Determination of a substantial deficit in reading;

Description of student services and supports presently provided;

Description of proposed supplemental instruction and support to remediate the student's deficit areas;

Strategies for parents to use to help students at home; and,

Notification that student will not be promoted to 4th grade if reading deficiency cannot be remediated by i((c)4(iha)42-2(a2(a)4))42-2(d34(d)d) Tj EMC /16.1 [(N)2(d)4(d)4)]

student's reading skill development.

Good Cause Exemptions

A 3rd grade student who fails to meet the academic requirements for promotion to the 4th grade may be promoted for good cause:

- 1. Limited English Proficient students who have had less than two (2) years of instruction in English Language Learner program;
- 2. Students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) indicates that participation in the statewide accountability assessment program is not appropriate, as authorized under state law;
- 3. Students with a disability who participate in the state annual accountability assessment and who have an IEP or Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received intense remediation in reading for two (2) years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading OR was previously retained in Kindergarten or First, Second or Third grade;
- 4. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of reading proficiency on an alternative assessment approved by the State Board of Education; and
- 5. Students who have received intensive intervention for two (2) or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading, and who previously were retained in Kindergarten or First, Second or Third Grade for a total of two (2) years and have not met exceptional education criteria.

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, if a student's reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of the student's Third-Grade year, as demonstrated by the student scoring above the lowest two (2) achievement levels in reading on the state annual accountability assessment or on an approved alternative standardized assessment for Third Grade, the student shall not be promoted to Fourth Grade.

Student Handbook

Provisions required by the Literacy Promotion Act shall be included in the district's published handbook of policy for employees and students.

The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to support this policy.

SOURCE: Mississippi School Boards Association; Jackson Public School District

LEGAL REF.: Miss. Code Ann. §37-177-1 through 37-177-21

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