

Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)

The Board believes in the importance of the development of English language skills. As a result the Board promotes the importance of reading skills through English diagnostic assessments and reading intervention services in order to provide a meaningful tool to identify and assist students in achieving proficiency in English language arts.

The District annually evaluates the English reading skills of each K-3 student in accordance with all statutory timelines, and identifies students who are reading below their grade level. The District uses the reading diagnostic assessment that is appropriate for the grade level and is adopted or approved under State law. The student's classroom teachers are involved in the assessment and identification of students reading below grade level. The assessment may be administered electronically using live, two-way video and audio connections whereby the teacher administering the assessment may be in a separate location from students.

The District provides written notification to the parents or guardian of students who are reading below their grade level. Intensive reading instruction is provided to students immediately after they are identified as having a reading deficiency. The District develops a reading improvement and monitoring plan within 60 days of receiving the student's diagnostic results.

Any student, unless excused from taking the third grade reading assessment, who does not attain at least the equivalent level of achievement required on the assessment, is not promoted to fourth grade unless otherwise exempt under law. Such students will also be provided the reading intervention services required by law.

Further, the District provides each retained student with a teacher who meets set criteria and offers the option for such students to receive applicable services from one or more providers other than the District.

Students who have been retained and who have demonstrated proficiency in a specific academic field as defined by State law are provided with instruction that is commensurate to their achievement level.

The Board designates the Superintendent/designee to establish a District policy for the midyear promotion of students who were retained but who now are reading at or above their grade level.

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Legal References

ORC 3301.07, ORC 3301.0710, ORC 3301.0711(D), ORC 3301.0715, ORC 3301.079
ORC 3301.163, ORC 3313.608, ORC 3313.609, ORC 3313.6010, ORC 3313.6012
ORC 3324.01
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Cross References

IGBE, Remedial Instruction (Intervention Services)
IGBI, English Learners
IKE, Promotion and Retention of Students