

1 What Is The Law All About ?

- In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016.
- Michigan's test scores on both the Michigan-based M-STEP ELA assessment and the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) reading assessment have shown a need for attention to early reading and literacy.
- On the 2015 NAEP, Michigan was 41st in the nation for fourth grade reading achievement.
- To help more students be proficient by the end of third grade, the law requires extra support for K-3 grade students who are not reading at grade level.
- The law also states that a child may be retained in third grade if he/she is one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of third grade.

2 What Do I Need To Know As A Parent?

- Your child's reading progress will be closely monitored.
- If your child is not reading where expected, a plan to improve reading will be created.

This includes:

- Extra instruction or support in areas of need
- Ongoing checks on reading progress
- A Read-at-Home plan
- If you are notified that your child may be retained, you have the right to meet with school officials and to request an exemption if it is in the best interest of your child. You have the right and are encouraged to be involved every step of the way!

3 How will this affect my child?

In Grades K-3 :

Your school will use tests to identify students that need extra help with reading. These students:

- Are at risk of not passing the M-STEP ELA in third grade.
- Are not reading at the expected level for his or her grade level and time of year.
- If your child is identified as needing additional supports (extra help), your school will provide your child with an individual reading improvement plan. This means your child's teacher and school will work with your child to find where your child needs support in his/her reading development and create a plan to support him or her.
- The extra supports in your child's reading improvement plan will occur in small groups during the school day.
- Your child will not miss regular reading instruction.
- Part of your child's reading plan will include a Read-at-Home plan that encourages you and your child to read and write outside of the school day.
- Your child may also be encouraged to participate in summer reading programs.
- Your child's teacher will also receive supports in evidence-based effective practices in teaching reading and writing to support all learners to grow as readers and writers.

In 3rd Grade:

Starting in 2019-2020, a student will not be promoted to fourth grade unless he or she:

- Receives a reading score of less than 1 year behind on grade 3 ELA state assessment (M-STEP)
- Shows a grade 3 reading level on another test approved by superintendent of public instruction
- Shows a grade 3 reading level through a portfolio, or collection, of student work in all grade 3 ELA standards.
- A child will only be required to repeat third grade once.
- You will be notified by the state and district if your child may be required to be retained.
- You as a parent have the right:
 - To ask for a "good cause exemption" with the school or district within 30 days once notified.
 - To request a meeting with school officials



