

READING SUFFICIENCY TESTING

Reading sufficiency testing will be conducted in this school district to ensure that each student has attained the necessary reading skills upon completion of the third grade.

Every student enrolled in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades shall be assessed at the beginning, middle, and end of each school year using a screening instrument approved by the State Board of Education for the acquisition of reading skills including, but not limited to, phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Any student who is assessed and found not to be reading at the appropriate grade level before the close of each school year shall be provided a program of reading instruction designed to enable the student to acquire the appropriate grade level reading skills. The program of reading instruction required shall align with the subject matter standards adopted by the State Board of Education and shall include provision of the READ Initiative adopted by the school district. A program of reading shall also include, but not be limited to:

1. Sufficient additional in-school instructional time for the acquisition of phonemic awareness, phonics, spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension;
2. If necessary, tutorial instruction after regular school hours, on Saturdays, and during the summer; however, such instruction may not be counted toward the 180 day or 1080 hour school year required by law;
3. Assessments identified for diagnostic purposes and periodic monitoring to measure the acquisition of reading skills including, but not limited to, phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, as identified in the student's program of reading instruction.

The program will be continued until the student is determined by the results of approved reading assessments to be meeting grade level targets in reading. The program of reading instruction for each student shall be developed by a Student Reading Proficiency Team and shall include supplemental instructional services and supports in reading until the student is determined by the results of a screening instrument to be meeting grade level targets in reading. Each team for a first or second grade student shall be composed of:

- a. The parent(s) or guardian of the student,
- b. The teacher assigned to the student who had responsibility for reading instruction in that academic year,
- c. A teacher who is responsible for reading instruction and is assigned to teach in the next grade level of the student, and
- d. A certified reading specialist, if one is available.

Teams for third grade students shall be comprised of:

- a. The parent(s) or guardian of the student,
- b. The teacher assigned to the student who had responsibility for reading instruction in that academic year,
- c. A teacher in reading who teaches in the subsequent grade level, and
- d. A certified reading specialist.

The district reading sufficiency plan shall be adopted and annually updated, with input from school administrators, teachers, and parents, and if possible a reading specialists, and which shall be submitted to and approved by the State Board of Education. This plan shall include a plan for each site that includes an analysis of the data provided by the Oklahoma School Testing Program and other reading assessments utilized which outlines how each school site shall comply with the provision of the Reading Sufficiency Act.

READING SUFFICIENCY ACT, (Cont.)

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §1210.508A, et seq.

NOTE: Referenced statute requires each school district to adopt and annually update a district plan that includes a plan for each site and which outlines how each school site will comply with the provisions of the Reading Sufficiency Act.