

WHAT ARE THE LITERACY LAWS?

The TN Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act and TN Literacy Success Act require school districts to identify K-3 learners not meeting reading expectations on benchmark and TCAP assessment. These students must be provided specific supports, parental notification, and considered for retention in 3rd grade.

- ★ SIGNIFICANT READING DEFICIENCY
- ★ AT RISK READING DEFICIENCY
- ★ APPROACHING EXPECTATIONS

WHAT IS FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY SKILLS INSTRUCTION?

Foundational Literacy Skills Instruction means an evidence-based method of teaching students to read that includes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension that enables students to develop reading skills required to meet Tennessee's academic standards.

FAQ

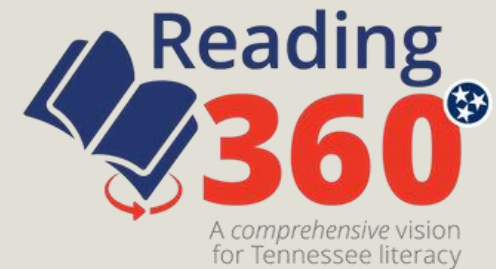
- ?** **What type of tutoring will be required for students who select this option?**
- A tutor will be assigned to your student through **TN ALL Corps**, and your child will be required to attend two 30-minute sessions each week for the full school year.
- ?** **What is the expected attendance for summer programming?**
- Students must have a 90% attendance rate.
- ?** **When will students be given the *benchmark assessments*?**
- iReady Reading assessment windows are:
- Window 1: August 7-September 8
Window 2: December 4-15
Window 3: April 8-May 10
- ?** **What are the adequate gains my student must reach to determine if he or she is ready for the next grade level?**
- The summer post-test will determine if a student has made adequate gains. Students must show a 5% increase from the spring TCAP or retake assessment.
- ?** **What are the dates for summer programming?**
- Summer programming dates will be decided in the late winter. Typically, it is 16 days, Monday-Thursday, during the month of June.
- ?** **What is the process for an appeal?**
- The state board of education has established an appeal process, to be administered by the department, for a student who is identified for retention in third grade based on achieving a performance level rating of "approaching" on the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the student's most recent TCAP test.

If you have additional questions, please email us at askmcps@mauryk12.org.

Additional information about Reading360 can be found on the TN Department of Education's website at tn.gov/education/reading-360.html

MAURY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LITERACY LAWS SUMMARY



What I need to know when my child is in

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

Students will be screened 3 times each school year on the iReady Diagnostic Benchmark, and you will receive progress reports. If your student scores in one of three categories below, you will receive notification from your child's school.

Significant Reading Deficiency

At Risk Reading Deficiency

Approaching Expectations



Students will receive extra support from teachers to work in areas of need



In the spring, a student scoring in this range will be identified as a priority student for Summer Programming

Literacy Level Percentages

SIGNIFICANT READING DEFICIENCY

15th percentile or below on the most recent iReady Diagnostic Reading Assessment

AT RISK READING DEFICIENCY

16th-40th percentile on the most recent iReady Diagnostic Reading Assessment

APPROACHING EXPECTATIONS

41st-75th percentile on the most recent iReady Diagnostic Reading Assessment

exemptions

All students must take the benchmark assessments and summative TCAP assessments. The following students are exempt from the Retention Law:

- Special Education Students (on a case-by-case basis)
- Previously Retained Students
- ELL students receiving less than 2 years of ELA instruction
- Approved appeals to the TN Department of Education
- Students scoring proficient on the TCAP Retake assessment

What I need to know when my child is in

3rd Grade

BENCHMARKS

Students will be screened 3 times each school year and you will receive progress reports. If your student scores in one of three categories below, you will receive information about available interventions.

Significant Reading Deficiency

At Risk Reading Deficiency

Approaching Expectations

TCAP

Students will be given the spring 3rd grade TCAP English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment. If your student scores approaching or below expectations, you will receive notification from your child's school under the guidance of the The TN Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act.

Students scoring Below Expectations on the ELA Assessment will be retained in 3rd grade

Students scoring Approaching Expectations on the ELA Assessment will be retained in 3rd grade

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The student attends summer school with a 90% attendance rate

The student attends summer school with a 90% attendance rate and demonstrates adequate growth on the post- test

and

or

Attends 4th grade tutoring

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