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# AUBURN CITY SCHOOLS HELPS TO EXPLAIN THE ALABAMA LITERACY ACT

➤➤➤ The Alabama Literacy Act (ALA) was passed in 2019 to help improve reading in Alabama public schools to ensure students are reading on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade. Reading is the gateway to lifelong achievement and the students of Alabama deserve a strong start on their path to success.

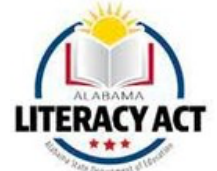
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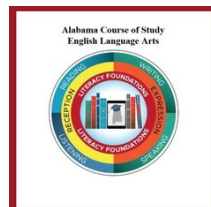
Click Curriculum and Instruction

Click Alabama Literacy Act for more information and resources to use at home.



## CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS

- 2021 ELA COS supports essential learning to improve reading proficiency in accordance to the ALA.
- Standards focus on foundational skills needed to support literacy development.
  - Development of the standards was guided by the science of reading.
  - Standards that define the minimum content of what learners should know and be able to accomplish at each grade level.



## EVERY CHILD. EVERY CHANCE. EVERY DAY.

- Every child receives scientifically-based reading instruction and multi-sensory instruction in Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 intervention reading instruction.
- Being a skillful reader is critical for a student's overall success throughout school and in life. To help ensure students become successful lifelong readers, all students in grades K-3 are administered a state-approved reading screener a minimum of three times a year.
- According to the updated Alabama Literacy Act, **"Commencing with the 2023-2024 school year, third grade students shall demonstrate sufficient reading skills for promotion to fourth grade.** A student scoring at the lowest achievement level in reading on the established state assessment (ACAP) for third grade will not be promoted to fourth grade unless the student meets a good cause exemption for promotion."

## WHAT IS THE ALABAMA LITERACY ACT?



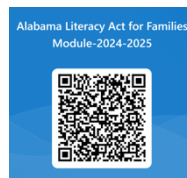
➤➤➤ What is the Alabama Literacy Act? Use the QR code to watch a short video that explains the ALA in detail.

## THE ALABAMA LITERACY ACT PROVIDES LAYERS OF SUPPORT FOR INSTRUCTION



- Parent Letters of communication of
- reading deficiencies Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention services
  - Student Reading Plans (S.R.I.Ps) developed by teachers and parents to support students who have consistent reading deficiency
  - Summer Reading Camps
  - Before and/ or Afterschool Tutoring as needed

Thank you for taking the time to review information regarding the Alabama Literacy Act. Please scan the QR code to complete a form acknowledging receipt of this information, provided by the State of Alabama. We represent Region 9.



## GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS FOR 3RD GRADE STUDENTS WHO SCORE AT THE LOWEST ACHIEVEMENT IN READING ON THE SPRING STATEWIDE ACAP ASSESSMENT

➤➤➤ STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS WHO HAVE HAD LESS THAN THREE YEARS OF INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP) OR A SECTION 504 PLAN THAT REFLECTS THAT THE STUDENT HAS RECEIVED INTENSIVE READING INTERVENTION FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS OR WAS PREVIOUSLY RETAINED IN KINDERGARTEN, 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD GRADE.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED INTENSIVE READING INTERVENTION FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS AND WHO STILL DEMONSTRATE A DEFICIENCY IN READING WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY RETAINED IN KINDERGARTEN, 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD GRADE FOR A TOTAL OF TWO YEARS.

\*\*\*NO STUDENT SHALL BE RETAINED MORE THAN ONCE IN 3RD GRADE.