Texas Resource Review

Technical Specifications

The following information is intended to assist LEAs during their review and adoption process. The information in this form relates to the *Additional Information* section of the rubric and is not scored. One form will suffice for all grade levels if the information stays the same.

Publisher Benchmark Education Company LLC

Program Title Ready to Advance Early Learning Program Texas

Subject Area Prekindergarten Systems

Course/Grade Levels English PreK

Part One: Access and Use

Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
X		1. This product is designed for 1:1 use (one digital device per student).
X		2. This product combines print and digital materials.
	X	3. This product is digital only.
	X	4. Online products can be used offline. Students can continue working when internet connection is dropped.
	X	5. The product automatically syncs when a connection is re-established, and work completed offline is saved and uploaded.
X		6. Single sign-on is supported.
X		7. Students are permitted to use the product on more than one device (e.g., computer at school and a laptop at home).
	X	8. The product uses the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) with unique IDs for students and staff.
X		9. Accounts can be created for support staff.
X		10. Content is printable.

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Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
X		11. Content is exportable. If yes, specify formats below.
		eBooks content is printable. Content may also be shared w/students via single sign-on links. Thin Common Cartridge will be available Summ
X		12. Content is presentable in e-book format. If yes, specify formats below.
		eBooks in Benchmark Universe are presented using the BEC eReader.
X		13. The product has embedded videos. If yes, specify file format, average file size, and the average number of videos per chapter/unit below.
		The program includes 10 unit opener videos (one per unit). They are approx. one-minute in length, and are provided in a streaming format.
		No video files are required to be downloaded.
	X	14. The product contains simulations. If yes, specify formats below.
	X	15. The product contains animations.
X		16. The product platform allows for digital objects (e.g., text, video, simulations, etc.) to be divided and tagged with keywords and standards.
X		17. The product contains embedded assessments. If yes, describe assessment format, location, and compatibility with an external learning management system below.
		The program includes several teacher-led assessments provided in PDF format, including observational checklists and other developmenta

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Part Two: Compatibility

Device Compatibility

Please complete the table below, marking the box for each compatible device and noting the oldest and newest associated operating systems for that device.

Device is compatible. Check all that apply.	Device	Oldest operating system/version supported	Newest operating system/version supported
	Android phone		
X	Android tablet	Android 4.2	Android 10.0
X	Chromebook	OS 53	OS 81
X	iPad	iOS 8	iOS 13
	iPhone		
X	Mac	macOS 10.8	macOS 10.15
X	PC	Windows 7	Windows 10
X	Windows tablet	Windows 7	Windows 10
	Kindle Fire		
	Kindle, other		
	Nook		
	Other e-reader		
	Interactive whiteboard		

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Browser and Operating System Compatibility

Please complete the table below, marking the box for each compatible browser, noting the oldest and newest associated browser and operating system versions.

Browser	Oldest browser version supported	Newest browser version supported	Operating System (Check all that apply.)				
			Mac OS	Windows	Linux	Chromium	N/A
Chrome	Mac 10.10/Windows 7	10.15/10	All options.	All options.			
Edge	Windows 7	Windows 10		All options.			
Firefox	Mac 10.10/Windows 7	10.15/10	All options.	All options.			
Safari	Mac 10.10	Mac 10.15	All options.				
Other							

Part Three: Product Format, Installation Requirements, and Support

Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
X		1. Product is browser-based online: Continuous internet connection required.
	X	2. Plug-ins are required. If yes, list required plug-ins below.
	X	3. Product is downloaded to individual device: One-time internet connection required.
	X	4. Product is installed on 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.

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Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
	X	5. Product is installed on a LAN (district or school server): No internet connection required for teachers, students, or other users.
X		6. Infrastructure and software licensing are required. If yes, list licenses requirements and specify if set-up support is provided below.
		Software content licensing is assigned at the school level based on materials purchased. Set-up support is provided with purchase.
	X	7. Server configuration is required. If yes, list server requirements and specify if set-up support is provided below.
	X	8. The product supports deployment through Mobile Device Management (MDM) systems.
X		9. Technical support is provided to districts during initial set-up and deployment. If yes, specify the type of set-up support provided below.
		An initial call is set-up between the District and a BEC Onboarding Specialist to determine the best method for user account creation.
X		10.Technical support is provided during duration of contract. If yes, specify the type of on-going support provided below.
		Tech Support is available via email (techsupport@benchmarkeducation.com) or phone (855-245-9751), M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. EST. Be

Part Four: Data Security, Access, and Privacy

Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
X		1. Login authentication uses district protocols to establish common usernames and passwords.
X		2. Passwords can be reset without assistance from technical staff.
X		3. Personally identifying student data is recorded by the product. If yes, list required student data and optional data fields below.
		Benchmark collects data to provide the described services, such as student ID, student username/password and school information.

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Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
X		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.
		An assigned Technical Administrator for the District is responsible for managing data transfer. Frequency can vary depending on onboardin
X		5. Location of student data stored by the product fully disclosed.
X		6. Student data is purged after use by the product. If yes, indicate how and when below.
		At expiration or termination of an agreement, we remove the data within 6 months from the termination date.
X		7. Student data can be purged by the district at any time.
X		8. Data is encrypted in transit. If yes, indicate which encryption protocols are supported below.
		SSL Security Encryption: Server Authentication (1.3.6.1.5.5. 7.3.1); Client Authentication (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2)
X		9. Data elements are encrypted at rest (i.e., in a database or file system) If yes, specify which data elements are encrypted below.
		All user data is stored securely using Amazon Web Services (AWS) and is encrypted at rest.
X		10. The student data privacy pledge has been agreed upon. Please provide link to verifying document and/or your student privacy policy below.
		http://help.benchmarkuniverse.com/bubateacher/Content/Customer%20Support/Privacy%20Policy.htm
X		11. The product conforms with FERPA regulations.
	X	12. A third party has evaluated the product for FERPA compliance. If yes, provide a link to the report below.
		Benchmark Education has submitted an application request to be a signatory of the Future of Privacy Forum's (FPF) Student Privacy Pledge

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Yes	No	Feature/Requirement/Specification
	X	13. The product employs rule-based security. If yes, provide a link to detailed information and supporting documents below.
	X	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.
	X	15. The product allows a download of LEA-generated data (including usage data) without manual intervention by product staff.

Part Five: Additional Technology Specifications

Learning Management System (Check all that apply)

Blackboard	Canvas	Eduphoria	Google Classroom	ItsLearning	Moodle	Schoolology	Other: Please list below.
	X					X	

Other LMSs: Google Classroom and Moodle integrations are on Benchmark Education's near-term roadmap.

Standards Compliance (Check all that apply)

CEDS	EDUPUB	EdFi	IMS Global	SIF	Xapi	Other: Please list below.
			X			

Other standards:

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IMS Global Standards Compliance (Check all that apply)
If IMS Global was selected above, check all standards that apply to this product.

APIP	Caliper	CASE	LTI	OneRoster	QTI	TCC
		X	X	X	X	X

Is this product IMS Certified? If so, list the standards under which it is certified:	Benchmark Education adheres to each IMS standard listed, and IMS certification for each will be accomplished in the near term.

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