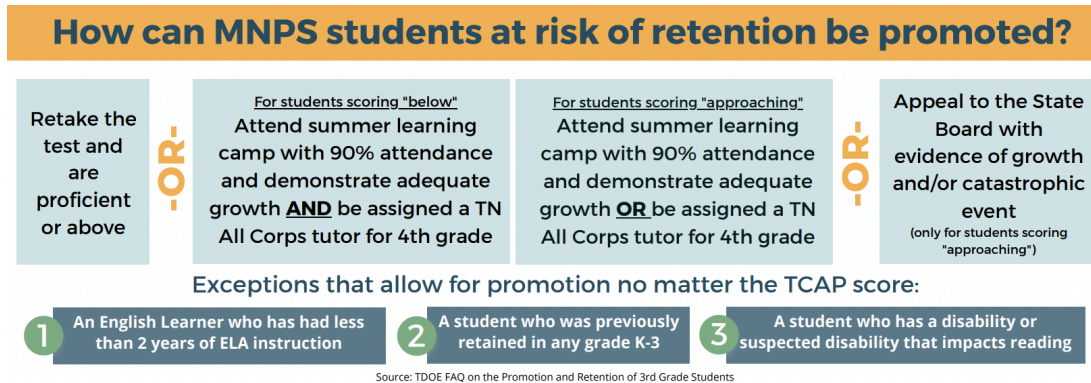


DEAR THIRD GRADE FAMILIES,

As outlined in our Family Handbook, Purpose Prep works to ensure your child is equipped with the academic skills necessary to succeed and has always considered three factors when promoting students to the next grade: attendance, overall reading level, and grade-level standard mastery. In January of 2021, the Tennessee General Assembly passed a similar set of recommendations called the **Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act** (T.C.A. § 49-6-3115) that ensures **students who are determined to need additional support in reading receive them before being promoted to fourth grade**. These pathways are represented below:



Purpose Prep already takes extensive measures to support students who are academically behind. Our school's strong Tier I (classroom) instruction is supplemented by frequent and targeted academic interventions for students who are academically below grade level. As you know, our school model includes the following proactive supports to ensure all scholars are reading on grade level:

- **Co-Teaching Model:** Our co-teaching model allows students to receive 120 minutes of daily small group instruction. Small group instruction allows students to receive individualized literacy support.
- **Frequent Testing:** Diagnostic, formative, and summative literacy assessments are regularly administered to monitor student academic progress. These assessments allow teachers and instructional leaders to determine a student's individualized needs. Data collected from these assessments informs classroom instruction and daily interventions.
- **Daily Interventions:** Students identified as needing additional literacy support receive academic interventions outside of classroom instructional time. These interventions are administered by teachers for up to 40 minutes daily in a small group setting.
- **Special Education Supports:** In addition to the above, students with IEPs are provided with a variety of intervention services, as determined by the student's IEP.
- **Frequent Progress Updates:** Scholar academic progress is shared with families in a variety of ways, including in a quarterly Progress Report and Report Cards. You can also stay up to date on your scholar's progress by connecting with teachers via phone or email, reviewing the Family Email Script, and by reviewing the completed work sent home each week in the yellow folders.

**Winter MAP Testing** takes place this month and will continue to be used to identify students at risk, and you will be notified if applicable. Retention decisions for the 2024-25 school year will be finalized in May.

Additional information about this law can be found on the Tennessee Department of Education's website. Should you have any additional questions, please call Purpose Prep's Director of Academics, Ms. Shauna Russell, at (615) 724-0705.

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