

4th Grade Promotion

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Please use this Q and A document as guidance when determining which scholars can be promoted to 4th grade, and what other options are available for those who may have not met any promotion scores by the end of the school year.

How can a scholar be promoted to grade 4?

Ohio’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee, HB 316, stipulates that students cannot be promoted to fourth grade without meeting one of the below criteria on the state ELA test and/or the district NWEA assessment.

Scholars in grade 3 are required to meet one of the following scores in order to be promoted to grade 4:

193 (NWEA) or 677 (Ohio State Test) or 45 (Reading Promotion Score)

What assessments count toward promotion?

Scholars have multiple opportunities throughout the school year to take the assessments listed above.

Assessment	Date Taken	Scores Available	Family Letters Available
Fall NWEA	Sep 10 – 21	Immediate	Oct 3
Fall OST	Oct 22 – 26	Dec 10	Week of Jan 22
Winter NWEA	Jan 14 – 25	Immediate	Week of Feb 11 (Grade K-2)
			Week of Feb 11 (Gr 3 Potential Retentions)
			Week of Feb 11 (Gr 3 Promotion Eligible)
Spring OST	Apr 8 - 18	2 nd week of June	July
Spring NWEA	Apr 29 – May 10	Immediate	May 16
Summer NWEA	Jun 17 – 20	Immediate	Jun 20
Summer OST	July 8 – 12	End of August	September

How often are parents informed of their child’s progress toward promotion?

We provide communication many times throughout the school year to the parents notifying them of the progress of their child. Here is the [link to a google folder with the following letters](#) (all letters are also available in Spanish):

- NWEA results parent letter (Oct 3, Week of Feb 11 , May 16)
- OST Family letter (student example) (week of Jan 28 and July)
- TGRG letter – promoted as of January (Week of Feb 11)

- TGRG letter – has not met required score as of January (Week of Feb 11)
- [TGRG letter including Summer School information](#)– has not met required scores as of May (May 16)
- Summer School invite (May)
- Summer OST invite following summer school (June 20)

What is the process for a scholar to be considered for summer school?

After the final list of scholars who need summer school has been created in May and letters sent home, each building will contact parents personally to notify them and confirm attendance of summer school. A [google sheet \(summer 2018 Exemplar\)](#) will be created documenting their progress.

What if my child is not promoted by the time school starts in the fall? What options are available?

At the end of summer school, scholars will have one more NWEA opportunity. If the scholar does not meet the 193 RIT score, then another letter will be sent to parents explaining that there is one more test available in July, the summer OST. All parents are contacted by phone if the scholar has not been registered to take the summer OST. Since summer OST scores do not arrive until after school has started in August, the path for any retained 3rd graders is described below:

- Prior to the first day of school, meetings are scheduled with each retained 3rd grade scholar and parent. Building leadership examines grades, all assessment scores, and any other data provided by the 3rd grader teacher with the parents. As a group, (leader(s), teacher(s), parents, scholar) a plan is created that will best meet the needs of each individual scholar. Some scholars will need to remain in all 3rd grade classes while others can move to 4th grade classes for math, science, and social studies but remain in 3rd grade reading. The decision to have a scholar be in 3rd grade reading (required by ODE) and 4th grade for other classes will be based on the scholar's academic history along with teacher and parent input. The scholar will be identified as grade 3 in Powerschool even though he/she may have some 4th grade classes until one of the TGRG scores has been achieved.
- In the fall, once OST scores have arrived, each building will contact the scholar's parents personally to explain the results.
 - If a scholar has met the TGRG scores of 677 or 45, then that scholar may be promoted to grade 4 using the district's mid-year promotion policy.
- The retained 3rd grader has another NWEA opportunity in the fall to meet the 193, which is administered during the first month of school. If the scholar meets the 193, he/she may be promoted to grade 4 using the district's mid-year promotion policy.
- The retained 3rd grader will take the fall OST with the 3rd grade class even though that scholar may be attending 4th grade classes. If the scholar meets the 677 or 45 when the scores are received, the scholar may be promoted mid-year. At this point, the team (leaders, parents, and teachers) may need to reconvene and determine if the scholar is ready to move to 4th grade reading or wait until the following school year.