

Early Literacy and Reading Comprehension (Colorado READ Act)

The Board of Education (the “Board”) for Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) believes that literacy and reading comprehension are the skills most closely associated with success in school. In accordance with this philosophy and Colorado law, the District shall provide students enrolled in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades with instructional programming and interventions to enable these students, to the greatest extent possible, to achieve reading competency and attain the skills necessary to achieve the District’s and State’s academic achievement goals.

The instructional programming and interventions shall be evidence-based and scientifically-based, and shall focus on reading competency in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, including oral skills, and reading comprehension.

Assessments and READ Plans

In accordance with the Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act (READ Act) and applicable State Board of Education rules, the District shall assess the reading readiness level of every kindergarten student and the literacy and reading comprehension level of every student in first, second, and third grade. If the assessment indicates that the student has a significant reading deficiency, a READ plan shall be developed for the student in accordance with this policy’s accompanying regulation, ILBC-R.

Student Retention Due to Student’s Significant Reading Deficiency

The District can retain a student due to the student’s significant reading deficiency. The decision to retain a student due to the student’s significant reading deficiency shall be made by the school director, in accordance with applicable law and in consultation with the student’s parent/guardian, the student’s teachers, and other appropriate school personnel.

The meeting to discuss the possible retention of a student with a significant reading deficiency and the notice required by the READ Act are addressed in this policy’s accompanying regulation, ILBC-R.

Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, if a decision is made to promote a student to fourth grade even though the student continues to be identified as a student with a significant reading deficiency, the Superintendent (or designee) shall make the final decision regarding whether the student is promoted or retained.

Reporting

The District shall annually report to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) the state-assigned student identifier for each student enrolled in the District who has a READ plan. Other information required by the READ Act and applicable State Board of Education rules shall also be reported to CDE.

The District shall also use the reported student data to develop and implement District and school improvement plans in accordance with the Education Accountability Act of 2009 and applicable State Board of Education rules.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. §§ 22-7-1201 *et seq.* (*Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act*)

C.R.S. §§ 22-11-101 *et seq.* (*Education Accountability Act of 2009*)

1 CCR 301-1, Rules 2202-R-1.00 *et seq.* (*State Board of Education rules for the Administration of the Accreditation of School Districts*)

1 CCR 301-92, Rules 2202-R-1.00 *et seq.* (*State Board of Education rules for the Administration of the Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

AE: Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment

AED: Accreditation

IK: Academic Achievement

IKE: Ensuring All Students Meet Standards