



## July 2019 Literacy Updates

### *Read by Grade Three Guide Updates*

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been working diligently to provide guidance to local education agencies around the requirements of MCL: 380.1280f (Read by Grade Three Law). As a part of this initiative, MDE staff has collected questions and resources to highlight and address specifics of the legislation. The MDE has posted the updated [June 2019 Read by Grade Three Guide](#). The information and resources were developed collaboratively by the MDE staff and Early Literacy experts around the state.

Additions to the June 2019 Read by Grade Three Guide include:

- Updated FAQ responses regarding Read by Grade 3 “cut scores” and assessment systems
- Updated flow chart regarding good cause exemptions
- New questions and responses regarding retention

All revisions/additions are identified in italics.

Please note the Read by Grade Three guide will be updated as necessary. Any updates will be added to this document on a quarterly basis, or sooner as warranted.

### *Read by Grade Three Parent Resources Now Available in Three Languages*

To better communicate the components and impacts of the Read by Grade Three law with parents/guardians, the MDE now has the following resources available in English, Spanish, and Arabic:

- Facts for Families: What is the Read by Grade Three Law?
- Facts for Families: What is the Good Cause Exemption Process?
- Essentials for Families Poster
- Early Literacy Bookmarks

All of these resources and more can be found at [https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753\\_74161-498394--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161-498394--,00.html).

### *Press Release: Michigan Researchers Receive \$5M Grant to Study Impact of Read by Grade Three Law*

The U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences (IES) announced last Friday that the Michigan Education Research Institute (MERI) has been awarded a five-year, nearly \$5 million grant to study implementation of the state’s Read by Grade Three law and its impacts. MERI is the education research partnership between MDE, CEPI, and MSU and U of M. Details of this work can be found in the MSU press release announcing the award. <https://edwp.educ.msu.edu/news/2019/michigan-researchers-receive-5m-grant-to-study-impact-of-third-grade-reading-law/>