

Ensuring Students Can Read

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DOING WHAT IS **BEST** FOR OUR CHILDREN



**“ILLITERACY IS ONE OF THE *MOST SOLVABLE*
ISSUES OF OUR TIME.**

WE HAVE THE RESEARCH.

WE HAVE THE PRACTICE.

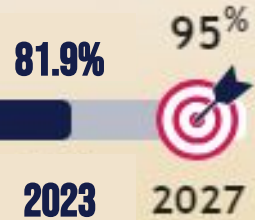
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– Dr. Kymyona Burk,
Foundation for Excellence in Education

INDIANA'S **THIRD GRADE LITERACY** GOAL

3rd Grade Literacy

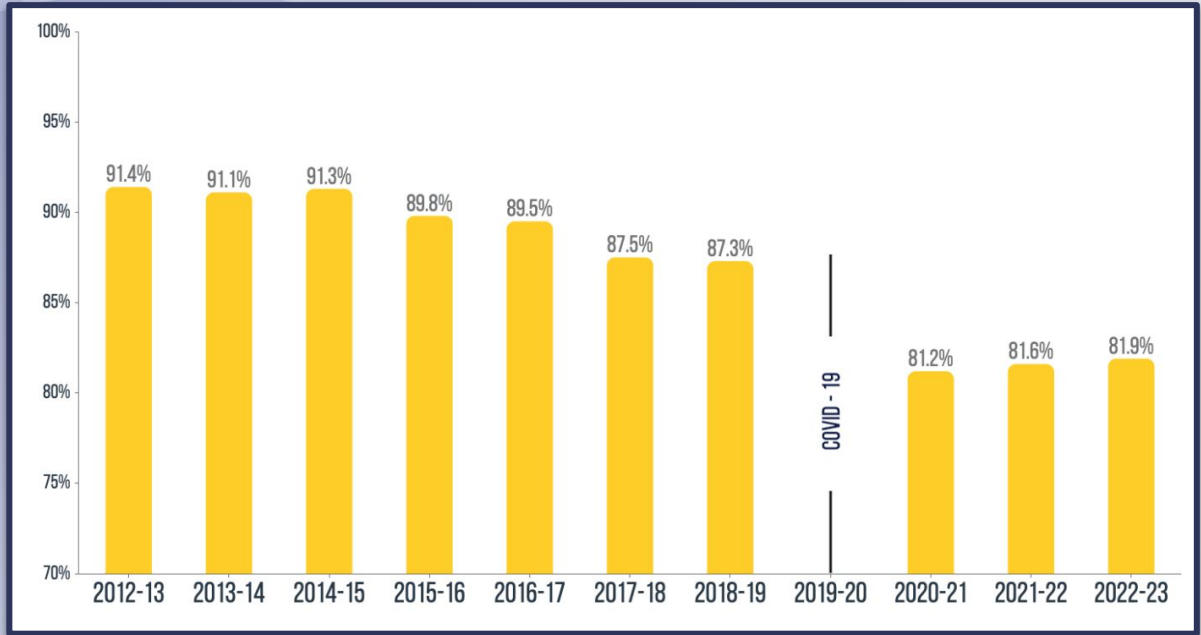
Percentage of grade 3 students showing proficiency on IREAD-3.



WHY LITERACY IS A **PRIORITY**

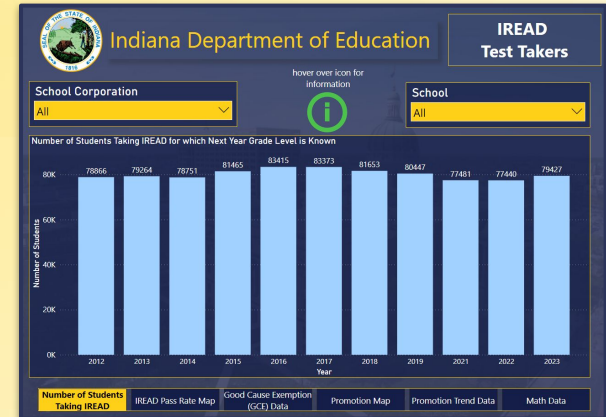
Indiana's *literacy rates* have been dropping for a **decade**...well before the COVID-19 pandemic.

IREAD-3 passage rates peaked at **91.4%** in the 2012-2013 school year.

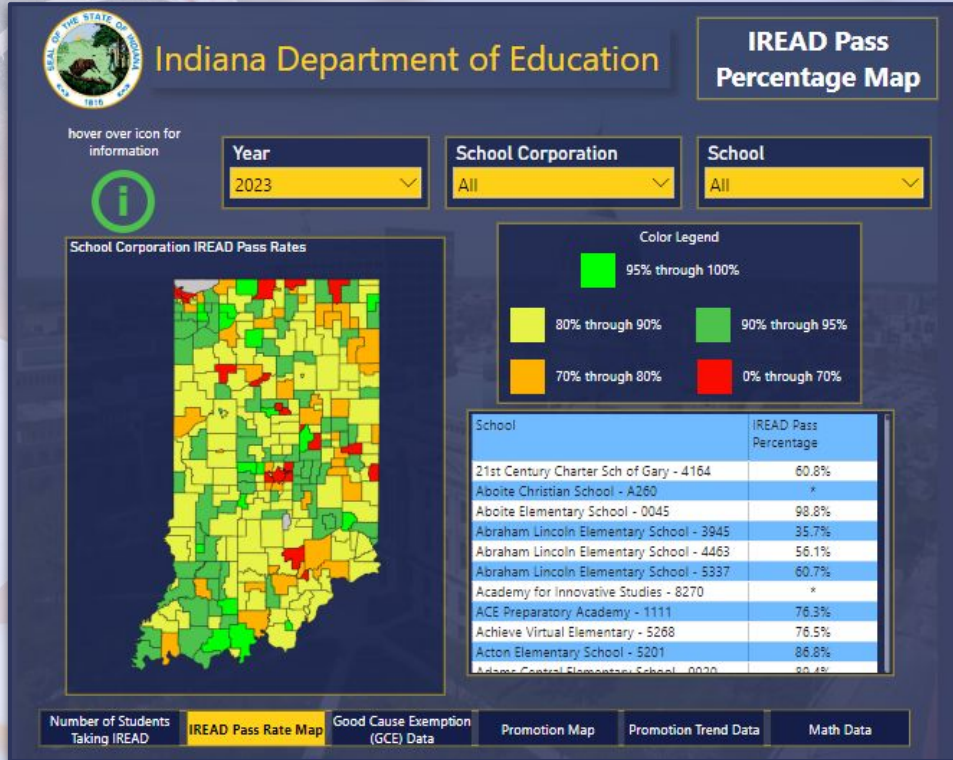


LITERACY - CURRENT DATA

- Nearly **one in five third grade students** in Indiana is not proficient in key literacy skills.
- While third grade enrollment has declined since 2012, **the number of students who do not pass IREAD has more than doubled.**
- As reading scores have decreased, retention rates have also decreased, causing **thousands of students to enter fourth grade unable to read.**
 - 95% of students who did not pass and did not receive a GCE were still advanced to fourth grade.
- Longitudinal data show the majority of these students continue to ***struggle academically***, rarely achieving proficiency on future assessments, and are less likely to graduate.



INDIANA'S LITERACY DASHBOARD



HISTORIC LITERACY INVESTMENT

Announced August 2022

\$60 million from Lilly Endowment to IDOE +

\$26 million from IDOE (ESSER II) +

Up to \$25 million from Lilly Endowment to teacher prep programs

= \$111 million combined investment



Goal: Achieve a passage rate of **95%** on IREAD-3 by 2027.

....Plus an additional \$60 million during the 2023 legislative session, increasing the state's historic literacy investment to over **\$170 MILLION!**



Tactical Solutions Deployed to Date

INDIANA **LITERACY CADRE** PARTICIPATION

Provides early elementary teachers with **embedded instructional coaching and support** *aligned with the science of reading.*

- **COHORT 1** (2022): 41 schools
- **COHORT 2** (2023): 158 schools
- = 199 schools TOTAL**
- **COHORT 3** (2024) Goal: 425 schools
- **COHORT 4** (2025) Goal: 600 schools (60%)

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, Indiana schools falling below 70% IREAD passage must participate in the Literacy Cadre.

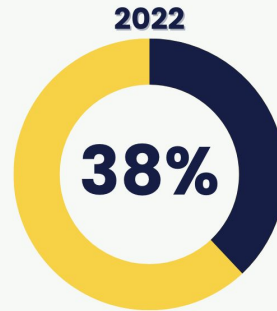
IREAD AT 2ND GRADE - “ON TRACK” INDICATOR

Proactive opportunity for schools to administer IREAD to second graders

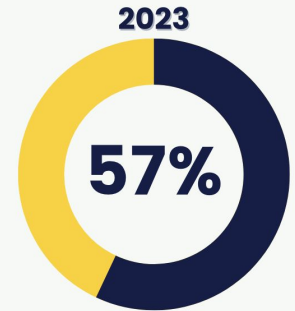
- Students who PASS = **completed requirement**
- Students who DO NOT PASS = **NEW on-track indicator (on track or at risk)**

1,076 elementary schools
administered IREAD to second graders in spring 2024!

Schools opting-in to IREAD-3 testing in grade 2



Grade 2 testing provides crucial early indication of needed literacy skills support



SCIENCE OF READING **MODULES**



What are the Science of Reading Modules?

Online professional development created to provide additional science of reading training (25 hours)

- Over **6,000 educators** are *currently enrolled*.
- **1,700 educators** have completed the modules.
- Eligible educators receive a **\$1,200 stipend** upon completion.



COMPETITIVE SCIENCE OF READING GRANT

A competitive grant developed to support the implementation of evidence-based practices at the school level

- Specifically designed for schools that *are not part of* the Literacy Cadre
- Supports SOR implementation through **instructional coaching, curriculum, and PD**
- Nearly **\$15 million** awarded to **72 school corporations**, impacting **65,000 students**



LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT GRANTS

Awards stipends to teachers, instructional coaches, and other school staff responsible for the implementation and delivery of early literacy and reading instruction

- **\$10 million** allocated in each year of the biennium
- **Formulaically determined**
 - Considers factors such as IREAD passage rates and growth and the school's overall at-risk student populations.



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



Provides every participating child ages five and under with access to one free book per month.

\$6 million investment - in collaboration with the Indiana State Library



Looking Forward



SENATE ENROLLED ACT 1

- More strategically utilizing the universal screener in K-2 (assessing reading skills) to **identify and provide interventions, as early as possible**, for students who are at-risk of not being proficient readers.
- Proactively **administering IREAD to all second grade students** as an early 'On-Track Indicator' tool to notify families and educators of any need for additional reading support.
 - The goal is to know at second grade if each student is reading proficiently, on-track, or at-risk.



SENATE ENROLLED ACT 1 CONTINUED

- Ensuring parents and families receive **detailed information regarding their students' IREAD results**, as well as any additional support or interventions being provided.
- Supporting required, locally-designed **summer school reading programs** for second grade students identified as 'at-risk' by the On-Track indicator and non-passing third grade students.



SENATE ENROLLED ACT 1 CONTINUED

- Codifying Indiana's **Good Cause Exemption** policy.
- Ensuring significantly **fewer third grade students are promoted to fourth grade without essential reading skills** by requiring students to be retained (as a last resort) if they do not pass IREAD after three attempts unless the student:
 - Has received a GCE or
 - Has already been retained for one year

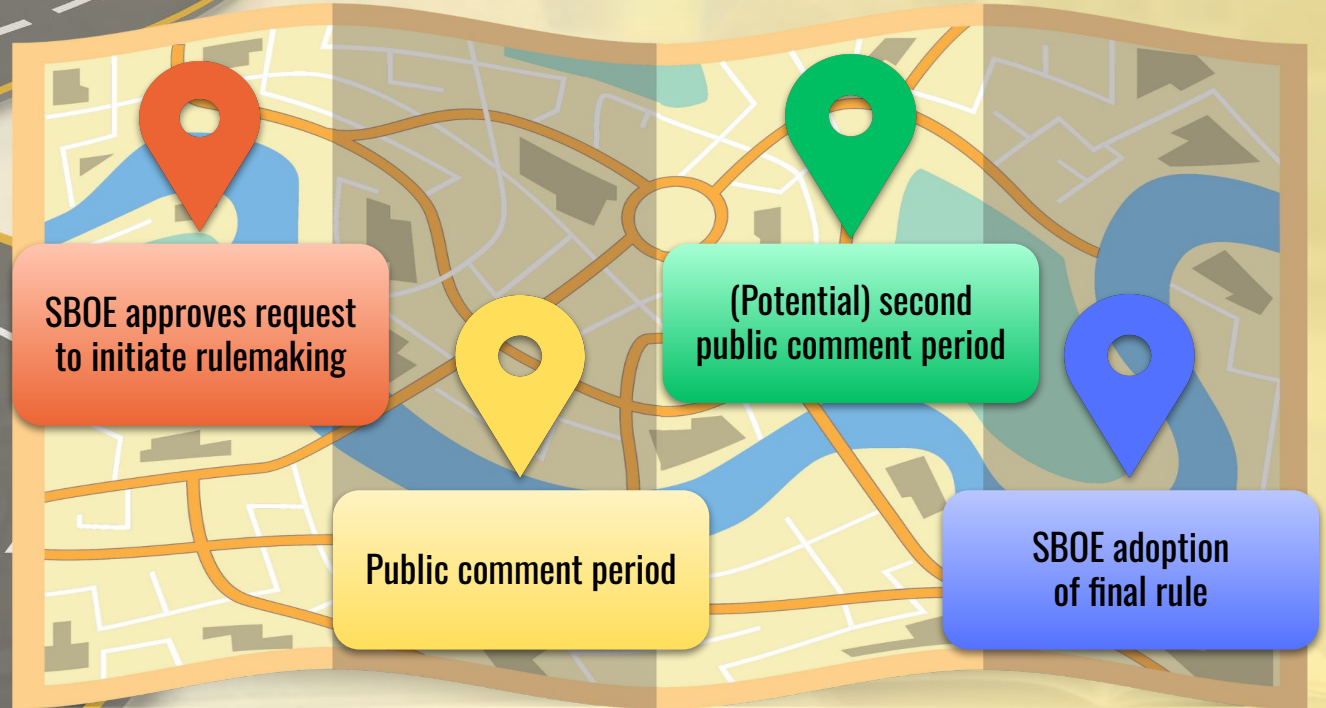


SENATE ENROLLED ACT 1 CONTINUED

- Ensuring students master foundational reading skills by requiring all non-passing students to **retake IREAD until they pass or upon completion of grade six.**
- Increasing *targeted support* for students by ensuring schools continue to **monitor the progress of non-passing IREAD students** and provide remediation aligned to science of reading.



TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS



SBOE approves request to initiate rulemaking

Public comment period

(Potential) second public comment period

SBOE adoption of final rule



THANK YOU!