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NEWS RELEASE

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School- and District-Level 3rd Grade Reading Test Results Available for Final Retest

JACKSON, Miss. – Cumulative school- and district-level passing rates for the 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment are now available to the public. [Passing rates can be found here.](#)

Statewide, an estimate of 92 percent of 3rd graders have achieved a passing score on the 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment. The passing rate incorporates the results of the first test administration in April, the first retest in May, and the final retest over the summer. The statewide passing rate for the initial test was 85 percent.

Students need to score at least 926 on the 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment to be eligible for promotion to the 4th grade.

The number of students who did not pass the test is 2,907. Local school districts are responsible for determining which of their students who did not pass qualify for one of the good cause exemptions for promotion to 4th grade. Once all districts have documented those students who were promoted with a good cause exemption, the Mississippi Department of Education will release a report on the number of exemptions by district.

Mississippi's Literacy-Based Promotion Act requires that a student scoring at the lowest achievement level on the 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment be retained in 3rd grade, unless the student meets one of the good cause exemptions specified in the law. The 2014-2015 year was the first year that a reading test was required for 3rd graders to be promoted to 4th grade.

Resources:

www.mde.k12.ms.us/literacy



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[LBPA Next Steps](#)

[Parent Guide to Understanding 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment Score Report](#)

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