

# Third Grade Reading Guarantee, Reading Achievement Plans and District Reading Improvement Plans

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## **2020-2021 PROMOTION UPDATE**

The temporary change in section 4 of [House Bill 409](#) of the 133rd General Assembly impacts the 2020-2021 promotion criteria for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee to account for the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning. Under this change, ***no school district, community school, STEM school and no chartered nonpublic school shall retain a student in the third grade based solely on a student's academic performance in reading in the 2020-2021 school year*** unless the principal of the school building and the student's reading teacher agree the student is reading below grade level and is not prepared to be promoted to the fourth grade.

Under this temporary change to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for the 2020-2021 school year, no student should be retained for not meeting the promotion score or reading subscore on Ohio's State Test for grade 3 English language arts unless the child's principal and reading teacher decide otherwise. Districts and schools may continue to use the Ohio State Test for grade 3 English language arts promotion score, reading subscore and alternative assessment scores for instructional purposes.

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