

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

2017-2018 Grade 3 English Language Arts Test

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General Guidance

There will be two administrations of Ohio’s grade 3 English language arts test during the 2017-2018 school year. Schools will administer the tests in fall and spring. Find additional information on the test dates at this [link](#). Ohio uses a promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirement. Beginning in 2017-2018, this promotion score is set using the English language arts overall scaled score. Information on the state’s promotion score, including use of the reading subscore as an alternative reading assessment, is available below.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT SCORE MUST A STUDENT ACHIEVE TO MEET THE THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE REQUIREMENT?

The English language arts scaled score is used for the purpose of the state’s promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. This is the three-digit scaled score that is used to determine the student’s level of performance (limited, basic, proficient, accelerated, advanced) on the grade 3 English language arts test.

For the 2017-2018 school year, the **Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score is 672**. Any student who scores 672 or higher on the English language arts scaled score will be eligible for promotion at the end of the year. A student who scores 700 or higher on the English language arts scaled score is performing proficiently.

WHAT IS THE READING SUBSCORE OF THE GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST AND HOW IS THE READING SUBSCORE USED?

The reading subscore of the grade 3 English language arts test is based on reading items only. The reading subscore is on a two-digit scale, so it is not confused with the three-digit scale used for measuring a student’s performance on all of the English language arts standards.

For the 2017-2018 school year, the Department will use the reading subscore as an approved alternative reading assessment. Under the exemption to third grade retention for students who demonstrate reading competency on an alternative reading assessment, **students who score 44 or higher on the reading subscore will be eligible for promotion at the end of the year.**

WHAT SCALED SCORES ARE NEEDED TO MEET EACH OF THE PERFORMANCE LEVELS ON OHIO’S GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST?

The table below shows the scaled scores needed to meet each of the performance levels for Ohio’s grade 3 English language arts test. Also, performance level descriptors are available on [Ohio’s State Test Portal](#).

Limited	Basic	Proficient	Accelerated	Advanced
545-671	672-699	700-724	725-751	752-863

WHEN WILL DISTRICTS RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE FALL 2017 ADMINISTRATION?

Districts will receive results from the fall 2017 English language arts test on Dec. 18, 2017.

WHEN WILL DISTRICTS RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE SPRING 2018 ADMINISTRATION?

Districts will receive the results from the spring administration no later than June 15, 2018.

WILL THERE BE A SUMMER ADMINISTRATION?

Yes. The summer administration will take place from July 9-13. The summer administration continues to be optional.

ARE SAMPLE ITEMS AVAILABLE THAT ARE ALIGNED TO OHIO'S LEARNING STANDARDS?

Yes. Test blueprints and sample items are available on [Ohio's State Test Portal](#).

HOW WILL THE THIRD GRADE PROMOTION PERCENTAGE BE CALCULATED ON THE 2018 REPORT CARD?

The 2018 third grade promotion percentage will include students promoted who achieved the promotion score (672 or higher) on Ohio's grade 3 English language arts test and students promoted who achieved a comparable promotion score on the reading subscore of Ohio's grade 3 English language arts test (44 or higher) or on one of the approved vendor alternative reading assessments (Iowa, NWEA MAP, Terra Nova 3, or STAR Reading Third Grade Proficiency Assessment). More information on the calculations included in the K-3 Literacy Component of the Ohio School Report Cards is available [here](#).

WHEN CAN A DISTRICT CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO ADMINISTER THE SPRING GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST TO A STUDENT?

Districts are required to administer the spring grade 3 English language arts test to any student who has not yet obtained a score of proficient (700) or higher on the grade 3 English language arts test. Districts have the option of administering the spring grade 3 English language arts test to students who scored proficient (700) or higher on the fall grade 3 English language arts test. The highest score a student achieves on either the fall or spring grade 3 English language arts test will be used for accountability purposes.