

WORRIED ABOUT 3RD GRADE RETENTION IN TENNESSEE?



What is the “3rd Grade Retention Law?”

The law is part of the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act (2021) meant to address the setbacks of COVID.

Any third-grader who scores “less than proficient” on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) must repeat third grade, attend summer school, and/or receive state-provided tutoring during the school year.

Some students are exempt

Your child could be exempt if:

- ➔ The Local Education Agency (LEA) deems the student has a disability or suspected disability affecting reading or literacy development
- ➔ They are an English language learner and have less than 2 years of ELA instruction
- ➔ They test again and score proficiently before the next school year
- ➔ They've been held back previously



*Parents/guardians can appeal retention decisions at the end of the school year

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Check with your school system concerning when they make decisions about 3rd grade retention



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