

READING SKILLS ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVENTION
(Third Grade Reading Guarantee)

The District is required annually to assess the reading skills of each K-3 student by September 30. The District uses an English diagnostic assessment either approved under State law or a comparable tool that has been approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

If the English diagnostic assessment shows that a student is not reading at grade level, the District will provide written notification to the parents or guardian that includes:

1. Notice that the school has identified a substantial reading deficiency in their child;
2. A description of current services provided to the student;
3. A description of proposed supplemental instruction services and supports;
4. Notice that the diagnostic assessment for third grade reading is not the sole determinant of promotion and that additional evaluations and assessments are available; and
5. Notice that unless the student attains the appropriate level of reading competency by the end of third grade, the student will be retained.

For a student not reading at grade level, the District will provide intensive reading instruction immediately following the identification of a reading deficiency. This instruction must:

1. Include research-based reading strategies that have been shown to be successful in improving the reading skills of low-performing readers, and
2. Be targeted at the student's identified reading deficiencies.

For each student receiving required reading intervention, the District will develop a reading improvement and monitoring plan. This plan will be developed within 60 days of receiving the student's results on the diagnostic assessment. The plan will include all of the following:

1. Identification of the student's specific reading deficiency;
2. A description of proposed supplemental instruction services that will target the student's identified reading deficiencies;
3. Opportunities for the student's parents or guardians to be involved in the instructional services;
4. A process to monitor the implementation of the student's instructional services;

5. A reading curriculum during regular school hours that assists students to read at grade level, provides for reliable assessments, and provides ongoing analysis of each student's reading progress; and
6. A statement that unless the student attains the appropriate level of reading competency by the end of third grade, the student will be retained.

For a student with a reading improvement and monitoring plan entering the third grade after July 1, 2013, the District will provide a teacher who has either passed a reading instruction test or has a reading endorsement on his/her teaching license.

The District has specific responsibilities for a student who has been retained at the end of third grade. The District must:

1. Establish a district policy for the mid-year promotion of a student who is reading at or above grade level that provides that a student who participates in remediation services and who demonstrates the required reading proficiency prior to the start of fourth grade will be promoted to that grade.
2. Provide intensive remediation that addresses the student's areas of deficiencies. This must include, but not be limited to, not less than ninety minutes of daily reading. In addition, the remediation may include any of the following:
 - A. Small group instruction
 - B. Reduced teacher-student ratios
 - C. More frequent progress monitoring
 - D. Tutoring or mentoring
 - E. Transition classes containing third and fourth grade students
 - F. Extended school day, week or year
 - G. Summer reading camps
3. Provide a high-performing teacher, as determined by available student performance data and performance reviews.
4. Offer the student the option to receive applicable services from one or more providers other than the District. These providers will be screened and approved by the District or by the Ohio Department of Education.
5. Provide instruction that is commensurate to the achievement level for a retained student who has a demonstrated proficiency in a specific academic field as defined by State law.

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