



## **Paths to Promotion 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade L.W.C.S. 2022-2023**

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), which includes V.P.K. through grade 10 Reading and V.P.K. through grade 8 Mathematics assessments aligned with the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.), will be administered as a progress monitoring assessment in which students will participate in three times per year.

For promotion purposes, students in grade 3 must achieve a Level 2 or higher on PM3 of the Grade 3 FAST ELA Reading Assessment. For more information on this requirement and good cause exemption information for students who score in Level 1, please see the Third Grade Guidance page on the F.L.D.O.E. website.

A few alternative pathways are available to qualify a third-grade student for promotion. The decision for promotion ultimately is in the hands of the principal and the recommendation of the promotion committee using facts on readiness for the next grade level. The committee includes parents, coaches, administration, and teachers who have worked with that child.

### **Path 1: Alternative Assessment- iReady**

Retained 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students will assess when they initially log onto iReady and multiple times throughout the year. Assessments, including FAST, monitor progress throughout the school year. The evaluation at the end of the year in April or May shows a grade-level performance demonstration. The score on the end-of-the-year assessment must be at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile to meet promotion requirements.

### **Path 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Camp**

Students who do not demonstrate a proficient score on FAST or iReady may attend our L.W.C.S. Summer Reading camp to work on skills and demonstrate readiness for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Student assessment data is used to check for mastery.

### **Path 3: Student Portfolio**

For the F.L. portfolio promotion option, students must compile a portfolio demonstrating mastery of tested standards. The portfolio must include eight examples of mastery for each standard. Successfully completed portfolios must be submitted to the school's promotion committee for review prior to July 2023. Specifics on the portfolio can be found on the Just Read Florida site.

### **Path 4: Alternative Assessment- SAT-10 (available at some school sites)**

Eligible retained 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students can have an opportunity to take SAT-10 in May of 2023. Students must score at or above the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile to be promoted. **S.A.T. 10 is not iPad-compatible. Schools that decide to administer S.A.T. 10 must have access to laptops.**

### **Path 5: Good Cause Promotion**

If a student meets the criteria for good cause promotion according to the state of F.L. qualifications, they will be promoted to the next grade. Remediation and support in place will continue for the following school year until students demonstrate grade-level performance.

### **Reminders:**

- Students who require Accommodations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Assessments according to their 504 or I.E.P. will receive them for all possible promotion-qualifying assessments.
- Students promoted to grade 4 with a good cause exemption should continue to receive targeted small-group instruction based on student data.
- All options must be completed by July 2023 so proper placement may be done for courses for the following school year.

\*Pursuant to Section 1008.25(6), F.S. and State Rule 6A-1.094221, an approved alternative assessment (iReady and SAT-10) may be administered two (2) times.