

Introduction

Bulletin 1566, [revised October 2022](#), requires that third and fourth-grade students who score below grade level on an end-of-year literacy assessment must receive 30 hours of summer literacy interventions consisting of explicit, targeted literacy instruction based on the science of reading or they will be retained. This guidance clarifies how to determine which students should receive summer literacy interventions and resources to support the assessment process and instructional planning. No tuition or fees can be charged for eligible students and transportation must be offered. This policy is only applicable for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years only.

Grade 3 Student Eligibility

All third-grade students should be administered a literacy screener to determine eligibility for summer intervention. School systems should use one of the following options:

- Acadience Reading (formerly DIBELS Next): Maze*
- DIBELS 8th: Maze*
- STEEP: Advanced Literacy*
- STEP: Reading Comprehension: Administer STEP 12*
- Oral reading fluency (ORF) passage, “Quest for the Best,” from the Literacy Interventions and Foundational Tools (LIFT) Kit (See Appendices A-C).**

*School systems may also choose to administer the Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) subtest or the entire assessment to find the composite score in lieu of the mandatory EOY subtests noted above. School systems should use the third-grade cut scores defined by that screening tool. These additional screening options should not be reported to the LDOE for EOY literacy screening.

**If using the LIFT resources from the Department, use the national literacy norms from Hasbrouck & Tindal (2017) (See Appendix D). This additional screening option should not be reported to the LDOE for EOY literacy screening.

Any third-grade student who scores below grade level is **required** to attend the summer literacy intervention program. School systems may waive the state policy for students with a current IEP that score below grade level at the discretion of the IEP team. However, school systems are highly encouraged to include these students in the summer literacy intervention program.

Grade 4 Student Eligibility

Any fourth-grade student who scored Mastery or Advanced on the ELA LEAP 2025 in third grade or scores on or above grade level on the MOY literacy screening is exempt from this policy. This is also applicable to students repeating grade 4.

To determine eligibility for summer intervention, school systems should use one of the following options. Literacy screening results will not be reported to the LDOE.

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Summer Literacy Instructional Materials

School systems may utilize any of the following:

- [LIFT Kit resources](#) to provide targeted literacy interventions.
- [FIRE lessons](#) to pre-teach upcoming grade-level lessons.
- LDOE-approved [literacy intervention materials](#).
- contract with Department-approved tutoring providers.
 - [Real-time Early Access to Literacy \(REAL\) Tutoring Service Provider Guide](#)
 - [Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring program](#) (Tutors are required to be trained in the science of reading.)
 - [Accelerate resources](#)

Summer Literacy Instruction Structure

School systems may use existing summer learning programs and structures that provide literacy instruction based on the science of reading. Below is a sample of a literacy block.

Literacy Block - 2 hours, 15 days	
Time	Structure
20 minutes	FIRE lessons - use upcoming grade level - whole group
30 minutes	Small group instruction (no more than 5 kids in a group) - using LIFT materials or other HQIM literacy intervention materials Group 1 - 15 minutes while others work independently Group 2 - 15 minutes while others work independently
40 minutes	Whole group foundational skills lessons
30 minutes	Small group instruction (no more than 5 kids in a group) - using LIFT materials or other HQIM literacy intervention materials Group 1 - 15 minutes while others work independently Group 2 - 15 minutes while others work independently

Student Retention

A student qualifying for summer literacy intervention who fails to participate in the program but scores Basic or higher on the current year Spring ELA LEAP 2025 assessment may be promoted to the next grade level.

Prior to retaining a student, a meeting of the SBLC committee may be called by the school or parent to determine whether retention or another option for additional student support is in the best interest of the student.

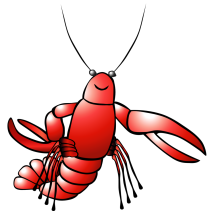
Please send all questions to louisianaliteracy@la.gov.

Appendix A

Student Copy

Quest for the Best

Once upon a time there were two friends, Peggy Pelican and Cam Crawfish. These two friends loved to eat yummy food and would go all over the state to find new places to eat. Peggy's favorite food was gumbo, and Cam's favorite food was red beans and rice. One day, Peggy asked Cam to go on a quest to find the best gumbo and red beans and rice in the entire state.



Peggy said, "I can't wait to find the best gumbo in our state. It will be a great adventure for us!" Cam was also excited to start this quest for the best, but he did not think he could find red beans and rice that tasted better than his mom's. "I am excited to start this quest, but I know no one makes better red beans and rice than my mom!"



The next day, Peggy and Cam set off on their fun food adventure. They ate bowls and bowls of gumbo and red beans and rice. At the end of the day, they were so full they could barely move! "I have eaten so much today, but I still don't think I've found the

best gumbo,” said Peggy. Cam said, “I like trying all of these different styles of red beans and rice, but I still haven’t found one that comes close to being as good as my mom’s.”

Day after day, Peggy and Cam continued on their quest to find the best. Peggy kept finding better bowls of gumbo, but Cam never found one he liked better than his mom’s. One day, Cam told Peggy, “We have tried so many places in our great state, but there is one last place I would like you to try.” Peggy agreed, and Cam brought Peggy to his favorite restaurant, his house.

Cam’s mom made a big bowl of gumbo and a big bowl of red beans and rice. Peggy and Cam ate every bite and asked for more. At the end of the meal, Peggy looked at Cam and told him, “Our quest for the best is over. Your mom makes the best gumbo and red beans and rice I’ve ever eaten!” Cam nodded and said, “It’s been fun trying other places, but the best food can always be found at home.”

Appendix B

Teacher Copy

How to use this assessment:

Use this passage to mark words read incorrectly as the student reads. This is a **timed reading**, and you will need a timer to administer this reading record. Students should be able to easily read this passage **within three minutes**. If they are not able to read the passage within three minutes, stop them at that point, and use a bracket to denote where the reading stopped.

Teacher Recording Document: Place the student passage in front of the student and tell them that they are going to read a story about two friends who are looking for the best gumbo and red beans and rice in Louisiana. Tell them to do their very best reading. Begin timing when they read the first word. **You will need a copy of this document for each student.**

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Total Words Read Correctly _____ Time (in Seconds) _____ Number of Errors _____

Appendix C

Reading Fluency Scoring

Step 1: Calculate Accuracy Rate

Number of Words Read Correctly/Total Number of Words Read * 100

Step 2: Calculate Words Correct Per Minute (WCPM)

Total Words Read - Total Errors = Words Correct (WC)

WC / Number of Seconds Spent Reading (ex. 2 minutes = 120 seconds) * 60

Ex: $180/120*60 = 90$ WCPM

Assessment administrators may also use the [Words Correct Per Minute \(WCPM\) Calculator](#).

Appendix D

COMPILED ORF NORMS

Hasbrouck & Tindal (2017)

From Hasbrouck, J. & Tindal, G. (2017). *An update to compiled ORF norms* (Technical Report No. 1702). Eugene, OR. Behavioral Research and Teaching, University of Oregon.

Grade	Percentile	Fall WCPM*	Winter WCPM*	Spring WCPM*
1	90		97	116
	75		59	91
	50		29	60
	25		16	34
	10		9	18
2	90	111	131	148
	75	84	109	124
	50	50	84	100
	25	36	59	72
	10	23	35	43
3	90	134	161	166
	75	104	137	139
	50	83	97	112
	25	59	79	91
	10	40	62	63

Grade	Percentile	Fall WCPM*	Winter WCPM*	Spring WCPM*
4	90	153	168	184
	75	125	143	160
	50	94	120	133
	25	75	95	105
	10	60	71	83
5	90	179	183	195
	75	153	160	169
	50	121	133	146
	25	87	109	119
	10	64	84	102
6	90	185	195	204
	75	159	166	173
	50	132	145	146
	25	112	116	122
	10	89	91	91

*WCPM = Words Correct Per Minute