

SB 316/HB 555 Third Grade Guarantee in Practice

We will use our present benchmarking system as the diagnostic. The law requires this to be done before September 30. ODE wants you to use their diagnostic, which would be added work for our teachers. At least for now, ODE will allow us to use whatever diagnostic we were planning on using due to the late release of this information. They will have an approved list of diagnostics that can be used after this year, along with their assessment. I am hopeful DIBELS will be on the list.

Once a student is determined to be not at benchmark, they will automatically go into Tier II. This is because each of these students must have a RIMP (Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan). This calls for the current services provided as well as supplemental instruction services. The Tier I and II interventions AND monitoring will be the starting point. We will now follow our Tier guidelines from this point forward.

If a student at the end of third grade is retained in accordance with the third grade guarantee, they will immediately be placed into Tier III, as they MUST receive at least 90 minutes reading instruction each day. We also may talk about offering a summer reading program with the opportunity for these students to take another reading assessment, as approved by ODE so they have the opportunity to test out and go to fourth grade.