

# Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee

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**What you NEED to KNOW!**

# **Why is Reading so important?**

The ability to read is the foundation of learning. Research shows that children who are not reading at a third-grade level by the end of grade 3 are likely to have trouble learning in all classroom subjects in higher grades.

# **How the law applies to schools...**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2GEJJAXWEE>

# Is your child on track?

Third grade teachers have assessed student reading levels and have developed plans (Reading Improvement & Monitoring Plans) for each student who is considered below proficient.

Please ask the teachers how you can help support these plans at home with your child.

# The AIR Assessment

All students will take both the fall and spring Reading achievement tests, called the AIR in Ohio.

Your child may move to the fourth grade if he or she gets a high enough score, called a “promotion score,” on any one of the tests given throughout the school year and during the summer.

The promotion score for the 16-17 AIR assessment is a 44.

# Score Breakdown...

- Students need a scaled score of at least 700 (or a cut score over 50) to be considered proficient in the area of Reading and Language Arts.
- Students need a scaled score of at least 660 (or a cut score over 44) to be eligible for promotion based on the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee. These students are NOT proficient and would benefit from additional intervention.
- Students who score BELOW a scaled score of 660 (or a cut score lower than 44) must receive intense intervention. These students **must attend the summer intervention program** and take an alternative assessment in order to even be considered for promotion to the 4th grade.

# If your child scored below a 44...

Please plan on the following:

- Your child has already had a RIMP designed to support their instruction in Reading
- Your child **MUST** score a 44 or higher on the spring AIR test in order to be promoted to the 4th grade
- You should plan on your child attending summer school this year in order to have the opportunity to reach the promotion score on an **ALTERNATIVE** assessment

# **Does my child have to attend summer school?**

The simple answer is YES.

Scores from the spring assessment will not be issued to districts until **AFTER** the start of summer school. Please do not prevent your child from having the opportunity to score well on an alternative assessment, simply because you would prefer to wait for the spring results.

Better safe than sorry!

**Questions?**