Alternative Standardized Assessment for Reading Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FOR READING?

A standardized assessment(s) for reading determined by the Ohio Department of Education for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. It allows a third grade student to take and demonstrate an acceptable level of reading performance for promotion to the fourth grade.

A student may only be promoted to the fourth grade based on their acceptable level of performance on the alternative standardized assessment if they did not earn a 392 or higher on the fall or spring third grade reading Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA).

WHICH ASSESSMENT(S) WAS SELECTED FOR THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FOR READING?

The alternative standardized assessments for reading are:

- Iowa Assessments Form F Level 9 (grade 3)
- Northwest Evaluation Association(NWEA)- Measurement of Academic Progress(MAP)
- Terra Nova 3

The department made these selections through a request for qualifications (RFQ) process.

WHAT IS THE ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE A STUDENT MUST ACHIEVE ON THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT(S) FOR READING?

The third grade student must demonstrate proficiency in reading as designated by the assessment vendor which may be comparable or more rigorous than the proficient score on the Reading OAA.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCORING THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FOR READING?

The scoring of the alternative assessment is based on the vendor's scoring procedures. Districts can contact the vendor for scoring information. ODE does not score the alternative assessment.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FOR READING?

Districts are responsible for the cost. The Ohio Department of Education does not approve the monetary aspect and cost structure of the provision of vendor provided assessment services. Monetary aspects and cost structure of the provision of services are determined between the District and the vendor. ODE will not provide any funds for district use of the assessments on this list.

WHEN CAN DISTRICTS ADMINISTER THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FOR READING?

Districts can administer the alternative assessment at any time during the student(s) third grade year, this includes the summer of their third grade year.

WHAT IS THE TIME LENGTH FOR THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT(S) FOR READING?

The vendor's established procedures for administration determines the time length of the alternative assessment. The length of time for the alternative assessments is comparable to the OAA.

WILL THE DATA FROM THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT FOR READING INFORM ACCOUNTABILITY?

No. The student performance on the OAA will continue to inform accountability.

Student performance on the alternative standardized assessment for reading will determine the promotion of an individual student.