

Research Base for **Forde-Ferrier** **Educational Services**

Forde-Ferrier Educational Services has been providing TAKS materials and workshops for Texas schools since 1998. In these 8 years, Forde-Ferrier Educational Services has provided support to help Texas schools prepare, improve, and succeed on all areas of the TAKS tests.

Jason Forde began teaching in 1994. During his twelve years of experience he has taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in Edgewood ISD, Southwest ISD, Somerset ISD, Northeast ISD, and Southside ISD in San Antonio, Texas. Almost all of the schools Jason has taught at have been Title I schools with a 90% or more economically disadvantaged population. Jason has consistently had class passing rates of 95% or higher in all tested areas of the TAKS test. Jason's commended performance rates are 70% or higher in all tested areas as well.

Dagan Ferrier began teaching in 1991, and has spent his entire teaching career teaching 5th grade at Indian Creek Elementary School in Southwest Independent School district in San Antonio, Texas. Indian Creek has a student population that is over 90% economically disadvantaged. In the year before Dagan began teaching, the fifth grade class at Indian Creek had a passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) of less than

20%. In 1995, Dagan Ferrier and fellow teacher; Jason Forde, developed a math program while working together at Indian Creek that led to a pass rate of 100% on the math TAAS test in 1996 for both of their classes. Dagan and Jason still use the same math program. Dagan's pass rates on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) have been 100% on all four administrations (2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006) of the math TAKS test. In 2006, the commended rate on the TAKS math test for his class was over 70%. Dagan has also achieved 100% pass rates on the 2004, 2005, and 2006 TAKS science test with commended rates of over 70% in all three of those years. Dagan's pass rates on the reading TAKS test have been just as high.

Forde-Ferrier material is written and presented to address all Texas Essentials of Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) so that teachers can successfully prepare their students for the TAKS test. Forde-Ferrier materials and supplements are written to support the No Child Left Behind Act that came into effect in 2001. Since the material is aligned with NCLB and the TEKS, it ensures that students will learn if they use Forde-Ferrier materials and supplements.

Forde-Ferrier is constantly revising their material as TEKS are added and

removed in subject areas in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Forde-Ferrier material is written so that students are learning, reinforcing concepts, and being challenged. Forde-Ferrier material provides practice and assessment tools in various types of workbooks in writing, reading, math, and science in Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Forde-Ferrier creates and provides benchmark assessments based on individual and/or district scope and sequences. These specifically designed assessments ensure that students are being assessed on material specific to their learning time-line.

Forde-Ferrier material is designed to support effective teaching practices of the TEKS and specific district standards.

Forde-Ferrier ensures the following principles are provided through the use of their materials:

- ✓ All TEKS are included to ensure students are prepared for TAKS
- ✓ Material is presented in a way that will challenge students and ensure their success
- ✓ Assessments are provided and on-going for each skill taught, as well as to prepare students for the state's TAKS tests
- ✓ Material is cumulative to reinforce previously taught material, as well as recently taught material
- ✓ All material presented is connected to TEKS and TAKS objectives
- ✓ Staff developments are provided in all subject areas in Grade One through Grade Six to ensure teachers are competent in presentation of material to ensure students are successful in learning the material

All Forde-Ferrier materials and workshops are designed to specifically meet all TEKS and codes set forth by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The following codes have been addressed by Forde-Ferrier Educational Services:

- 74.1 Essential Knowledge and Skills
- 74.2 Description of a Required Elementary Curriculum
- 110.4 English Language Arts and Reading Grade 2
- 110.5 English Language Arts and Reading Grade 3
- 110.6 English Language Arts and Reading Grade 4
- 110.7 English Language Arts and Reading Grade 5
- 111.13 Mathematics Grade 1
- 111.14 Mathematics Grade 2
- 111.15 Mathematics Grade 3
- 111.16 Mathematics Grade 4
- 111.17 Mathematics Grade 5
- 112.6 Science Grade 4
- 112.7 Science Grade 5

Based on scores from schools and districts serviced by Forde-Ferrier Educational Services, it is evident that company materials provide students with skills necessary to master the TEKS and TAKS objectives.

Forde-Ferrier has presented at Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) annual conference in Austin, Texas every summer since 1998. Forde-Ferrier has presented at the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching (CAMT) in the past, and continues to be an exhibitor at the annual CAMT conference in Dallas, Houston, or San Antonio every summer.

Forde-Ferrier Educational Services offer the following workshops and materials:

- Motivation Workshop (K-6)
- Math Workshop (K-2)
- Math Workshop (3-5)
- Elem. Science Workshop
- Reading Workshop (2-5)
- Writing Workshop (1-4)

- Math Workbooks (1-6)
- Science Workbooks (3-5)
- Writing Workbooks (3-4)
- Reading Workbooks (2-5)
- Bi-Lingual Workbooks
Math (1-5) & Science (3-5)
- Bi-Lingual Workbook Math
Word Problems (3-5)
- Tests/Benchmarks Reading (2-5)
- Tests/Benchmarks Math (1-6)
- Tests/Benchmarks Writing (3-4)
- Tests/Benchmarks Science (4-5)

The following schools and/or districts have or are currently being serviced by Forde-Ferrier Educational Services with materials and/or workshops:

- **Aldine ISD**
- **Alice ISD**
- **Alief ISD**
- **Blooming Grove ISD**
- **Brownsville ISD**
- **Comal ISD**
- **Corriscana ISD**
- **Cypress-Fairbanks ISD**
- **Ector County ISD**
- **Edinburg ISD**

- **El Paso ISD**
- **Ennis ISD**
- **Harlingen ISD**
- **Houston ISD**
- **Indian Creek Elementary
School in Southwest ISD**
- **Judson ISD**
- **Katy ISD**
- **Kilgore ISD**
- **Killeen ISD**
- **Lancaster ISD**
- **Laredo ISD**
- **Longview ISD**
- **McAllen ISD**
- **Montgomery ISD**
- **Mount Pleasant ISD**
- **Northeast ISD**
- **Northside ISD**
- **Pharr ISD**
- **Port Arthur ISD**
- **Pasadena ISD**
- **San Angelo ISD**
- **San Antonio ISD**
- **San Diego ISD**
- **Schertz ISD**
- **Seguin ISD**
- **Spring ISD**
- **South San ISD**
- **Southside ISD**
- **Sweetwater ISD**
- **United ISD (Laredo)**
- **Yselta ISD**

Please visit www.takstest.com for a complete listing of all material and workshops available.