

**Orange County School District Elementary Intervention Materials Review**

**Company:** Teacher to Teacher Publications  
**Program Title:** Making Sense of Problem Solving

**Overall rating: A**  
**Grade Level (s): K-5**

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Product Does Not Meet OCPS Standards At ALL	Product Minimally Meets OCPS Standards	Product Adequately Meets OCPS Standards	Product Highly Meets OCPS Standards

Review Criteria	Comments										
<p><b><u>Alignment to District Curriculum</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the program align to SSS?</li> <li>Is there a correlation/alignment guide to the adopted text? (Grades 6-Algebra: Glencoe / Geometry – McDougal &amp; Prentice Hall)</li> <li>Are new skills introduced in a way which builds upon prior knowledge in a logical way?</li> <li>Is there a comprehensive inclusion of all five strands of mathematics?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Points earned/ points possible</b> <b>45/45</b></p>										
<p><b><u>Instructional Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the program include a series of instructional activities that are carefully linked with the diagnostic assessments?</li> <li>Do the program’s instructional activities support and enhance, but not supplant or duplicate, regular classroom instruction?</li> <li>Is the mathematics in the instructional activities correct?</li> <li>Do the instructional activities contain challenging tasks that are appropriate for students/ interests and backgrounds?</li> <li>Are the instructional activities targeted to specific concepts or skills?</li> <li>Does the program include instructional strategies that develop conceptual understanding through the use of concrete, semi-concrete (pictorial) and abstract (symbolic) activities?</li> <li>Does the program include different delivery models for students? (individual, small group, whole group)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Points earned/ points possible</b> <b>75/75</b></p>										
<p><b><u>Content (Student Book, TE or Ancillaries)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are a variety of problems and examples shown using problems of varying difficulty?</li> <li>Are a variety of problems (<u>at varying levels –up or down 2 grade levels from target</u>) provided to allow appropriate student practice?</li> <li>Are multiple problem-solving strategies encouraged and modeled?</li> <li>Are there real-life applications of mathematics?</li> <li>Is the program multi-culturally and gender sensitive?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Earned/ Possible:</b> <b>54/60</b></p>										
<p><b><u>Readability</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are explanations/examples understandable?</li> <li>Is the layout of student pages/screen shots clean (Not Cluttered, readable font size, color, pictures are clear)</li> <li>Does program encourage vocabulary acquisition and practice?</li> <li><i>Is it “age-honoring?” (I.e. age appropriate with text and pictures. If it is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade material presented to a middle school student, it does not look like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade text and illustrations.)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Earned/ Possible:</b> <b>15/15</b></p>										
<p><b><u>Teacher’s Support Materials</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are benchmark numbers given with each lesson?</li> <li>Are there strategies included to support ESE and ESOL students?</li> <li>Are answers provided for the teacher? Are they located with the problem in readable print?</li> <li>Have classroom management (grouping/pairing, etc), assorted assessment strategies, and materials management ideas for the teacher been included?</li> <li>Does the program address multiple learning modalities?</li> <li>Does the program provide hints/examples and non-examples?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Earned/ Possible:</b> <b>65/75</b></p>										
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<p><b><u>Other Comments:</u></b>  <b>Unique</b> Features that can add additional points. Team members really liked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Professional Development program – the 1 hour sessions</li> <li>The CDs with virtual manipulatives</li> <li>Match to the 2007 Florida Mathematics Standards</li> </ul>											

**Teacher to Teacher cumulative score: 93/100      Rating: “A”**