

[Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials](#) are state-developed open education resources (OER) that provide educators in Texas with high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) in core content areas. Bluebonnet Learning Edition 1 instructional materials were approved by the [State Board of Education \(SBOE\)](#) during the 2024 inaugural cycle of the [Instructional Materials Review and Approval \(IMRA\)](#) process, as an optional resource for school systems.

Reading Language Arts (RLA): K–3 Foundational Skills and K–5 RLA

The Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials exist as two distinct RLA components: a foundational skills component and a reading-for-knowledge component.

Bluebonnet Learning K–3 Foundational Skills

Instructional materials use research-based strategies to deliver clear, literacy instruction for students to develop and grow their literacy skills. The lessons are sequenced to progress from simple to more advanced skills, offering students opportunities to practice foundational skills independently or through decodable texts. Students will develop a love for reading and strengthen their handwriting and cursive writing skills. In grades K–2, the skills and knowledge units are taught in two distinct time blocks from lessons built for that purpose. In grade 3, the product is offered as Knowledge & Skills unified, or K–3 Skills alone. In grades 4 and 5, there are knowledge units built to reinforce RLA skills that have already been established in K–3 Skills units consistent with the science of reading.

Bluebonnet Learning K–5 RLA instructional units build upon prior instruction through a knowledge-based approach that connects topics across grades. The units incorporate cross-curricular content in science and history, while including great works of literature consistent with a classical educational model focused on the fundamentals. Students engage with the reading materials to create written responses grounded in text evidence, while developing critical thinking and research skills. These materials are designed to prepare students for grade-level success, which can be demonstrated on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). The materials are tailored for Texas students, with content featuring strong representation from the diverse people, places, and history of Texans to highlight the unique framework of the Lone Star State.

Mathematics: K–5 Math and Secondary Mathematics

Bluebonnet Learning K–5 Math and Secondary Mathematics instructional materials are a comprehensive and clearly sequenced suite of instructional materials that provide teachers with the knowledge and tools outlined in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and are grounded in cognitive and developmental science.

Bluebonnet Learning K–5 Math materials guide students to be thinkers and doers of mathematics. K–5 Math materials present math as a cohesive story, building concepts lesson-by-lesson to emphasize the creation, flexibility, and relationships of units. The materials use a four-part lesson structure that develops fluency, incorporates fast-paced practice, encourages perseverance, and fosters conceptual and procedural understanding.

Bluebonnet Learning Secondary Mathematics materials are sequenced to build knowledge across modules and grades, while offering teachers the flexibility to adapt instruction to meet the unique needs of their students. The materials provide ample opportunities for collaborative and independent learning and equip teachers with the resources needed to engage all students in grade-level tasks that pursue rigor by balancing fluency, conceptual and procedural understanding, and application.

Teacher and Family Support

Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials were designed with teachers in mind. Designed to be printed for student use, the materials fully cover the [TEKS](#), [English Language Proficiency Standards \(ELPS\)](#), and prekindergarten guidelines. These resources offer rigorous, suitable, and grade-level appropriate content that meet the needs of all students as reviewed and approved under the SBOE's IMRA process. The materials include a scope and sequence, unit overviews with background knowledge, daily lesson plans, language and differentiation supports, and aligned assessments. With Bluebonnet Learning, teachers have access to HQIM that are on grade level, provide differentiated student supports, and free up teacher time to deliver the highest-quality instruction to Texas students.

Parents, families, and community members are invaluable partners in Texas education, and Bluebonnet Learning provides easily accessible and clear materials to help them stay actively involved in their child's learning. Each unit includes a family letter informing parents and families exactly what their child will be learning, along with recommendations on how to engage with what they're learning in school at home.

Funding and Printing

Local school systems may use their Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment (IMTA) funds to procure Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials in addition to the new entitlement funds from House Bill (HB) 1605 (88R), including the SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials Entitlement and the State-Developed OER Instructional Materials Entitlement.

- **SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials Entitlement ([TEC, §31.022](#) and [TEC, §48.307](#)):** supports the purchase of HQIM approved by the SBOE; public school systems are entitled to \$40 per student per year.
- **State-Developed OER Entitlement ([TEC, §48.308](#)):** any school system that chooses Bluebonnet Learning, the state-developed OER, is entitled to an additional \$20 per student to cover the cost of printing the textbooks.

Printed copies of Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials will be available for procurement in EMAT through approved printing vendors.

For more information on Bluebonnet Learning, visit tea.texas.gov/bluebonnet.

