Read by Grade Three:
A Guide For Parents

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Objectives:

Participants will...

- Learn about the Read by Grade Three Law.
- Understand your role as a parent/guardian with regard to the Read by Grade Three law.
- Gain resources to support your child at home.
Introductions:
Video Reflection - Turn and Talk

What things stick out?
What questions do you now have?
Read by Grade Three Overview
Components of the Law:

1. Core Reading Instruction
2. Assessment
3. Reading Improvement Plans & Interventions
4. Professional Learning/Coaching
5. Retention, Promotion & Good Cause Exemptions

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What Is An IRIP?

Individual Reading Improvement Plan

A plan created for any student exhibiting a reading deficiency.

The plan:
- Is created within 30 days of identifying the deficiency
- Outlines reading interventions to support the student
- Is a collaboration between parent/guardian, teacher, Principal and other pertinent school personnel
Share with the person next to you what you do at home to help your child with literacy/reading.
A Read at Home Plan may be a support necessary for parents to help their child improve literacy at home.
What is a District’s Retention/Promotion Process?
What is Promotion?
Promotion to Grade 4

For all 3rd grade students, the district must ensure **ONE** of the following before students move onto the next grade:

- Has a reading score that is less than one grade level behind on the Grade 3 M-Step ELA test
- Demonstrates Grade 3 reading level through performance on an alternative standardized reading test approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Demonstrates a Grade 3 reading level through a portfolio demonstrating competency in all Grade 3 state ELA standards
Retention

Beginning with the 2019/2020 school year, students enrolled in Grade 3 who are determined to be one or more years behind based on the Spring 2020 ELA State Summative Assessment may be eligible to be retained.
What is a Good Cause Exemption?
Good Cause Exemptions

A student **may** qualify for a Good Cause Exemption if they:

- Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan
- Are an English Learner with less than **three** years instruction in an English Learner Program
- Have been previously retained, received intensive reading intervention for **two** or more years and still exhibit a reading deficiency
- Have been enrolled in their current school for less than **two** years and did not have an IRIP in their previous school

**OR**

- The student’s parent or legal guardian has requested, in the appropriate timeframe, the student not be retained, and the superintendent, chief administrator, or his or her designee has determined that promotion is in the best interest of the student.
Other Ways to be Promoted

Proficiency on the Math portion of the State Summative Assessment

And

Proficiency in Science and Social Studies as demonstrated through a pupil portfolio, as determined by the teacher that provided instruction in Grade 3 Social Studies and Science.
Retention & Good Cause Exemption Steps

Grade 3 student takes ELA M-Step, Spring 2020.

Parents/Guardians of Grade 3 students scoring at a 1252 or lower ELA M-Step receive notification.

Parents/Guardians not wanting their child retained request Good Cause Exemption from school/district within 30 days of notification.

District/School officials meet with parents/guardians to share decision on Good Cause Exemption request 30 days prior to start of school.
Literacy Milestones

**CHILDREN AGES 0-3:**
- Imitate some of the sounds and rhythms adults use when they speak
- Begin to associate frequent words with their meanings
- Recognize some books by their covers
- Pretend to read books and handle them correctly
- Produce some scribbles that resemble writing

**CHILDREN AGES 3-4:**
- Attempt to read and write
- Recognize common signs and labels
- Enjoy listening to stories
- Able to write some letters
Literacy Milestones, Continued

CHILDREN AGE 5:
- Retell simple stories
- Use descriptive language
- Connect letters to sounds
- Begin to write common words and phrases

CHILDREN AGE 6:
- Read and tell stories
- Develop some reading strategies
- Read and write on their own
- Read a few things aloud
- Decode unfamiliar words
- Increase sight word knowledge
- Use some punctuation
### The Michigan eLibrary: Supporting Early Literacy

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<td><strong>Dynamic Learning Zone</strong></td>
<td>Play and read to learn letters, numbers, shapes and more.</td>
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**Early World of Learning**

**World Book Online**
(Early World of Learning)

*Early World of Learning* is the premier online resource for:
- PreK-3 families
- Rich Resources for early learners
- Variety of activities to support literacy at home
Brittanica Elementary School: Provides Homework Help for Grades 3-5
The Read application of Early World of Learning encompasses two interactive learning environments:

- **Trek’s Travels** offers narrated stories that teach critical early childhood themes, including numbers, shapes, colors, opposites, and more.
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Please Access the Parent Awareness Toolkit below:
Parent Awareness Toolkit- Parent Resources