

Louisiana Revised Statute 24.11

Act 422 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session mandates that students in traditional public schools must meet specific literacy proficiency standards to be promoted to the fourth grade.



THIRD GRADE LITERACY PROFICIENCY



Third grade is crucial for literacy growth as students transition from learning to read to reading to learn across subjects. Research suggests that students who are not proficient by this grade often face ongoing academic challenges, leading to higher dropout rates and fewer students prepared for college and careers. Therefore, boosting proficiency and closing achievement gaps in third grade are primary goals in our Louisiana public schools.

What is required for third grade promotion?

Third-grade students in the traditional public schools must achieve a composite score that is above the well below level on the literacy screener, DIBELS 8th.

What is DIBELS 8th?

DIBELS 8th assesses various literacy skills including phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy, fluency with connected text, and reading comprehension.

Assessment Timeline

Students will be provided three opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.

- First opportunity at the end-of-year (EOY) benchmark in April
- Second opportunity at the end of May
- Third opportunity after optional summer learning program

How can parents be proactive about their child's literacy development?

- Contact your child's teacher to discuss the results of the DIBELS 8th literacy screener as well as the resources and services available for your child.
- Learn ways on how you can support your child's literacy development at home.

Want to help your child become strong readers?

Explore the Louisiana Literacy Library. Use your phone to scan the QR code below.

