

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Last summer our state lawmakers passed and implemented the “Third Grade Reading Guarantee” which in general requires all students to read at grade level by the end of their 3rd Grade year. 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 three will likely have trouble learning in all classroom subjects in higher grades.

About the Third Grade Guarantee

Ohio's Third Grade Guarantee ensures that every struggling reader gets the support he or she needs to be able to learn and achieve.

How it Works

In kindergarten through grade three, schools will evaluate all children by September 30th to determine if they are reading as well as they should be. If a child appears to be falling behind in reading, the school will immediately start a reading improvement plan.

Reading Improvement Plan (RIMP) - This plan will address each student's unique reading problems. Schools will monitor the plan to make sure the student's reading is improving.

Schools will work closely with parents to help create a remedy and for parents to be able to support the plan.

Advancing to Fourth Grade

Except for students with special circumstances, students must meet a minimum score on the state reading test to move on to the fourth grade. In **2013-2014**, the minimum score for advancement is **392**. This score must be attained **either** in the Fall or Spring administration of the state reading test.

If the student remains in the third grade, the school must provide a high-performing reading teacher and 90 minutes of reading instruction each school day.

A student can still take fourth grade classes in all other subjects, if the student is ready.

Schools can move students to the fourth grade in the middle of the year, if the student's reading improves.