



IREAD-3 Parent Guidance

About IREAD-3

Indiana Code 20-32-8.5-2 requires the evaluation of reading skills to ensure that all students can read proficiently at the end of grade three. Indiana educators worked with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to develop a test based on the Indiana Academic Standards for reading that became the *Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD-3)* assessment.

IDOE now offers the opportunity for schools to opt-in to administer the assessment to grade two students to gain early information regarding students' reading ability.

Participation Guidance

Grade three students enrolled in accredited public and non-public Indiana schools must participate in IREAD-3 each spring. Grade four or five students must participate if they did not yet receive a passing grade in prior spring or summer administrations and have not been granted a Good Cause Exemption.

After the Test for Grade Three Students

Schools are responsible for sharing all student results with parents in a secure and timely manner. Grade three students will receive a "Pass" or "Did Not Pass" indicator, along with the scale score and reporting category subscores within two weeks of completing the assessment. Schools are also required to provide reading remediation for students in grade three who do not pass. These students must participate in the summer retest and future administrations through grade five until proficiency is obtained. IREAD-3 results in grade three are used to determine access to later grade-level content and other instructional next steps for students.

After the Test for Grade Two Students

Schools are responsible for sharing all student results with parents in a secure and timely manner. Grade two students will receive a "Pass," "On Track," or "At Risk" indicator, along with the scale score and reporting category subscores within two weeks of completing the assessment. Students that receive the "On Track" indicator will continue to be monitored to ensure that they are on track for proficiency, and that interventions are provided as needed. Students who receive the "At Risk" indicator are provided remediation and targeted instruction in foundational reading skills to ensure they can achieve proficiency by the end of grade three. Grade two students who pass IREAD-3 will not be required to take the assessment in grade



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three. Grade two students who do not pass will not participate in the summer retest, but will participate in the spring administration of grade three as the next assessment opportunity.

Good Cause Exemptions

Certain grade three students who do not pass IREAD-3 may receive an exemption from future IREAD-3 testing requirements and/or elements of retention if they meet specific eligibility criteria, per [guidance](#) from the Indiana State Board of Education.

Students taking IREAD-3 in grade two will not be eligible for IREAD-3 Good Cause Exemptions if they do not pass. They will retake IREAD-3 in grade three, using early indication results to support remediation efforts. Good Cause Exemptions are granted beginning with the grade three administration.

Learn More

As you and your child look ahead to IREAD-3 this spring, please contact your child's school to discuss any questions or concerns. You may also find helpful these resources located on IDOE's [IREAD-3 webpage](#):

- [IREAD-3 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [IREAD-3 Test Blueprint](#)
- [IREAD-3 Item Specifications](#)
- [IREAD-3 Released Items Repository](#)

Please contact your child's school or email IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) for additional information.