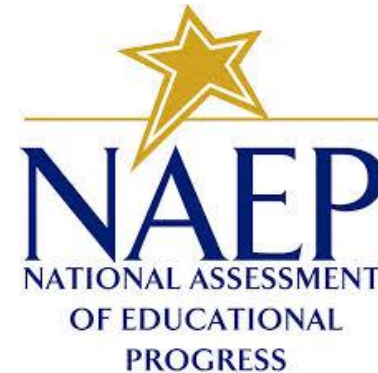


Understanding Michigan's 3rd Grade Reading Law

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Why is there a reading law?

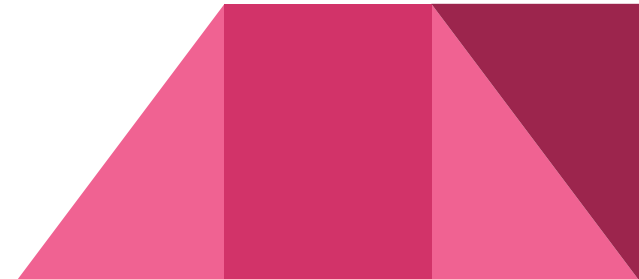
The Michigan-based M-STEP and the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) show low reading achievement levels.



- Michigan ranked 41st in the nation in 4th grade reading achievement on the 2015 NAEP.
- Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016 to improve instructional practices and increase reading achievement.

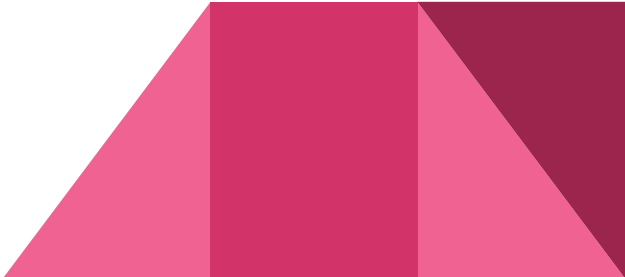
What is the reading law?

- The law states that a child may be retained in third grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of third grade.
- To help more students be proficient by the end of third grade, **the law requires extra support for K-3 students who are not reading at grade level.**

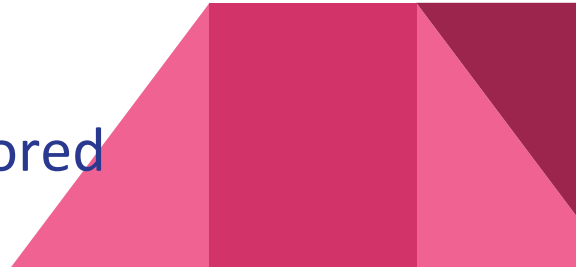


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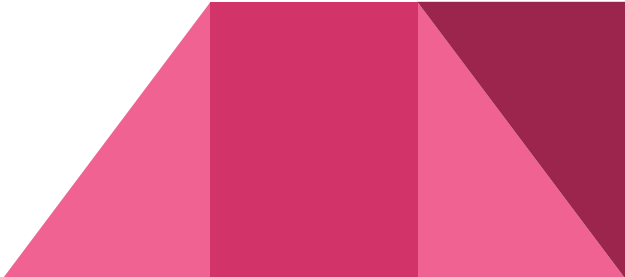
If your child is not reading where expected, a plan to improve reading will be created. This reading improvement plan includes:

- Extra instruction or support in areas of need.
 - Ongoing checks on reading progress.
 - A Read-at-Home plan that encourages parent and child to read and write together outside of the school day.
 - Students may be encouraged to participate in summer reading programs.
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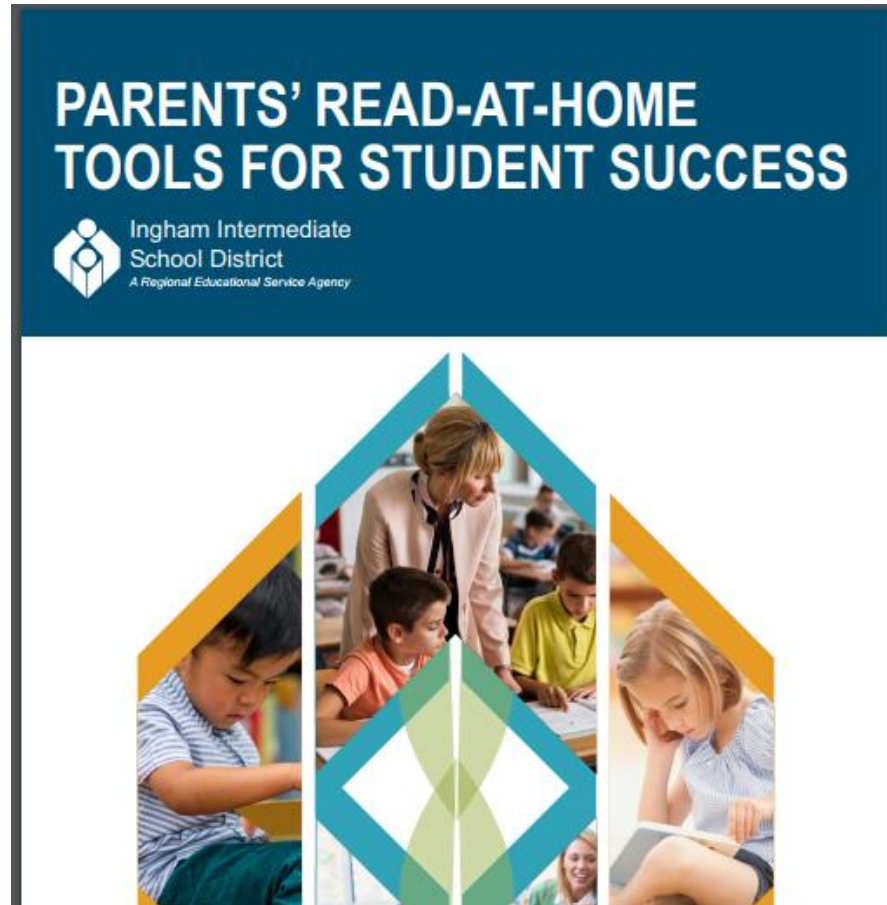
Okemos' System of Support

- Students' reading progress is closely monitored.
 - Students are given a screener assessment in the fall, winter, and spring. (Fastbridge)
 - Multiple sources of data are considered in meetings (ie: Data Meetings, PLC's, Child Study) to identify individual strength and needs.
 - Research based interventions/supports are provided for students who demonstrate they may not be on track to be at grade level. (Reading Improvement Plan)
 - Students' response to intervention is monitored and adjusted as needed.
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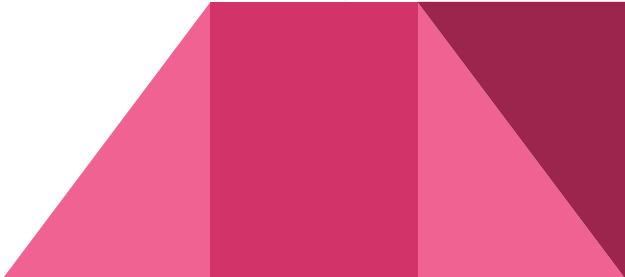
Documentation & Parent Communication

- Teachers share data and Reading Plans at parent-teacher conferences in the fall and spring each year.
 - **Individual Reading Plans** are kept for every K-1 student and updated Fall, Winter and Spring
 - If a student is not reading where expected, a **Reading Improvement Plan** is developed and includes:
 - Extra instruction and support in areas of need
 - Progress monitoring
 - A “Read at Home” Plan
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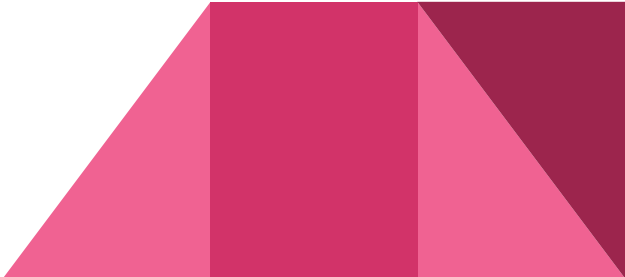
What is a Read at Home Plan?




What happens in 3rd grade? (2019-2020)

- If a student scores one grade level or more behind on the state assessment (currently MSTEP), parents/guardians will be notified by the State that their child may be retained.
 - If notified, parents/guardians have the right to:
 - meet with school officials (teachers, principals)
 - request an exemption within 30 days of receiving the notice, if in the best interest of their child.
 - The superintendent will determine if retention is in the best interest of the student and notify parents at least 30 days before school begins.
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What factors may qualify a student for a parent requested exemption?

- Has an IEP or 504 plan
 - Is English language learner (second language learner)
 - Has had intensive intervention for 2 years and was previously retained
 - Has been enrolled in current district for less than 2 years and did not receive reading support
 - Is grade level in all other subjects
 - If promotion is in the best interest of the student and requested within 30 days
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In Summary...

- Fall 2016, Michigan State Legislature passed the 3rd Grade Reading Law
 - Goes into effect when this year's 1st graders are in 3rd grade
 - Intent is to ensure that all students are reading at benchmark by the end of 3rd grade
 - Schools must provide and document the following for students not reading at grade level:
 - research based interventions and ongoing progress monitoring
 - parent notification and a Read at Home plan
 - Fortunately, this has been and continues to be an integral part of our system of support for all students in Okemos.
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Thank You

Questions?

Digital Texts and Resources

<http://www.storylineonline.net>

<http://starfall.com>

<http://abcya.com>

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://kids.mel.org/>

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/reading-language/reading-activities/>

For monthly tips, sign up for the Reading Rockets newsletter:

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