

Third Grade Reading Guarantee



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Third Grade Reading Guarantee Updates





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Overview

- Purpose
- Reading Diagnostic
- Parent Notification
- RIMP
- Third Grade Promotion Criteria
- Other Basic Information



Purpose of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Early Identification

Prevention

Intervention



Reading Diagnostic

Each district must conduct the K-3 reading diagnostic by the following dates:

- **Kindergarten:** Within the first 20 days of instruction
- **Grades 1-3:** By September 30

Districts and schools must provide RIMPs for all students who are “Not On-Track”

** There is no reading diagnostic requirement beyond grade 3*

Parent Notification

- Districts must notify parents in writing that their child scored “Not On-Track”
- Communication must include:
 - Interventions currently administered and proposed
 - Statement about the importance of reading proficiently
 - Notice about TGRG Promotion criteria



RIMP Requirements

- Identify Area of Reading Difficulty
- Targeted interventions aligned with the Science of Reading
- Progress Monitoring
- Opportunities for Parental Involvement
- Notice about TGRG promotion criteria
- High Dosage Tutoring Opportunities



Additional RIMP Requirements 2023-2024

- Students currently on RIMPs will continue to receive RIMP interventions beyond grade 3 until they are reading on grade level
- RIMP interventions must include high-dosage tutoring opportunities aligned with the student's classroom instruction through either:
 - a state-approved vendor on the list of high-quality tutoring vendors
 - a locally approved ***opportunity*** that aligns with high-dosage tutoring best practices.



High-Dosage Tutoring Time Requirements for RIMP students

High-dosage tutoring must include:

- Additional instruction time of at least three days per week,
or
- At least fifty hours over thirty-six weeks.



Extended RIMP Timeline

2024-2025: 4th
and 5th Grade
Students

2026-2027: 4th,
5th, 6th and 7th
Grade
Students

**AND SO
ON...**

2023-2024:
4th Grade
Students

2025-2026:
4th, 5th, and
6th Grade
Students

2027-2028:
4th, 5th, 6th, 7th
and 8th Grade
Students



Third Grade Reading Guarantee Promotion Criteria

Third grade students must meet the promotion score on Ohio's State Test for grade 3 ELA or an exemption to be promoted to fourth grade.

Exemptions to Retention

- Students who take the AASCD
- Promotion score on an Alternative Reading Assessment
- Exemption documented in IEP
- Student previously retained and had two years of intensive intervention
- English learners enrolled in U.S. schools for less than three years
- Parent requests promotion

Parent Request Exemption to Retention 2023-2024

- A student's parent or guardian, in consultation with the student's reading teacher and principal, requests that the student be promoted to fourth grade.
- A student promoted under this exemption must continue to receive at least 90 minutes of daily reading instruction including intensive intervention.



TGRG Promotion Score

- Under state law, the promotion score must increase until it reaches proficiency (700)
- Currently 690
- Proficiency = 700
- TGRG Promotion Score is **BELOW** Proficiency

Reading At Grade Level

- K-3 Students -“On-Track” on approved Reading Diagnostic
- Third Grade Students - “On-Track” on reading diagnostic or Proficient on Ohio’s State Test for grade 3 ELA.
- All other grades - Proficiency on Ohio’s State Test for ELA is Reading At Reading At Grade Level (700 or higher)



Reporting

- Reading Diagnostic Score, Percentile or Performance Level
- Reading Diagnostic Assessment Used
- RIMP Interventions



Questions

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