



The Goal

The goal is for every child to read at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

“The goal of the State is to ensure that every student read at or above grade level by the end of third grade and continue to progress in reading proficiency so that he or she can read, comprehend, integrate, and apply complex texts needed for secondary education and career success.”
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What can I do to help my child?

- Read with your child for 15-20 minutes each day.
- Let your child see you reading for fun and for practical purposes.
- Choose and read books that your child enjoys (the “I Pick” strategy is a helpful tool).
- Talk with your child and ask questions about what he or she is reading.
- Visit the local public library, check out books, and participate in library events.



Read to Achieve



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How will Read to Achieve affect my child?

Kindergarten through third grade students are assessed in reading three times per year - in August, January, and May. The assessments provide information to your child's teacher on the strengths and areas of growth for your child. The assessments measure their phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. The assessments provide valuable information to assist with planning instructional experiences specific to the needs of your child. Following each of these assessment periods, you will receive a Home Connect letter that provides information on the assessment as well as activities that can be done at home.

If your child is in third grade, he or she will take the North Carolina End of Grade (EOG) reading test in May. If your child is not proficient on the EOG Reading test, then he or she will have the opportunity to take the Read to Achieve test. If your child does not demonstrate proficiency on the Read to Achieve test or qualify for an exemption, then your child will have the opportunity to attend a four-week district sponsored reading camp. This reading camp will be provided free of charge.

For more information, please visit the Read to Achieve webpage on the Cabarrus County Schools website: www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us.

Q&A

What are some questions to ask my child's teacher?

- What is my child's current reading level?
- What are my child's strengths and areas of concern in readings?
- What are some things I can do to help my child with reading?
- How can I help my child choose books to read outside of school?

What if my third grader is not reading at or above grade level now?

- When your child is not reading at grade level, interventions are provided at school. You are notified of these interventions and your child's teacher will continue to notify you of your child's progress through progress reports and report cards. You are also encouraged to meet with your child's teacher to work together to support your child in reading.