

# Alamance-Burlington School System



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

At the end of May, your 3rd grader will begin taking the End-of-Grade (EOG) tests in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Students and teachers have faced a variety of new situations and have worked very hard this year. Please remember that North Carolina requires that 3rd graders must be proficient in reading before they are promoted to 4th grade. Throughout the 20-21 school year, each student has had and will have access to various pathways to reading proficiency:

Star Reading Assessment

Achieve3000

Imagine Literacy

Beginning of Grade 3 Reading Test

End of Grade English Language Arts Test

Read to Achieve Test

The Read to Achieve law has processes in place for third graders who do not score at a proficient level on the BOG3 test or EOG test in reading:

1. Your child will have the opportunity to take the Grade 3 Reading EOG Retest, the Read to Achieve Test, or the locally-approved alternative test. These tests provide your child with other opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
2. If your child is not proficient on the Retest, the Read to Achieve Test, or the locally-approved alternative test, an option to attend a reading camp to help improve reading skills is available. This camp is at no charge to you. ABSS will organize the camp and give you more information about when and where it will be held.
3. At the end of reading camp, your child may achieve reading proficiency by passing the Read to Achieve Test or by passing the locally-approved alternative test approved by the State Board of Education. Students achieving proficiency on one of these measures are eligible to be promoted to fourth grade. Students who do not attend the reading camp are still provided the opportunity to take the Read to Achieve Test at the end of the summer reading camp.

Students who do not achieve proficiency at the end of reading camp, can be retained in third grade, placed in a 3/4 transitional class with a retained reading label, or placed in a fourth-grade accelerated reading class with a retained reading label. Ninety minutes of uninterrupted reading instruction is provided daily in these classes. Children in the 3/4 transitional classes or fourth-grade accelerated classes are eligible to retake the Read to Achieve Test again in late October to achieve a mid-year promotion and to have the retained reading label removed. Children will remain in the same fourth-grade class for the entire school year and will continue to receive the uninterrupted reading instruction throughout fourth grade to support ongoing improvement in reading skills. Non-proficient students may continue to work on passing a local alternative test after November 1 to show proficiency by the end of the fourth-grade year and have the retained reading label removed.

The elementary testing schedule is as follows for third grade students (though some individuals may have slight variations as communicated by their school):

#### Third Grade:

- Thu, May 20: EOG Reading
- Mon, May 24: EOG Math
- Wed, May 26: Read to Achieve Test (as required)

If you have any questions about EOG or how to best prepare your child for success, please feel free to call your child's teacher, principal or contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Amy Richardson