

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 15. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

SUBCHAPTER 27. READING SUFFICIENCY ACT

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed change to 210:15-27-2 reduces the required thirty (30) day waiting period between administrations of approved alternative standardized reading tests. The change is necessary to provide schools and teachers with more flexibility in providing remediation opportunities to students. The proposed change also clarifies the definition of an ELL program in the rule.
- The proposed amendments to 210:15-27-3 revise the portfolio requirements for mid-year promotion to make them consistent with the portfolio requirements in 210:15-27-2 and update the language of the rule referencing a "reading teacher" to clarify that the student's teacher responsible for selecting work to be included in the student's portfolio is the certified classroom teacher responsible for the student's reading instruction. The proposed change also clarifies confusion among school districts regarding use of alternative assessments for promotion by adding language providing that schools have until November 1 of each school year to administer alternative assessments for the purposes of determining student eligibility for mid-year promotion.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes to the rule will affect school districts, public elementary schools, public elementary school students, and parents of public elementary school students. The agency does not anticipate additional costs as a result of the proposed rule change.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit public school districts, public elementary schools, and public elementary school students and their parents/legal guardians.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any additional cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. The required additional record keeping will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**
The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
No.
- i. Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**
Not applicable.
- j. What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**
Not applicable.
- k. Date Prepared:** October 15, 2013.