



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents, Principals, School Leaders

From: Lynn Schemel, Director of Assessment

Date: October 13, 2021

Subject: IREAD-3 Guidance

The Department of Education issues the following guidance regarding the retention of a student that does not pass the IREAD-3 prior to the student's projected fourth grade year. This guidance remains in effect beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

- If a student did not pass the IREAD-3 following the summer administration of his or her third grade year and is not eligible for a Good Cause Exemption, the school should assess the student's overall academic performance in all subject areas to determine whether retention in the 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 the IREAD-3 until the student passes the assessment or qualifies for a Good Cause Exemption.
- The school's remediation plan and retention policy should be incorporated in its reading plan.

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