



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

*Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Primary School
Sahuarita Intermediate School*

*Anza Trail School
Sopori Elementary School
Walden Grove High School
Copper View Elementary School*

Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services

Dear 3rd Grade Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to provide you with information on Arizona's Move On When Reading law, the importance it places on your child's ability to read at grade level, and the impact this law has on third grade promotion and retention.

Arizona Revised Statute §15 - 701 states that if data on the third grade statewide reading assessment is available and demonstrates that a student scored "falls far below" the student shall not be promoted from the third grade.

There are two exemptions from A.R.S. §15-701.

In accordance with the new law, a school district governing board or the governing body of a charter school is allowed to promote a student who earns a score of "falls far below" on the third grade statewide reading assessment only for the following reasons:

- The student is an English Language Learner or Limited English Proficient who has received less than two years of English instruction; or
- Students with disabilities provided that the pupil's individualized education program (I.E.P.) team and the pupil's parent or guardian agree that promotion is appropriate.

The law (A.R.S. §15-701) can be found at the following website:

<http://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00701.htm>

Your child's teacher is trained in reading instruction and understands how to work with students experiencing reading difficulties. In order to prepare all students for success, parent involvement and collaboration focused on continuous school improvement is essential.

If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me about the law or your child's teacher about the district's Comprehensive Reading Initiative.

Respectfully,

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