

A Sample Of What Experts Are Saying About Benchmark

"When people ask me what is the best school I have seen in action, my go-to school is Benchmark. It is incredible and without peer."

Steve Graham, Ed.D.

- Currey Ingram Professor of Special Education and Literacy, Vanderbilt University
- Recipient of Career Research Awards from the Council for Exceptional Children and the American Educational Research Association

"Benchmark School offers education at its best. The instruction in reading and writing provided to students in all grades is exemplary. The curriculum is research based and follows best practices recommended by the National Reading Panel. Teachers and staff at Benchmark have worked with scientists in cognition, language, and education to perfect their teaching techniques. Students who are lucky enough to attend this school will have a decided edge in their academic background, capabilities, and motivation to learn and achieve."

Linnea C. Ehri, Ph.D.

- Distinguished Professor, Educational Psychology and Speech Language and Hearing Sciences, Graduate Center of the City University of New York
- One of the World's Leading Experts in How Children Learn to Read and Spell

"By using the best research on teaching, Benchmark takes kids who were struggling in school and creates successful learners. Benchmark has perfected its instructional model over a 40 year period and, yet, continues to refine it and extend it. All struggling learners should be taught so well and so intensively."

Dick Allington, Ph.D.

- Professor of Literacy Studies, University of Tennessee
- Member of the International Reading Association's Hall of Fame
- Author of *What Really Matters for Struggling Readers* and *No Quick Fix: Rethinking Reading Programs in American Elementary Schools*

"In 15 years of working with mathematics teachers, I have never seen a group as skilled and dedicated to each student's success as those at Benchmark. These teachers excel at all the best practices and then strive for more. [They] serve as a model for all who are inspired to teach."

Kristie Jones Newton, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education, Temple University

"Benchmark is the absolute best model of how instruction and research are integrated. Teachers routinely reflect on their practice and how it benefits students. The staff works together for the benefit of students. And most importantly, students enjoy learning."

Diane Barone, Ed.D.

- Professor of Literacy, University of Nevada, Reno
- Board Member, International Reading Association
- Author of: *Narrowing the Literacy Gap* and *Teaching Early Literacy: Development, Assessment, and Instruction*

"Benchmark School is a one-of-a-kind place . not only because of its mission, but because of the way it goes about pursuing it. Instead of relying on an endless arsenal of carrots and sticks, Benchmark taps students' innate desire to learn, which helps them develop persistence, creativity, and other capacities crucial to their future success."

Daniel H. Pink

- New York Times Best-Selling Author of *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us* and *A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers Will Rule the Future*