

READING SKILLS ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVENTION
(Third Grade Reading Guarantee)

The Board believes in the importance of the development of English language skills. As a result the Board promotes the importance of reading skills through English diagnostic assessments and reading intervention services in order to provide a meaningful tool to identify and assist students in achieving proficiency in English language arts.

The District annually evaluates the English reading skills of each K-3 student by September 30 and identifies students who are reading below their grade level. The District uses the reading diagnostic assessment that is appropriate for the grade level and is adopted under State law or is a comparable tool approved by the Ohio Department of Education. The student's classroom teachers are involved in the assessment and identification of students reading below grade level.

The District provides written notification to the parents or guardian of students who are reading below their grade level. Intensive reading instruction is provided to students immediately after they are identified as having a reading deficiency. The District develops a reading improvement and monitoring plan within 60 days of receiving the student's diagnostic results.

For students who have been retained at the end of third grade, the District provides intense remediation services that include intensive interventions that address the student's specific areas of deficiency. Further, the District provides each retained student with a teacher who meets set criteria and offers the option for such students to receive applicable services from one or more providers other than the District.

Students who have been retained and who have demonstrated proficiency in a specific academic field as defined by State law are provided with instruction which is commensurate to their achievement level.

Any student who has been retained because of results on the third grade reading assessment and who demonstrates during the academic year that he/she now is reading at or above grade level is promoted to the fourth grade pursuant to the District-level mid-year promotion policy.

Mid-Year Promotion – any student retained by the Third Grade Reading Guarantee is eligible to be promoted to fourth grade any time after the start of the school year when proficiency is demonstrated on a district-selected assessment.

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IGBI, Limited English Proficiency
IKE, Promotion and Retention of Students