



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Paul M. Brenton  
Superintendent  
Plainfield Public Schools  
651 Norwich Road  
Plainfield, CT 06374

Dear Superintendent Brenton:

Thank you for submitting a reading curricula/program during the open review period of the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) 2022 PreK–3 Reading Connecticut Review Process to Evaluate Curricula and Programs (Reading CORE) created by the CSDE in consultation with the Reading Leadership Implementation Council (Council).

This letter is to inform you that McGraw Hill’s Wonders © (2020) was selected through the Reading CORE process as one of Connecticut’s Approved K-3 Core Comprehensive Reading Curricula/Programs.

The Reading CORE review team consisted of 16 Connecticut literacy experts and educational leaders. Several members of the Council also served on the Reading CORE team. In total, 25 curricula/programs were reviewed and rated on each of the 25 critical literacy indicators aligned to the science of reading that are listed in the [2022 Guidelines](#). Every curriculum/program was reviewed by at least two reviewers. In addition to the ratings of Connecticut reviewers, other credible and comprehensive literacy material reviews and research findings, including Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) CURriculum RATings by TEachers (CURATE), EdReports, and the Colorado Department of Education Advisory List of Instructional Programming were also considered before final approval.

Please confirm receipt of this letter by emailing me at [SDE.LiteracyCenter@ct.gov](mailto:SDE.LiteracyCenter@ct.gov). I will keep you apprised of any updates or necessary next steps.

Sincerely,

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