

Important Testing / TGRG Information

The English Language Arts state testing window for all Ohio schools was scheduled to open on Monday, March 23. The Mathematics, Science and Social Studies test window was scheduled to open on Monday, March 30. Due to the COVID – 19 challenges that our country is facing the Spring state testing schedule has been suspended at this time. As new information pertaining to state testing becomes available the school will continue to keep the Southern Local school community informed.

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) Promotion Requirement applies to all third grade students in the state of Ohio. The TGRG states that all third grade students must meet the promotion requirement or repeat third grade. There are three ways that our third grade students can meet the promotion requirement. To meet the promotion requirement a student must receive a scale score of 683 or higher on the third grade English Language Arts state test or score 46 or higher on the Reading part on the ELA state test.

A third way in which a student can meet the promotion requirement is to score 615 or higher on the state approved Terra Nova 3 Alternative Reading Assessment. During the course of a normal school year third grade students have three opportunities to complete the ELA state test and three opportunities to complete the Terra Nova 3 Alternative Reading Assessment. Parents of all of our third grade students have been informed by mail as to how their child did on the October ELA state test and the March 10 Terra Nova 3 Alternative Reading Assessment. Only students who did not meet the TGRG promotion requirement on the October ELA state test were required to complete the March 10 Terra Nova 3 Alternative Reading Assessment.

At this time we do not know how third grade students who have not met the TGRG Promotion Requirement will be affected by the school closure. I will be in contact with the parents of these students as more information becomes available.

I encourage parents who have questions about the state testing program and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee to contact me by e-mail. I will respond to all e-mails and answer your questions based on the information that I have at that time.

Thank you for your understanding during these challenging times.

Sincerely,
Larry Rudloff
Guidance Counselor