



Dear 2010/2011 Kindergarten Parents,

It is important to inform you of some significant changes to Arizona's Education Code regarding the promotion and retention of third grade students.

Please note that these changes do not take effect until the school year 2013-14. This school year's kindergarten students (2010-11) will be the first group of third grade students to be impacted by this legislation.

A.R.S. 15-701, the newly revised statute states that a third grade student who obtains a score on the 3rd grade AIMS reading test that demonstrates he or she is **reading far below third grade**, will NOT be promoted to fourth grade. This legislation will be implemented beginning in the school year 2013-14.

A school district or governing board MAY choose to promote a pupil who earns an AIMS score that falls far below the third grade level for the following reasons:

1. The student has an identified disability and did not write the AIMS test.
2. The student has an identified disability and has previously been retained.
3. The student is an English Language Learner and has had less than 2 years of English instruction.
4. The student has a reading deficiency and has previously been retained twice.
5. The school district or charter governing board accepts a parent's written request for an exemption that includes the required documentation provided by the parent.

This newly revised statute, A.R.S. 15-701 can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp?Title=15>

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Lynnette Michalski, Director of Research and Accountability at 520-568-5100 ext. 1008 or your school principal.

Thank you.

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