

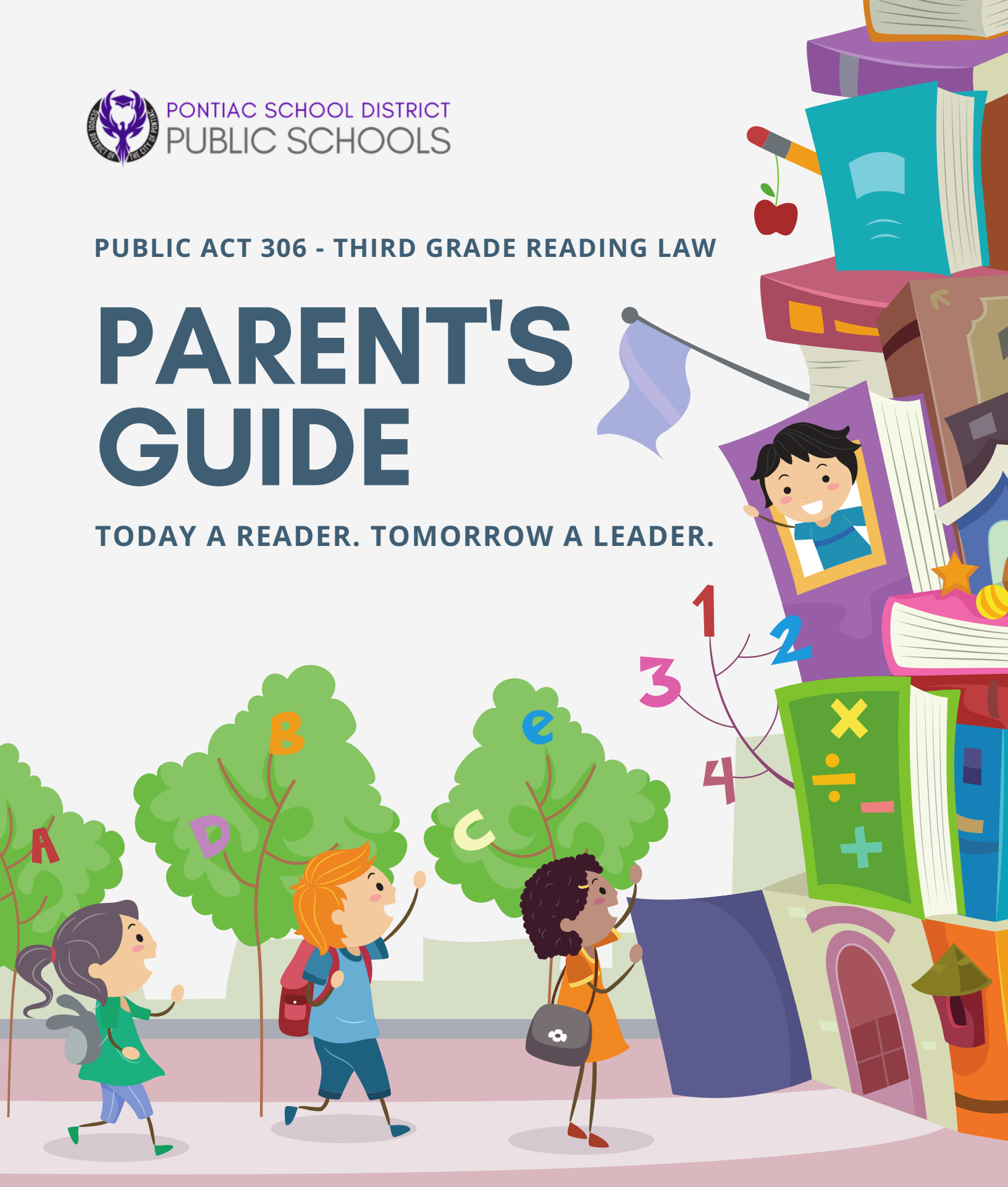


PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PUBLIC ACT 306 - THIRD GRADE READING LAW

PARENT'S GUIDE

TODAY A READER. TOMORROW A LEADER.



A guide to understanding the law and how we can help
prepare our students to become proficient readers.



What Is The Law All About?

- In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016.
- To help students be proficient by the end of third grade, the law requires extra support for K-3 students who are not reading at grade level.
- The law also states that a child may be retained in third grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of third grade.

What Do I Need To Know As A Parent?

- Your child's reading progress will be closely monitored beginning in kindergarten.
- If your child is not reading where expected, your child's teacher and school will work with your child to find where your child needs support in his/her reading development and create a plan to support him or her. This plan includes:
 - Extra instruction or support in areas of need.
 - Ongoing checks on reading progress.
 - A read-at-home plan that encourages you and your child to read and write outside of the school day.
 - Your child may be encouraged to participate in summer reading programs.
- The extra supports in your child's reading improvement plan will occur in small groups during the school day. Your child will not miss regular reading instruction.
- Starting in the 2019-20 school year, in order to be promoted from third to fourth grade, your child must score less than one year behind on the state reading assessment, or demonstrate a third grade reading level through an alternate test or portfolio of student work.
- If you are notified your child may be retained, you have the right to meet with school officials and to request, within 30 days, an exemption if in the best interest of your child. The district superintendent will make the final decision.

WAYS A PARENT CAN HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ

1

Read at home with your child every day.

2

Ask your child to share what they remember.

3

Read books out loud to your child.

4

Spend 20 minutes reading with your child every day.

5

Talk about your favorite parts, what you've learned, or who is in the book and what they do.

6

Echo read: You read a line, then they repeat.

7

Talk about how the pictures in the book connect to the words on the page.

8

Encourage your child to write. Ask them to write the sounds he/she hears when reading.

9

Help connect the reading to your child's life or other books they've read.