



# House Bill 3455

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Three-Third Grade Literacy



# How do our students' early literacy skills compare?

2015 National Assessment of Educational Progress

4th Grade Reading

2015 4th Grade Reading, NAEP	Average Scale Score
National	223
Massachusetts	235
DoDEA	234
New Hampshire	232
Vermont	230
New Jersey	229
Virginia	229
Connecticut	229
Wyoming	228
Kentucky	228
Indiana	227
Florida	227
Pennsylvania	227
Nebraska	227
Utah	226
Washington	226
North Carolina	226
Rhode Island	225
Ohio	225
Montana	225
North Dakota	225
Colorado	224
Maine	224
Delaware	224
Iowa	224
Wisconsin	223
Minnesota	223
Maryland	223
Missouri	223
New York	223
Illinois	222
Georgia	222
Oklahoma	222
Idaho	222
National public	221
Kansas	221
South Dakota	220
Oregon	220
Tennessee	219
Arkansas	218
South Carolina	218
Texas	218
Alabama	217
Michigan	216
West Virginia	216
Louisiana	216
Arizona	215
Hawaii	215
Nevada	214
Mississippi	214



## Grade 3 Performance

In 2015-16, third grade students were tested in English language arts (ELA) and in mathematics.

### Grade 3 All Students

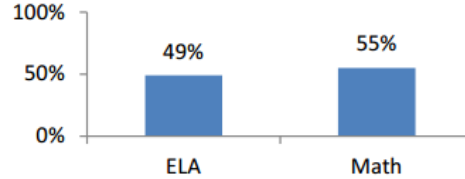
Statewide Percent at Level 3 or 4

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
ELA	*	46%	47%
Mathematics	*	46%	48%

\* 2014-15 is the first operational year of English language arts and mathematics assessments that measure college/career readiness.

### Grade 3 Extended Assessment Students

Percent at Level 3 or 4 on Alternate Standards in 2015-16



Extended assessments are alternatives to grade-level assessments for students with significant cognitive impairments. They are scored on a special scale.

### Grade 3 English Language Arts

Percent of Students at Level 3 or 4

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
All Students	*	46%	47%
Students with Disabilities	*	19%	20%
Asian/Pacific Islander	*	58%	62%
Asian	*	63%	66%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	*	34%	36%
Black (not of Hispanic origin)	*	28%	26%
Hispanic origin	*	27%	28%
American Indian/Alaska Native	*	28%	32%
White (not of Hispanic origin)	*	52%	55%
Multi-racial	*	53%	51%
Economically Disadvantaged	*	33%	36%
English Learners**	*	13%	14%

# How well are we serving our student groups?



# Does it matter?

A screenshot of a Google search results page. The search bar contains the text "what happens when a student doesn't read by third grade". The page shows approximately 4,800,000 results in 0.67 seconds. Several search results are visible, each with a title, URL, and a brief description. The results discuss the impact of reading proficiency on high school graduation, the likelihood of dropping out, retention laws, and school testing consequences.

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**Study: Third Grade Reading Predicts Later High School Graduation ...**  
[blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school.../04/the\\_disquieting\\_side\\_effect\\_of.html](https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school.../04/the_disquieting_side_effect_of.html) ▼  
Apr 8, 2011 - Students who aren't proficient in reading by grade 3 are four times less ... In fact, 89 percent of students in poverty who did read on level by 3rd grade ... to track reading scores as early as 2nd grade, but not enough to do a ...

**Students Who Don't Read Well in Third Grade Are More Likely to Drop ...**  
[www.aecf.org/.../poverty-puts-struggling-readers-in-double-jeopardy-minorities-most...](http://www.aecf.org/.../poverty-puts-struggling-readers-in-double-jeopardy-minorities-most...) ▼  
Apr 8, 2011 - Students who don't read proficiently by third grade are four times more ... Poverty troubles even the best readers: Proficient third graders who have .... Thus, if they have seen that this certain kid doesn't know how to read well, ...

**Should Students Repeat Third-Grade if They Can't Read Well ...**  
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/.../should-students-repeat-third-grade-if-they-cant-read-well...> ▼  
Feb 15, 2012 - "Because up to third grade you're learning to read, but from fourth grade on ... of them were actually held back, which comes out to 13,340 students. ... I am told she will most likely not be retained if she doesn't pass the FCAT ...

**Third Grade Again: The Trouble With Holding Students Back - The ...**  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/.../third-grade...students.../253065/> ▼  
Feb 14, 2012 - When it comes to education reform, lawmakers and teachers often find ... One study found that students who are not reading at grade level by then have .... FBI director's opening statement doesn't just illuminate those issues.

**What Are Third-Grade Retention Laws | Guide to 3rd-Grade Reading ...**  
<https://www.understood.org/.../third-grade-retention-laws-what-you-need-to-know> ▼  
Many states have laws that require students to repeat third grade if they can't read at a ... Standards explain what your child is expected to be able to do. ... If a retention law doesn't apply to my child because she has an IEP, how will the ...

**School testing: What are the consequences? - WJHG.com**  
[www.wjhg.com/.../School-testing-wraps-up-What-are-the-consequences-377479111...](http://www.wjhg.com/.../School-testing-wraps-up-What-are-the-consequences-377479111...) ▼  
Apr 28, 2016 - In third grade, the reading assessment is the only factor in a child's retention ... Protocol at that point, especially when it comes to third grade retention ... "If a student doesn't answer enough questions, then that percent tested ...

**Will your 3rd-grader be held back? AzMERIT reading results not out ...**  
[www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/.../04/...3rd-grader...reading.../83492954/](http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/.../04/...3rd-grader...reading.../83492954/) ▼  
Apr 25, 2016 - Parents with students at risk for being held back under Arizona's Move On ... State law



# What do we want for our future?

- Aligned standards
- Evidence-based, culturally responsive curriculum
- Assessments
- Additional time as needed
- Coordinated professional development