# NC Read to Achieve Overview For Family Partners



# **Goals of our Session:**

- Learn about the Read to Achieve Legislation
- Understand different ways students can show grade-level proficiency in reading
- Identify resources to support reading proficiency at home
- Receive Beginning of Grade scores

#### **KEY QUESTIONS**

• Why is 3rd grade reading proficiency important?

 How will the state determine if your child is reading at or above grade level?

How can you help your child to become a strong reader?

The Read to Achieve program is part of The Excellent Public Schools Act of N.C. (NC House Bill 950), which became law in July 2012.

# Why is my child assessed in reading?

### The goal of the state is to ensure:



- that every student read at or above grade level.
- that students continue to progress in reading proficiency.
- that students have the ability to read, comprehend, integrate and apply complex texts.
- that students apply these skills for secondary education and career success.

This legislation is part of the Excellent Public Schools Act and has been referred to as the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program.



# Goal of Legislation

- All students proficient readers by the end of third grade.
- Gives students multiple opportunities to show proficiency
- Gives extra support to third and fourth grade students

### How often are students assessed?

Beginning of the Year

Middle of the Year End of the Year



Students are given three benchmark assessments in Amplify during the year to monitor performance and inform instructional decisions.

### What is DIBELS® 8?

Dynamic
Indicators of
Basic
Early
Literacy
Skills

DIBELS® 8 is a standardized set of measures that help teachers and schools determine how students are performing on important reading skills.

### **DIBELS® 8 assessment measures**

Measure	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Letter Naming Fluency	~	~		
Phonemic Segmentation Fluency	~	~		
Nonsense Word Fluency	~	v	V	V
Word Reading Fluency	~	V	V	V
Oral Reading Fluency		V	V	V
Maze (Basic Comprehension)			V	~
Required additional measur	es at each	grade lev	el below	
Oral Language	~	~	V	~
Vocabulary	~	~	~	~

# How do I know if my child meets third grade benchmark?

DIBELS® 8 generates a composite score from four sub-skills in order to determine a student's Lexile score. A 725 Lexile score meets third grade proficiency.



Additionally, third graders' reading proficiency will be measured by the standardized test of reading comprehension on the End of Grade (EOG) assessment.

# What is the Beginning of Grade (BOG) Test?

The North Carolina BOG3 Reading Test is linked to the Read to Achieve Program. This test serves several purposes:

- It establishes a baseline measure of beginning third-grade students' English language arts/reading skills.
- Students who score achievement level 3 or higher on the test demonstrate reading proficiency appropriate for third-grade students, which satisfies the requirements of the Read to Achieve legislation.

# What if my child does not show reading proficiency?



There are several opportunities to demonstrate third grade reading proficiency.

# Can my child be exempt from mandatory retention in third grade?

# Good Cause

#### **Children with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities whose individualized education program indicates (i) the use of the NCEXTEND1 alternate assessment, (ii) at least a two school year delay in educational performance, or (iii) receipt of intensive reading literacy interventions for at least two school years



#### **Multiple Retentions and Interventions**

Students: (i) received reading intervention and (ii) previously been retained more than once in K, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade

#### **Limited English Proficient Students**

Students with less than two years of instruction in an English as a Second Language program

#### Alternative Assessment

Students who demonstrate reading proficiency on an alternative assessment

# I've heard about reading camp. Will my child need to go?

### Reading Camp is:

 offered by your child's school district for students who are not proficient on the 3rd grade EOG.

offered to 2nd grade students demonstrating reading difficulty; districts

can choose to offer reading camp to 1st grade students as well

 designed to provide additional instruction in reading and writing.

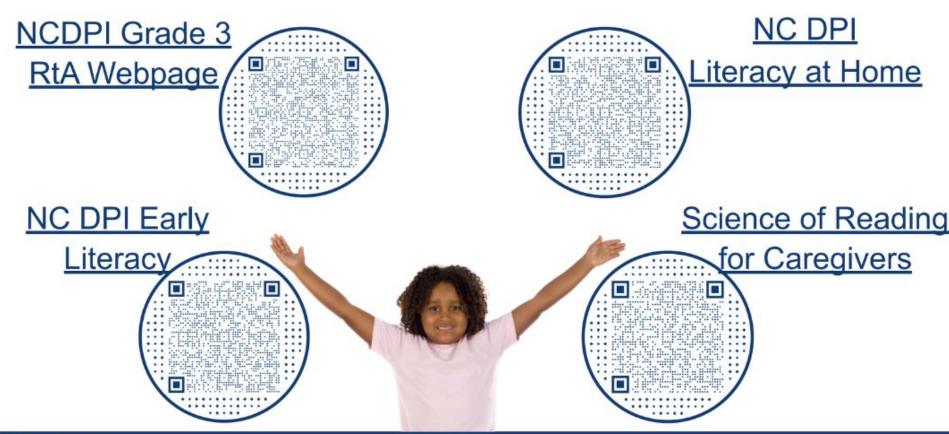
- free no cost to parents.
- not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.



# How can I help my child with reading at home?

- Fluency Folders!
- Build a reading routine!
- Commit to creating a literacy-rich home!

### Where can I find more information?



The partnership between home and school ensures your child's success!



Thank you for joining us to learn more about Read to Achieve!