



IREAD-3 Parent Guidance

About IREAD-3

Indiana Code 20-32-8.5-2 requires the evaluation of reading skills to ensure that all students can read proficiently at the end of grade three. Indiana educators worked with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to develop a test based on the Indiana Academic Standards for reading that became the *Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD-3)* assessment.

Beginning in spring 2022, IDOE will offer the opportunity for schools to opt-in to administer the assessment to grade two students to gain early information regarding students' reading ability.

Participation Guidance

Grade three students enrolled in accredited public and non-public Indiana schools must participate in IREAD-3 each spring. Grade four or five students may participate in some cases if they still require a passing IREAD-3 score.

As part of this voluntary opt-in, schools must agree to test all grade two students in the IREAD-3 assessment beginning in spring 2022.

After the Test

Schools are responsible for sharing all student results with parents in a secure and timely manner. All students (grades two and three) will receive initial "Pass" and "Did Not Pass" indicators, along with the scale score and reporting category subscores within two weeks of completing the assessment. Schools are also required to provide reading remediation for students in grade three who do not pass as well as the opportunity to participate in the summer retest. IREAD-3 results in grade three are used to determine access to later grade-level content and other instructional next steps for students.

To provide schools with information regarding reading ability at grade two, IDOE will set a new cut score, "On Track," for reading proficiency during summer 2022. Grade two students who pass IREAD-3 will not be required to take the assessment in grade three.

Good Cause Exemptions

Certain grade three students who do not pass IREAD-3 may receive an exemption from future IREAD-3 testing requirements and/or elements of retention if they meet specific eligibility criteria, per [guidance](#) from the Indiana State Board of Education.



Indiana Department of Education

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Students taking IREAD-3 in grade two will not be eligible for IREAD-3 Good Cause Exemptions if they receive “Did Not Pass”; they will retake IREAD-3 in grade three, using these early indication results to support remediation efforts. Good Cause Exemptions are granted beginning with the grade three administration.

Learn More

As you and your child look ahead to IREAD-3 this spring, please contact your child’s school to discuss any questions or concerns. You may also find helpful these resources located on IDOE’s [IREAD-3 webpage](#):

- [IREAD-3 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [IREAD-3 Test Blueprint](#)
- [IREAD-3 Item Specifications](#)
- [IREAD-3 Released Items Repository](#)

Please contact your child’s school or email IDOE’s [Office of Student Assessment](#) for additional information.