

February 21, 2018

**WEST HIALEAH GARDENS
GRADE 3 FSA PARENT MEETING**

WHO TAKES FSA?

- ✘ **ALL** third grade students, including those classified as students with disabilities and/or ELL (ESOL) **MUST** take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

GRADE 3 FSA APRIL 17 & 18

- ✘ **Grade 3 students will be tested in English Language Arts.**
- ✘ Math will tested on May 1 & 2.
- ✘ A student who scores a Level 3 is considered to be on grade level.

WHAT IS THE PASSING REQUIREMENT?

- ✘ Students are required to pass the English Language Arts section with a minimum of Level 2 or higher for promotion to 4th grade.
- ✘ The Math section is not a requisite for promotion.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD DOES NOT PASS THE FSA?

A student will have 4 other opportunities for promotion:

- ✘ Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio
- ✘ Alternative Standardized Reading Assessment
- ✘ Alternative Assessment for Grade 3 Promotion
- ✘ Grade 3 Mid-Year Promotion

GRADE 3 READING PORTFOLIO

- ✘ The Portfolio is administered to all students in 3rd grade between January 26 and May 6. It consists of sets of reading passages and accompanying questions to be administered by the classroom teacher. It is used to demonstrate reading proficiency.
- ✘ The Region Superintendent has final approval over a student's portfolio and can recommend promotion based on the portfolio.

I-READY DIAGNOSTIC #3

- ✘ This is administered at the end of the school year (late May or early June).
- ✘ A reading percentile rank score of 50 or higher is needed to demonstrate reading proficiency and meet promotion requirements.

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR GRADE 3 PROMOTION

- ✘ This test is administered at the **end of summer school** for students who did not meet promotion requirements through FSA, Portfolio, or i-Ready.
- ✘ A reading percentile rank score of 45 or higher on the Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition, or SAT-10 is needed to demonstrate reading proficiency and meet promotion requirements.

GRADE 3 MID-YEAR PROMOTION

- ✘ This test is administered in the fall (November) following retention.
- ✘ A raw score number correct of 24 or higher on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills Level 10, or ITBS-10 is needed to demonstrate reading proficiency and meet promotion requirements.

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM THE FSA PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS?

- ✘ Students are exempt under certain conditions called “Good Cause” exemptions.
- ✘ There are six “Good Cause” exemptions.

GOOD CAUSE #1

- ✘ ELL students who have had less than two years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages, or ESOL program.

GOOD CAUSE #2

- ✘ Students with disabilities whose IEPs indicate that participation in statewide assessment programs is not appropriate (modified curriculum).

GOOD CAUSE #3

- ✘ Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
- ✘ This is the i-Ready, AAG3P, G3MYP mentioned previously.

GOOD CAUSE #4

- ✘ Grade 3 Reading Portfolio.
- ✘ Students must demonstrate mastery of the FSA benchmarks equal to a minimum of Level 2 performance on the FSA.

GOOD CAUSE #5

- ✘ Students with disabilities who have an IEP or a 504 plan and have a previous retention in grades K, 1, 2, or 3.

GOOD CAUSE #6

- ✘ Students who've received intensive reading intervention for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in any grades: K, 1st, 2nd or 3rd for a total of two years.
- ✘ **A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3.**

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?

- ✘ Communicate with your child's teacher.
- ✘ Make sure your child does assigned home learning.
- ✘ Accelerated Reader
- ✘ iReady
- ✘ Tutoring if needed
- ✘ Turn off the TV and READ every day!

QUESTIONS?

