



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Indiana State Board of Education

From: Dr. Charity Flores, Chief Academic Officer

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Subject: 2020-2021 IREAD-3 Upcoming Test Administration Guidance

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) issues the following guidance regarding the support and retention of a student who does not pass the IREAD-3 prior to the student's projected fourth grade year during school year 2020-2021. Schools must consider appropriate supports for students to ensure minimum reading expectations are met while balancing complications with assessment delivery associated with COVID-19 regulations. Requests for local extensions or delays of the IREAD-3 test administration window may not be granted as the intent for instructional time should be focused on remediating student needs for 2020-2021.

- If a student is not able to participate in IREAD-3<sup>1</sup> or does not pass IREAD-3 during the Summer 2021 retest administration following his or her third grade year and is not eligible for a Good Cause Exemption (GCE), the school should assess the student's overall academic performance in all subject areas to determine whether full retention in third grade is necessary.
- If the school determines that retention is necessary based on the overall academic performance of the student in all subject areas, the student should be reported to the state in the subsequent year as a third grader, and the student should receive third grade instruction in all subject areas.
- If the school determines that retention is not necessary based on the overall academic performance of the student in all subject areas, the student should matriculate and be reported to the state in the subsequent year as a fourth grader, and receive fourth grade instruction in all subject areas. However, the student must continue to receive third grade reading instruction during the subsequent school year and must retake IREAD-3 until the student passes the assessment or qualifies for a GCE.
- The school's remediation plan and retention policy should be incorporated in its reading plan.
- Performance Level Descriptors for proficiency on IREAD-3 are available [here](#).

Please direct any questions to the [Office of Student Assessment](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Students may be unable to participate in IREAD-3 due to circumstances related to COVID-19, such as school closures, student illness, or quarantine.