



Dear GCS families,

Beginning this school year, a new Tennessee law will go into effect that will have an impact on GCS promotion and retention policies for 3rd grade students.

This legislation, called the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act, states that 3rd grade students who score "below" or "approaching" on their ELA TCAP test must take specific steps to be promoted to the fourth grade.

Students in 3rd grade with a "**below**" score must:

- Attend the district's free Elementary Summer Learning Camp, maintain 90% attendance, and demonstrate adequate growth on testing at the end of camp

AND

- Participate in the TN ALL Corps tutoring program in the 4th grade.

Students in 3rd grade with an "**approaching**" score must:

- Attend the district's free Elementary Summer Learning Camp and maintain 90% attendance

OR

- Participate in the TN ALL Corps tutoring program in the 4th grade.

While this decision was made by state lawmakers and not by our district, I am hopeful that it will provide additional support to help students meet grade-level expectations. Third grade is a crucial year for students' future academic success, and GCS is committed to providing our students with the foundational skills they need to thrive.

I would encourage families to use the ***EduPoint Parent Portal*** to stay informed about their student's academic performance during this school year, and to stay in contact with their Teacher(s) and Administrators if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support of Grainger County Schools!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Briscoe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mark Briscoe
Director of Schools