data sync rostering method. Email address and SIS ID will be collected if available at the data source. If a manual rostering method is used we will also require a password and security question/answer for e

4. Student data (e.g., roster changes, contact information, etc.) is automatically updated. If yes, specify frequency and if automatically exported from SIS, or indicate who is responsible for student data export below. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

For rostering via Clever and other sync methods, Benchmark runs a nightly sync at midnight EST to collect any changes found at the source. The district ' s rostering administrator also has the ability to run the sync ad hoc or manually outside of this scheduled process.

5. Location of student data stored by the product fully disclosed. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

6. Student data is purged after use by the product. If yes, indicate how and when below. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

We do not retain your personal information for longer than is necessary to provide you with the features and services you have requested. Benchmark Education will not retain your personal information for longer than called for under its agreement(s) with your school. In the event that we do not have an agreement with your school that concerns data retention, at expiratio

7. Student data can be purged by the district at any time. *

☑ Yes ☐ No

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8. Data is encrypted in transit. If yes, indicate which encryption protocols are supported below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

Data is encrypted both in transit and at rest. We utilize AWS Server-Side Encryption with Amazon S3-Managed Keys (SSE-S3) - Each object is encrypted with a unique key employing strong multi-factor encryption. As an additional safeguard, it encrypts the key itself with a master key that it regularly rotates. /

9. Data elements are encrypted at rest (i.e., in a database or file system) If yes, specify which data elements are encrypted below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

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10. Is your company willing to sign the TX-NDPA (Standard Student Data Privacy Agreement) with purchasing school systems? Please provide a link to your student privacy policy below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

Privacy Policy can be found here: https://help.benchmarkuniverse.com/bubateacher/Content/Customer%20Support/Privacy%20Policy.htm

11. The product conforms with FERPA regulations. *

■ Yes ☐ No

12. A third party has evaluated the product for FERPA compliance. If yes, provide a link to the report below. *

☐ Yes ■ No

We have received 1EdTech's TrustEd Apps Seal of Data Privacy and have completed a Security Self Assessment Rubric through 1EdTech. We are currently undergoing ISO 27001 certification, which will evaluate our security processes involving PII.

13. The product employs rule-based security. If yes, provide a link to detailed information and supporting documents below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

14. The product allows registration or data collection from children under the age of 13. If yes, provide a link to the COPPA Safe Harbor certificate below. *

■ Yes ☐ No

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15. The product allows a download of school system-generated data (including usage data) without manual intervention by product staff. *

■ Yes ☐ No

What types of authentications are accepted/used?

- ▣ Password-based authentication
- ☐ Multi-factor authentication
- ☐ Certificate-based authentication
- ☐ Other: _____

Part Five: Additional Technology Specifications

Learning Management System (LMS) (Check all that apply) *

- ☐ Blackboard
- ■ Canvas
- ☐ Eduphoria
- ■ Google Classroom
- ☐ ItsLearning
- ☐ Moodle
- ■ Schoolology
- ☐ Other: _____

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Standards Compliance (Check all that apply)

- ☐ CEDS
- ☐ EDUPUB
- ☐ EdFi
- ■ IMS Global
- ☐ SIF
- ☐ Xapi
- ☐ Other: _____

Integrated Management System (IMS) Global Standards Compliance (Check all that apply) *

If IMS Global was selected, check all standards that apply to this product.

- ☐ APIP
- ☐ Caliper
- ■ CASE
- ■ LTI
- ■ OneRoster
- ■ QTI
- ■ TCC
- ☐ Other: _____

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Is this product IMS Certified? If so, list the standards under which it is certified:

Yes. BEC is certified for LTI 1.3, OneRoster 1.1, QTI v.2.1, Thin Common Cartridge 1.3. Benchmark also has a Data Privacy Certification and have completed a Security Self-Assessment Rubric through 1EdTech.

Usage Analytics*

Do you provide usage analytics?

■ Yes ☐ No

Which usage reports do you provide? Select all that apply.

☐ Time on Task

■ The number of teachers/students accessing the digital product

☐ The content teachers/students access

■ The frequency of teachers'/students' access

▣ Other: The reports provided depends upon the package being purchased.

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