

THIRD GRADE PROMOTION POLICIES



Information for Sumner County Families

In 2021, the Tennessee State Legislature revised state law to require school districts to retain all 3rd grade students not performing on grade level according to standards set by the Tennessee Department of Education.

Your child's TCAP scores will be used to determine whether your child will be retained or promoted. The TCAP assessment has four scoring categories: Mastered, On Track, Approaching, and Below Grade Level.

Third grade students receiving a score of "Approaching" will be retained unless they

- Attend Sumner County's Summer Scholars program (June 5 - June 29) OR
- Participate in tutoring before or after school for the entire 2023-2024 school year.

Third grade students receiving a score of "Below Grade Level" will be retained unless they

- Attend Sumner County's Summer Scholars program (June 5 - June 29) AND
- Participate in tutoring before or after school for the entire 2023-2024 school year

Will your student be retained?

If your student scores "approaching" or "below" on the third grade ELA TCAP, your student will **not** be retained if any of the following are true.

YOUR CHILD SCORES "APPROACHING"	YOUR CHILD SCORES "BELOW"
My child has a disability that impacts reading.	My child has a disability that impacts reading.
My child is an English learner and has received less than two (2) years of English instruction.	My child is an English learner and has received less than two (2) years of English instruction.
My child has been retained previously.	My child has been retained previously.
My child has a suspected disability* that impacts literacy development.	My child has a suspected disability* that impacts literacy development.
My child was on-grade level on the re-take test.	My child was on-grade level on the re-take test.
I enrolled my child in summer programming with 90% attendance and made adequate growth.	I enrolled my child in summer programming with 90% attendance. AND I allow my child to receive free tutoring at school during 4 th grade.
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*Children who are suspected as having disabilities should be evaluated in accordance with the processes required for the identification of students with disabilities as outlined in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and state laws regarding services to students with disabilities. Those conversations, evaluations, and decisions must be reviewed for each individual child, just like any other case where a child may have a disability.



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Timeline for Third Grade Parents

Winter:

- Your third grader will take a mid-year universal reading screener, EasyCBM.
- You will receive a home literacy report on **February 1**. This literacy report will include your child's scores from the screener. The goal is 45th percentile or higher.
- Summer Scholar dates and the registration form will be shared.

Spring:

- Your child will take an end-of-year universal reading screener, EasyCBM, and the state test, TCAP.
- You will receive a final home literacy report by **May 17** which indicates whether your child is at-risk for retention. Keep this report.
- If below the 40th percentile on the spring EasyCBM screener, your child may be required to attend Summer Scholars and/or participate in after school tutoring for their fourth grade year.
- Review third grade ELA retest option and the appeal information (if appropriate).
- Collect necessary information and file an appeal - score on the spring benchmark and their state-issued student ID number.

If your child receives a score of "Approaching" and does not meet any of the categories previously listed, your child may be eligible for an appeal to the state.

[Appeal form is linked here.](#)

