



Third Grade Reading Guarantee Family Resources

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 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 - 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.

How it Helps

Studies on Florida's version of the Third Grade Guarantee show that students who remained in the third grade and received intensive reading instruction, improved dramatically in overall school performance in years following.

Resources to Help Your Child

Resources to provide parents with the tools and information to help their children learn to read and develop other skills to succeed.

Reading First Ohio (<http://www.readingfirstohio.org/page/how-help-your-child>)

Parents' Guide to Student Success (<http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>)

Resources from INFOhio

BookFLIX <http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/BookFlix.asp>

(<http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/BookFlix.asp>) pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction e-books. This engaging combination of read-aloud stories and read-along nonfiction builds phonemic awareness; develops phonics decoding skills; and strengthens vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, all while introducing children to a world of knowledge and exploration. Many of the nonfiction titles cover STEM and social studies standards. Lexile scores are included.

The Early World of Learning <http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/worldbook-earlylearning.asp>

(<http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/worldbook-earlylearning.asp>) offers students in grades K-3 narrated stories, interactive reading games, leveled reading practice, and an online encyclopedia. Early World of Learning's 'Welcome to Reading' section offers new readers stories, games, and activities to help them increase their skills. Two other areas on the site--Trek's Travels and Know It--help children develop vocabulary and comprehension. Early World of Learning also offers teachers a quiz feature that lets them assign quizzes and track progress on a variety of foundational skills, including early childhood themes such as colors and numbers. Teachers can assign quizzes to specific students and even design their own quizzes to complement classroom discussion.

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