

If No

The school will make a plan to improve your child's reading and show you that plan. The plan will include extra reading time and help from a reading teacher. Ask your child's school what you can do to help.

**It's the Start of the School Year:
IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK?**

By Sept. 30, the teacher will assess your child to find out his or her reading level.

All students in the class will take a fall and spring reading achievement tests. Your child may move to the fourth grade if she gets a high enough score, called a "promotion score," on any one of the tests given throughout the school year and summer.

If Yes

Your child should continue reading throughout the school year.

Students take the Fall State Reading Achievement Test:

DID YOUR CHILD REACH THE PROMOTION SCORE?

ALTERNATIVE TESTS?

Your child may be able to take up to two "alternative" reading achievement tests during the school year and one in the summer. One of these should be in the spring. These are in addition to the fall and spring state reading achievement tests. If a child gets a high enough score on one of these tests, she may be ready to go to fourth grade.

Please note: your child's school district has to pay for these tests, so ask the teacher if they are offered and if your child is prepared to take them.

No

Your child will not go to fourth grade next fall unless his reading improves. Contact your child's teacher to find out if you can get even more help for him. Also ask the teacher what you can do to help.

Yes

Your child may go to fourth grade next fall. If your child did not score "Proficient" or higher, she may continue to receive reading help once she is there. Ask what you can do once she enters fourth grade to keep her on track.

Students Take a Spring Reading Achievement Test:

DID YOUR CHILD REACH THE PROMOTION SCORE?

No

Your child has not earned the reading score needed to go to fourth grade in the fall. There may be chances during the summer or next school year for him to move up to fourth grade. Keep talking to your child's school so you know what the plan is to get him reading on grade level.

Yes

Your child may go to fourth grade next fall if your child's school agrees. But she will continue to receive reading help once she is there, so she doesn't fall any further behind. Ask what you can do once she enters fourth grade to keep her on track.

It's fall and my child is repeating third grade.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Your child may be able to do fourth-grade work in some subjects other than reading, if he is ready. But even then, he will stay in the third-grade class until he can read on grade level. You can request additional reading tutoring for your child. Your district will select and provide the outside school services your child needs at no cost to your family.

If your child shows part way into the repeated third-grade year that she can read on grade level, she may be able to move to fourth grade before the year ends. But this can happen only if your school district agrees to it.