

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year, third graders in Georgia will be held to promotions standards as required by the Georgia Board of Education and the Henry County Board of Education.



To help parents understand these standards, we are providing this brochure along with third grade parent meetings at each school. I hope you can attend these meetings.

I want you to understand the process of promotion. This brochure is designed to help you understand test scores and how they affect promotion.

I urge you to remain involved in your child's education and in close communication with your child's teacher. Please remember that guidance counselors and other school professionals are available to help you understand how best to help your child.

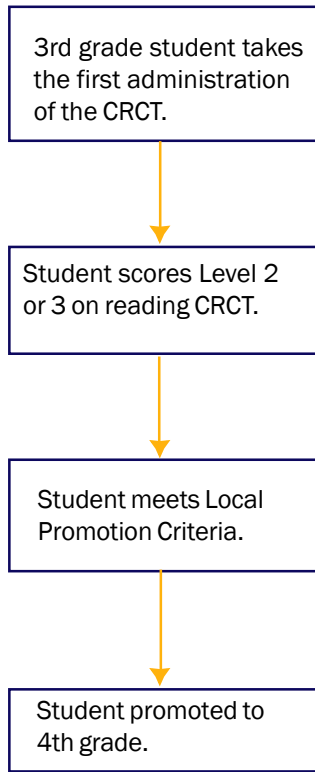
If I can ever be of help to you, do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

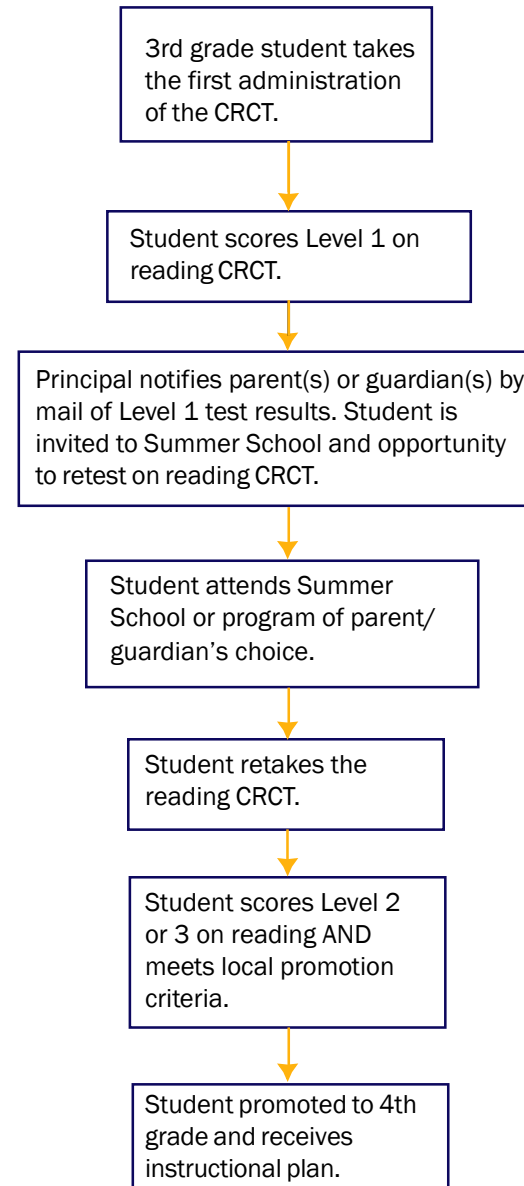


Dr. Jack Parish
Superintendent

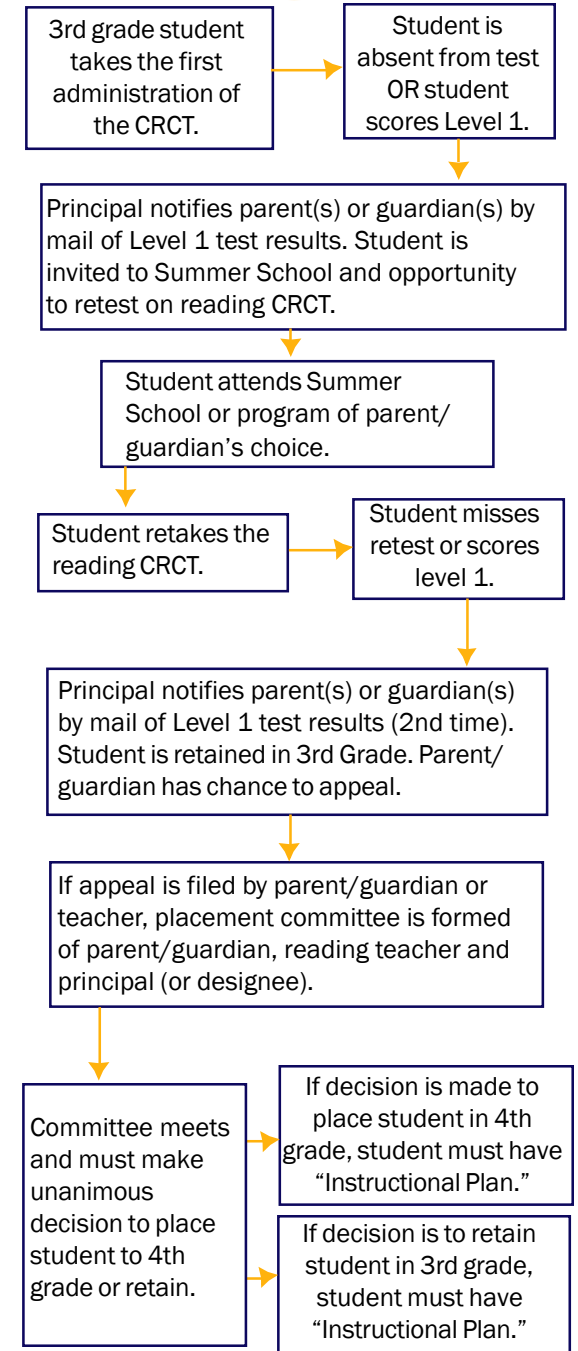
Scenario 1



Scenario 2



Scenario 3



Local promotion criteria

Grades 1-5:

- Readiness level as established by the results of the appropriate CRCT in the areas of reading and/or mathematics.
- Readiness level as indicated on the student report card.
- Teacher recommendation for promotion.

Performance Levels on the CRCT Tests

Subjects/Grades	Scale Score Range	Performance Levels
QCC-Based CRCT Mathematics: grades 3-5, 8 Science: grades 1-2, 8 Social Studies: grades 8	150 to 450	1. Does not meet standard 2. Meets Standard 3. Exceeds Standard
GPS-Based CRCT Reading: grades 1-8 English/Language Arts: grades 1-8 Mathematics: grades 1-2, 6-7 Science: grades 3-7	650 to 950	Below 300 300 to 349 At or above 350
		Below 800 800 to 849 At or above 850

It is important that you and your child understand these performance expectations.

If you have additional questions after reviewing this information, please contact your child's teacher or other school professional.

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Achieving the goal in Grade 3



Ensuring Success for Each Student

2007 CRCT Scores Critical For Third Graders

All students in grades one through eight will take the Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) test this spring, but for third graders, the test is a critical part of promotion to fourth grade. Georgia now requires that third graders must pass the reading portion of the CRCT (score of Level 2 or 3) along with other grade level criteria to be promoted to the fourth grade. Students that perform below grade level on the CRCT reading test (score of Level 1) or are absent from the administration of the test will be given the opportunity to participate in additional reading instruction in a summer school program, along with another chance to take the reading CRCT. If the student still performs below grade level, the student may be retained in third grade for the next school year. Parent(s) or guardian(s), and/or teacher(s) may appeal the decision to retain the student. The principal (or designee) will meet with parents or guardians, and the student's teacher(s) to review the student's overall academic achievement. The group will then make a decision to place the student in the fourth grade or retain the student in the third grade. The promotion/retention policy also applies to fifth graders, and eighth graders.

For more information about Henry County School's Promotion/Placement and Retention Policy, contact your school principal or call the Curriculum Department at 770/957-6547.

Question: *My child doesn't test well. Will he be held back in third grade just because he scores poorly on the CRCT?*

Your child will have another opportunity to retake the test. If your child still performs below grade level, you or your child's teacher may appeal the decision to retain your child. The principal (or designee) will then meet with you, and your child's teacher to review his/her overall academic achievement.

Question: *How can I help my child prepare for the test?*

In each school, teachers are continuously assessing each child and evaluating his/her learning.

As a parent, you should contact your child's teacher to let you know what extra practice your child may need.