



3rd Grade Commitment



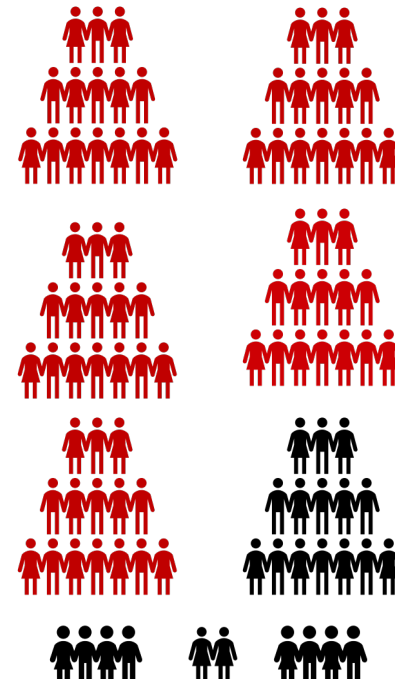
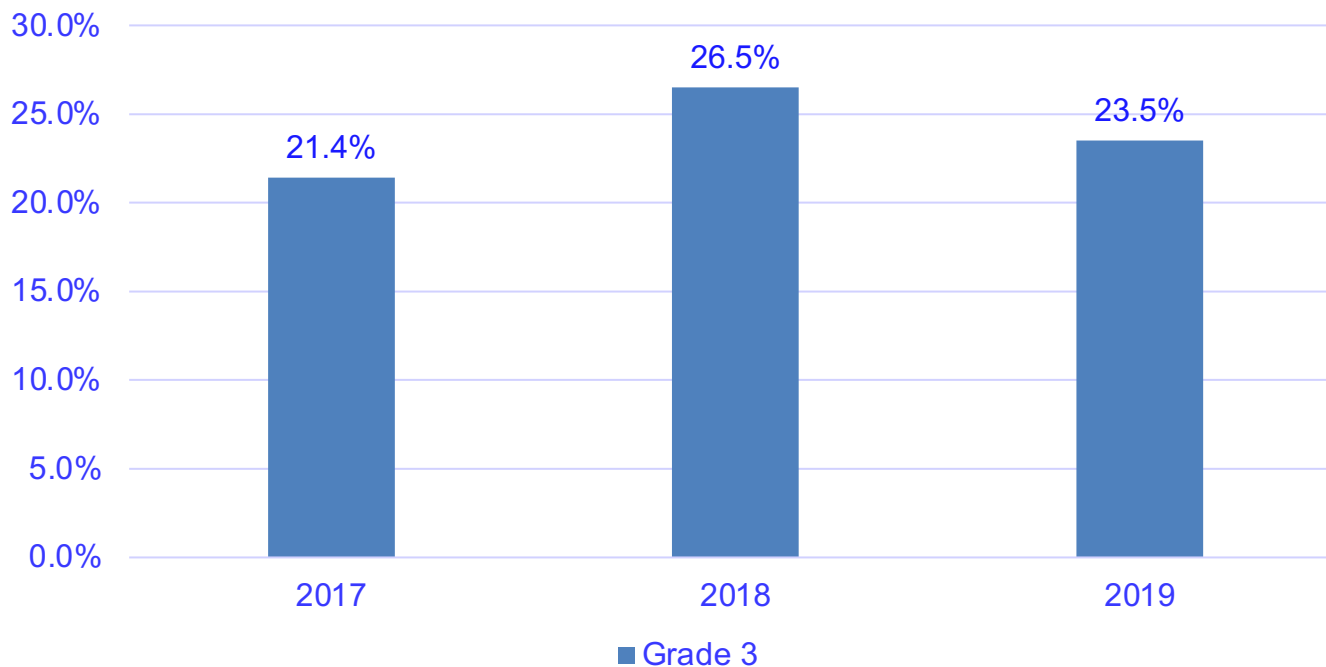
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SCS English Language Arts Proficiency

Roughly 76% of 3rd graders are not proficient readers

% of 3rd grade students proficient in ELA on TNReady





Impact of Inadequate Reading Skills

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Learning to Read vs. Reading to Learn



Reading proficiently by the end of third grade is critical because it is a pivotal point that highlights the shift from **learning to read** to **reading to learn**.

Learning to READ

Acquiring & practicing decoding skills

Building knowledge to make meaning from print



Reading to LEARN

Fluently reading text with the purpose of gaining knowledge

Thinking critically about a topic

Proficient vs. Non-Proficient Readers

Proficient

When students move into fourth grade and higher, skilled (proficient) readers learn knowledge and new words from context, while poor readers, out of frustration, begin to avoid reading.

Non-proficient

The gap between proficient and non-proficient readers increases. In other words, the academically rich get richer and the poor get poorer, as small differences in learning ability grow into large reading gaps, evident in reading data.



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The 3rd Grade Commitment

- In 2019 the Shelby County School Board voted on a revision the Administrative Rules and Regulations to [Policy 5013 Promotion and Retention](#).
- The revision was created to ensure we hold district and school leaders, teachers, and all stakeholders accountable towards ensuring SCS students have the necessary reading skills to be successful before they reach the third grade.
- Students who meet 8 of 12 [Criteria for Success](#) at the conclusion of the second grade, will be eligible for promotion to the third grade.
- The **3rd Grade Commitment** is a collaborative effort between schools, parents and our community towards ensuring we all work together to help SCS students reach reading readiness before the third grade.



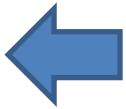
What is the 3rd Grade Commitment?

- **Update to SCS Policy 5013 Promotion and Retention**
- **Ensure students have the necessary reading skills they need to be successful before they reach the 3rd grade.**
- **2nd Grade Students must reach (8) of the possible (12) points for promotion into the 3rd grade this school year**

Purpose:

Assess K-2ND grade students, with the stop-gap being 2nd grade, using Success Criteria to ensure students are on track for 3rd grade readiness.

Quarter Grades (4 criteria)	3 Formative Assessment Scores (3 criteria)	Universal Screener (3 criteria)	TN Ready Scores (2 criteria)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•70% or above in ELA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•70% or better in ELA•Sept. 20 – Oct. 8•Nov. 29 – Dec. 17•Feb. 28 – Apr. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Aug. 30 – Sept. 17•Lexile 350•Jan. 3 – Jan. 21•Lexile 420•Apr. 11-15 or May9-20•Lexile 485	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•On Track or Mastery in ELA

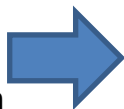


**Success
Criteria for 2nd
Grade
Promotion**

K - 1 supports for 3rd Grade Commitment



Evaluation Criteria for Kindergarten



Report Card Grades (4) Once per quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% or higher in ELA • Quarter 1: 12 Skills • Quarter 2: 13 Skills • Quarter 3: 14 Skills • Quarter 4: 16 Skill • TOTAL skills: 55

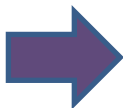
Universal Screener (3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illuminate/FastBridge Norms – 50% • Fall - 34 • Winter - 52 • Spring - 66

Skills include: naming uppercase letters, lowercase letters, recognizing rhyming words, understanding syllables, reading sight words, identifying and writing beginning/ending letter sounds.



Students must have mastered **80%** Literacy Skills per quarter on Report Card Grades and meet Lexile Criteria (not required for promotion)

Evaluation Criteria for 1st Grade



Report Card Grades (4) Once per quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% or higher in ELA

Universal Screener (3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lexile - 120 • Winter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lexile - 235 • Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lexile - 350



Students must pass **5** of the **7** Success Criteria (not required for promotion)

Any time a student does not meet one or more of the identified Success Criteria, an Academic Support Plan will be created to support the student, and parents will be notified to ensure they know the school is supporting the student and how to help at home.

What parents can expect:



- ▷ Personalized Academic Support Plan for each K-3rd grade student
- ▷ High quality instruction
- ▷ Before, during, and after-school tutoring
- ▷ Paraprofessionals (teacher assistants) to support every 2nd Grade class
- ▷ Parent At Home Literacy Communication about student progress via parent letters and report cards
- ▷ Ongoing parent learning sessions
- ▷ Literacy Resources to support at-home reading
- ▷ Literacy Events throughout the year
- ▷ Access to parent resources via scsk12.org/commitment

Parent Resources

Parent Toolbox

- [BookNook Learning: Free ELA gamified instructional lessons to complete with your student. Link to BookNook@Home \(for direct parent to child use\):](#)
- [3rd grade Commitment Parents' Guide To Student Success](#)
- [Literacy Everywhere Brochure](#)
- [Understanding the 3rd Grade Commitment PowerPoint Video](#)

Learn About Reading And Literacy

- [Sight Words Book](#)
- [Sight Words Book \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Read for the Record](#)
- [Read to be Ready: A Vision for Third Grade Reading Proficiency](#) in the State of Tennessee
- [Understanding "Lexile" Scores](#)
- [Reading Rockets – Books and Activities for Summer Reading](#)
- [Explore Memphis – Memphis Public Library Summer Reading Program](#)
- [Libby – An easy way to borrow and read books online from the Memphis Public Library](#)