

## IMPORTANT information regarding IREAD-3

- Specific guidance regarding **students who do not pass IREAD-3** has been provided in Chapter 3 of the ISTEP+ Program Manual.
  - Please see below and attached for the particular wording.

### Students Who Do Not Pass IREAD-3

Students who do not pass IREAD-3 in the spring have an opportunity to retest in the summer. Students who do not pass the spring or summer administrations of IREAD-3 will continue to receive instruction in Grade 3 Reading, will be officially reported as a third grader, and will fully participate in the Grade 3 ISTEP+ assessment. It is the responsibility of the local school to design a program that meets the learning needs of students.

Retention, which is identified as a last resort in PL 109, requires schools to provide students who do not pass IREAD-3 with Grade 3 reading/literacy instruction. Literacy instruction may also include other content areas, such as science and social studies. Methods of organizing students for differentiated instruction are determined locally.

Retention is not required for students who are eligible for a Good Cause Exemption. To access the Good Cause Exemptions that allow for flexibility in determining access to grade four reading and literacy instruction, please visit [http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/docs/IREAD\\_Common\\_Questions.pdf](http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/docs/IREAD_Common_Questions.pdf).

- **Please forward** this information to others, including building-level and corporation-level administrators and other staff, as appropriate.
- Watch for more information regarding IREAD-3 in the near future, including summer testing dates.