

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

2015-2016 Grade 3 English Language Arts Tests

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General Guidance

There will be two administrations of Ohio's grade 3 English language arts test during the 2015-2016 school year. Schools will administer the tests in late fall and spring. Find additional information on the test dates at this [link](#). Ohio will use a promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirement. This promotion score is based on reading items only. Information on the promotion score is available on page 2.

Frequently Asked Questions

WILL THE OAA CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR?

No. Ohio's grade 3 English language arts test replaces the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA). The optional summer 2015 OAA was the final administration.

IS THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST AN AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH (AIR) TEST?

Ohio is working with AIR and volunteer educators to develop the grade 3 English language arts test. The new test will use the same testing platform and other services that AIR has already offered Ohio.

WHEN DID DISTRICTS RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE FALL ADMINISTRATION?

Districts received scores from the fall 2015 English language arts test on Jan. 29, 2016.

WHEN WILL PARENT REPORTS BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FALL ADMINISTRATION?

Parent reports for the fall 2015 administration will be sent to districts on Feb. 24, 2016. Districts are responsible for sharing these reports with families.

WHEN WILL SCORES BE RELEASED FOR THE SPRING ADMINISTRATION?

Scores for the spring administration will be released no later than June 15.

WILL THERE BE A SUMMER ADMINISTRATION?

The 2016 summer administration of the grade 3 English language arts test is July 11-15. The summer administration is optional and districts may continue to choose to administer the test in paper or online format.

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](#).

WILL THERE BE SAFE HARBOR FOR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS IN THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR?

No. Third grade students are required to reach the promotion score on Ohio's grade 3 English language arts test unless they are exempt from retention. Find more information on exemptions to retention (including promotion through alternative assessments) in the [Third Grade Reading Guarantee Guidance Manual](#).

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

The grade 3 reading subscore will be used for the purpose of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. This 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 2015-2016 school year, the **Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score is 42**. This score is aligned to a score of 396 on the former OAA. Any student who scores 42 or higher on the reading subscore will be eligible for promotion at the end of the year. A student who scores 50 or higher on the reading subscore is reading at or above grade level.

Subscale	Does Not Meet Promotion Standard for 2015-2016	Meets Promotion Standard for 2015-2016
Grade 3 Reading Subscale	18-41	42-87

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 the [Ohio's State Test Portal](#).

Limited	Basic	Proficient	Accelerated	Advanced
551-671	672-699	700-724	725-751	752-870

HOW ARE THE SCALED SCORES ON THE GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST AND READING SUBSCORES UTILIZED ON THE OHIO SCHOOL REPORT CARDS?

The grade 3 English language arts scaled score (three-digit scaled score) is used for district and school accountability measures, including the K-3 Literacy Improvement measure. The grade 3 reading subscore (two-digit scaled score) will only be used when calculating the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion rate.

WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER A STUDENT NO LONGER REQUIRES A RIMP IN THIRD GRADE, IS THE GRADE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST'S SCALED SCORE OR THE GRADE 3 READING SUBSCORE USED?

A third grade student can only be removed from a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP) if he or she scores proficient or higher on the grade 3 English language arts test (700 or higher).

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.