

3rd Grade Reading
Guarantee



Components

- Diagnostic Assessment
- Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans
- Reading Intervention requirements
- Teacher Qualification requirements
- 3rd Grade Achievement Assessment minimum score mandates
- Summer Intervention
- Retention mandates
- Mid-year promotion

Diagnostic Assessment



Diagnostic Assessment

- Required Kindergarten through 3rd grade
- Must be completed by Sept. 30th or within 30 days of enrollment
- Only from approved list of assessments from Ohio Department of Education
- Identifies students as “on-track” or “not-on-track”
- Results monitored by ODE, reported on local district report card for many districts
 - Will be reported as K-3 Literacy Grade, it is likely this will not be reported for our district (too few students labeled as “not-on-track”)

Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans



RIMP

- Created within 60 days of a student being identified as not-on-track
- Applies to students K-3rd grade
- Must identify the student's area of need, instructional plan for improvement, how progress will be assessed

Reading Intervention



Reading Intervention

- Once students are identified as not-on-track, services to support the students reading needs must begin
- Services must be research based and focused on improving reading among low-performing readers
- Minimum of 90 minutes of reading instruction for 3rd grade students that have been retained

Teacher Qualifications



Teacher Qualifications

- Must meet special highly qualified status
- Only applies to teachers in 3rd grade with students “not-on-track” or retained
- Qualifications on approved list from ODE
 - List includes specialized training programs, reading endorsement, Master’s degree in Reading, pass a Rigorous Test of Reading Principles, etc.

3rd Grade Reading
Achievement
Assessment



Assessment

- 3rd grade Reading OAA
 - Fall, Spring and Summer
 - Must score a minimum of 392 to be promoted to 4th grade
- Alternative Assessments
 - Only from approved ODE vendor list

Summer Intervention



Summer Intervention

- Not required
- Opportunity to retake the OAA this summer
- ODE has provided “Beach Bags” as a parent resource

Retention



Retention

- Third grade students must attain the minimum score of 392 on the Fall, Spring or Summer Ohio Achievement Assessment in Reading in order to be promoted to 4th grade
- No parent right of refusal
- Exemptions for some students with disabilities, ELL students and students previously retained
- Options for students not meeting the minimum score:
 - Student retained in 3rd grade
 - Student placed into multi-grade classroom

Mid-year Promotion



Mid-year Promotion

- 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee requires a Board policy about retention which must include a “mid-year promotion” option for students retained in 3rd grade
- Students may be promoted to 4th grade when district assessment shows they are reading on an appropriate 4th grade level
- Can be promoted as early as September

Parent Road Maps



No

If your child is not on track, read the information that your child's school sends you. It will explain the areas that your child needs to improve.

It's the Start of the School Year:**IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK?**

By Sept. 30, the teacher will assess your child to find out his or her reading level.

Yes

If your child is on track, encourage your child to continue reading. If your child was on a reading plan in kindergarten, you and your child's teacher may decide to discontinue it.

WAS YOUR CHILD ON A PLAN TO IMPROVE HIS OR HER READING IN KINDERGARTEN?**No**

The information you receive from your child's school will tell you the services the school is providing and the additional supports available to your family. The goal is that your child is on track in reading by the end of third grade.

Yes

Talk to your child's teacher about how the plan will change in first grade. What areas are better? What areas still need work to improve? How will help be increased? What should I be doing at home to help?

YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WILL GIVE YOUR CHILD A READING PLAN IN 60 DAYS OR LESS

It will contain the ways teachers and others will help your child improve and how you can help at home. It also will tell you how the school will track your child's progress.

Questions you should ask:

- How exactly will you help my child improve?
- How will you choose the services to best help my child?

YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS AND OTHERS WILL HELP YOUR CHILD IMPROVE**Questions you should ask:**

- What can I do at home to help my child improve in reading?
- What help is available outside of school to improve my child's reading?
- Who is giving my child extra reading help during the school day?

MAY GO ON TO SECOND GRADE

If No

The school will make a plan to improve your child's reading and show you that plan. The plan will include extra reading time and help from a reading teacher. Ask your child's school what you can do to help.

It's the Start of the School Year: IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK?

By Sept. 30, the teacher will assess your child to find out his or her reading level.

All students in the class will take Ohio's fall and spring reading achievement tests, no matter how they are reading. Because both tests are looking for the same level of reading ability, the school will take the highest score of the two tests to decide if your child moves to fourth grade next fall.

If Yes

Your child should continue reading throughout the school year.

Students take the Fall Reading Achievement Test: WHAT WAS YOUR CHILD'S SCORE?

391 or Lower

Your child will not go to fourth grade next fall unless his reading improves. Contact your child's teacher to find out if you can get even more help for him. Also ask the teacher what you can do to help.

392-399

Your child may go to fourth grade next fall. But she will continue to get extra help this year to make sure her reading improves. Contact your child's teacher to find out more.

400 or Above

Your child should move on to fourth grade as expected. Your child will take the spring test also. The school will take the highest score from the two tests.

ALTERNATIVE TESTS?

Your child may be able to take up to two "alternative" reading achievement tests during the school year. One of these should be in the spring. These are in addition to the fall and spring state reading achievement tests. If a child gets a high enough score on one of these tests, she is ready to go to fourth grade.

Please note: your child's school district has to pay for these tests, so ask the teacher if they are offered and if your child is prepared to take them.

Students Take The Spring Reading Achievement Test: WHAT WAS YOUR CHILD'S SCORE?

391 or Lower

Your child has not earned the reading score needed to go to fourth grade in the fall. But don't give up hope. There may be chances during the summer or next school year for him to move up to fourth grade. Keep talking to your child's school so you know what the plan is to get him to fourth grade.

392-399

Your child may go to fourth grade next fall if your child's school agrees. But she will continue to receive reading help once she is there, so she doesn't fall any further behind. Ask what you can do once she enters fourth grade to keep her on track.

400 or Above

Your child is ready to go on to fourth grade next fall.
CONGRATULATIONS!

It's the end of the school year.

WHAT OTHER CHANCES WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO MOVE TO FOURTH GRADE?

The state third-grade reading achievement test is offered one last time between July 7 and July 11. If your child reaches a certain score, he can move on to fourth grade. Districts are not required to give the state's summer reading test, so ask your child's teacher if your district plans to offer it.

Some districts also give an "alternative" reading test one last time in the summer. If your child reaches a certain score, she can move on to fourth grade. Again, your district must pay for alternative tests, so ask your child's teacher if your district plans to offer this test.

It's fall and my child is repeating third grade.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Your child may be able to do fourth-grade work in some subjects other than reading, if he is ready. But even then, he will stay in the third-grade class until he can read on third-grade level. You can request additional reading tutoring for your child. Your district will select and provide the outside school services your child needs at no cost to your family.

If your child shows part way into the repeat third-grade year that she can read on third-grade level, she may be able to move to fourth grade before the year ends. But this can happen only if your school district agrees to it.

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Guarantee Conclusion

