

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee

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 are developing 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. This score does not indicate proficiency in Reading.

The promotion score for the 20-21 AIR assessment is a 683.

Fall Testing Dates

Tuesday, October 20th, 2020

ELA/Reading Part I

Thursday, October 22nd, 2020

ELA/Reading Part II

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 683 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 683 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 scores below a 700...

Please plan on the following:

- Your child will have a RIMP designed to support their instruction in Reading
- Your child **MUST** score a 683 or higher on the spring AIR test in order to be promoted to the 4th grade without having to score well on an alternative assessment
- 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?