

Reading Skills Assessment and Intervention
Midyear Promotion
(Third Grade Reading Guarantee)

The board believes that while learning is progressive, each student learns at a particular rate that is influenced by complex psychoeducational factors. The promotion and retention of each student must therefore be determined by individually utilizing the combined expertise of the principal, teacher, counselor, and/or psychologist. The decision to retain a student is a major professional responsibility, requiring a comprehensive review of the student case history records. Guidelines for the consideration of promotion for third (3rd) grade students retained due to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) and retention of students include:

Promotion:

1. A student is receiving passing grades in reading, social studies, mathematics, science, and reading/English is promoted.
2. A student having failing grades may be assigned to the next higher grade level with discretion only with the approval of the principal.
3. No conditional promotions are permitted.

Mid-Year Promotion for the Third (3rd) Grade Students Retained Due to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG):

A retained third (3rd) grade student will have two opportunities to demonstrate readiness for fourth (4th) grade. If a child reaches the district cut score (as determined by the Ohio Dept. of Education) on either of the following assessments, he/she will be considered for mid-year promotion to fourth (4th) grade:

- a. The fall administration of an approved state vendor assessment
- b. The fall administration of the state reading assessment

If a student is retained due to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, and if that student demonstrates proficiency in a subject area, they must still receive fourth (4th) grade instruction in that subject area, but will receive intensive third (3rd) grade reading instruction which can mean placement in a third (3rd) grade reading class.

After a retained third (3rd) grader has met either of the above mentioned criteria, a conference will be held including the parent(s), current teacher(s), building administrator(s), and any other necessary school personnel. If all parties are in agreement that it is in the child's best interest, the student may move on to the fourth (4th) grade curriculum including the summer before the fourth (4th) grade and the middle of the year (ORC 3313.608(B)(3)(b)).