

## Summary of the Third Grade Reading Law

### 2017-18

1. We are required to choose an assessment that will be administered 3 times during the year to K-3. The first assessment must occur in the first 30 days.
2. Students who demonstrate reading deficiencies based on the assessments, must be provided with an IRP (Individual Reading Improvement Plan) within 30 days of the identification.
3. The IRP must be developed with the teacher, parent/guardian, principal and other important personnel.
4. Targeted PD must be provided for K-3 teachers based on the needs of students.
5. Literacy Coaches can be provided by the GISD.
6. Establish a reading intervention program K-3.
  - More dedicated time to reading instruction
  - Daily small group intervention
  - Supplemental intervention with specialized reading training.
  - A read-at-home plan is required
7. Attempts to engage the parents must be documented.

### 2019-2020

1. A 3<sup>rd</sup> grader must not be promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> grade until they receive a reading score that is less than 1 grade level behind on the ELA M-STEP, demonstrate 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading on an alternate assessment, or through a portfolio.
2. The state will notify parents whose child is not meeting the qualification for promotion to 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. Parents may request a good cause exemption from the school within 30 days of the notification from the state.
4. The superintendent may accept the exemption if it is determined to be in the best interest of the student.
5. Other good cause exemptions are:
  - Students with an IEP or 504
  - ELL (Limited English Proficient ) students
  - Students receiving 2 or more years of intensive reading interventions and were previously retained.
6. A student may progress to 4<sup>th</sup> grade under the “Smart Promotion” clause. A student must be proficient in all subject areas other than ELA (Math) or is able to demonstrate proficiency in science and social studies through a student portfolio.

### 9/1/2020

A CEPI retention support must be submitted to the state including those retained and those promoted due to good cause.