

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

2022-2023 Ohio's State Test for Grade 3 English Language Arts

General Information

There will be two administrations of Ohio's State Test for grade 3 English language arts during the 2022-2023 school year. Schools will administer the tests in fall and spring. Find additional information on the test dates at this [link](#). Ohio uses a promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirement. This promotion score is set using the English language arts overall scaled score. Information on the state's promotion score, including use of the reading subscore as an alternative reading assessment, is available below.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT SCORE MUST A STUDENT ACHIEVE TO MEET THE THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE PROMOTION REQUIREMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR?

The English language arts scaled score is used for the purpose of the state's promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. This three-digit scaled score that is used to determine the student's level of performance (limited, basic, proficient, accomplished, advanced) on Ohio's State Test for grade 3 English language arts. For the 2022-2023 school year, the **Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score is 685**. Any student who scores 685 or higher on the English language arts scaled score will be eligible for promotion at the end of the school year. A student who scores 700 or higher on the English language arts scaled score is performing proficiently.

WHAT IS THE READING SUBSCORE OF OHIO'S STATE TEST FOR GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND HOW IS THE READING SUBSCORE USED?

The reading subscore of Ohio's State Test for grade 3 English language arts is based on reading items only. The reading subscore is on a two-digit scale, so it is not confused with the three-digit scale used for measuring a student's performance on all of the English language arts standards.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Department will use the reading subscore as an approved alternative reading assessment. Under the exemption to third grade retention for students who demonstrate reading competency on an alternative reading assessment, **students who score 47 or higher on the reading subscore will be eligible for promotion at the end of the school year.**

WHAT SCALED SCORES ARE NEEDED TO MEET EACH OF THE PERFORMANCE LEVELS ON OHIO'S STATE TEST FOR GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS?

The table below shows the scaled scores needed to meet each of the performance levels for Ohio's State Test for grade 3 English language arts.

Limited	Basic	Proficient	Accomplished	Advanced
545-671	672-699	700-724	725-751	752-863

WILL THERE BE A SUMMER ADMINISTRATION?

Yes. The summer administration will take place from June 26–June 30, 2023. The summer administration continues to be optional.

ARE SAMPLE ITEMS AVAILABLE ALIGNED TO OHIO'S LEARNING STANDARDS?

Yes. Test blueprints and sample items are available on [Ohio's State Test Portal](#) (see the [Student and Families](#) section on the portal's home page).

HOW WILL THE THIRD GRADE PROMOTION PERCENTAGE BE CALCULATED ON THE 2023 REPORT CARD?

The Promotion to Fourth Grade measure on the Early Literacy component of Ohio's School Report Card reports the percentage of students in the third grade promoted to the fourth grade and not subject to retention. More information about the Early Literacy component of Ohio's School Report Card is available on the [Department's website](#) or by contacting Accountability@education.ohio.gov.

WHEN CAN A DISTRICT CHOOSE WHETHER TO ADMINISTER THE SPRING GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST TO A STUDENT?

Districts are required to administer the spring grade 3 English language arts test to any student who has not yet obtained a score of proficient (700) or higher on the grade 3 English language arts test. Districts have the option of administering the spring grade 3 English language arts test to students who scored proficient (700) or higher on the fall grade 3 English language arts test. The highest score a student achieves on either the fall or spring grade 3 English language arts test will be used for accountability purposes.

WHICH STUDENTS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE'S RETENTION PROVISION?

- A student who is an English learner enrolled in U.S. schools for less than three full school years and with less than three years of instruction in an English as a second language program;
- A child whose IEP specifically exempts the child from retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee;
- A student who demonstrates reading competency on an [alternative reading assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education](#);
- A child whose IEP shows the child received intensive remediation in reading for two years, and the child was previously retained in any of grades kindergarten through grade 3; and
- A student who received intensive remediation in reading for two years and was previously retained in any of grades kindergarten through grade 3.¹

CAN DISTRICTS STILL USE AN ALTERNATIVE READING ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE PROMOTION?

Yes. The alternative reading assessment is one or more standardized assessments for reading approved by the Department for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. It allows a third-grade student to demonstrate an acceptable level of reading performance for promotion to the fourth grade. Administering the approved vendor alternative reading assessments is optional for districts. The district is responsible for the cost of approved vendor alternative reading assessments. Districts may administer the approved vendor alternative reading assessment twice during the school year and once during the summer to mimic Ohio's grade 3 English language arts test administration. Districts and schools should set dates for administering these assessments.

Public districts may not use an alternative reading assessment as a replacement for the fall or spring administration Ohio's State Test for grade 3 English language arts. More information about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee's Alternative Reading Assessments can be found on the [Department's webpage](#).

WHICH CHARTERED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE'S PROMOTION CRITERIA?

Under state law, any third-grade student who attends a chartered nonpublic school with a scholarship awarded under the **EdChoice Scholarship** or the **Cleveland Scholarship** is subject to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee retention provision and its exemptions.

Any chartered nonpublic school that enrolls students participating in state scholarship programs may administer an alternative standardized assessment determined by the Department instead of Ohio's State Tests in grades 3-8. For grade 3 scholarship students assessed in English language arts, schools may administer the state grade 3 English language arts test, [an approved Third Grade Reading Guarantee alternative assessment](#), or both. If a chartered nonpublic school decides not to administer the state grade 3 English language arts test to its scholarship students, then the school may administer an approved Third Grade Reading Guarantee alternative assessment twice during the school year and once during the summer.

¹ A student who is promoted under this exemption must continue to receive intensive reading instruction in grade. This instruction shall include an altered instructional day that includes specialized, diagnostic information and specific, research-based reading strategies for the student that have been successful in improving reading among low-performing readers.