THIRD GRADE: ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT PORTFOLIO

If a student is identified at any point in third grade as having a significant reading deficiency, the district is required to begin a student reading portfolio and provide notice to the parent of the deficiency. If the portfolio provides evidence that the student has mastered state standards and is reading on grade level or higher, the Student Reading Proficiency Team (SRPT) may grant a Good Cause Exemption for promotion to fourth grade. A complete portfolio will include the following items:

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Include copies of standardized tests (OSTP, screening assessments and benchmark/progress monitoring assessments).

UNIT TESTS

Provide multiple-choice items and passages that are approximately 50 percent literary text and 50 percent expository text of between 200-600 words with an average of 350 words. Portfolios must include a minimum of four work samples for each of the vocabulary and reading comprehension skills below* with a score of at least 70%, for a total of 32 work samples. These samples may come from chapter or unit tests. Students must demonstrate mastery of each objective.

- Use vocabulary to infer the meaning of the text (3.4.R.1, Oklahoma Academic Standards ELA)
- Recognize word parts such as affixes, roots and stems to determine the meaning of words (3.4.R.2)
- Infer word meaning using context clues (3.4.R.3)

- Infer relationships between words such as synonyms, antonyms, homographs and homonyms (3.4.R.4)
- Use a dictionary or glossary (3.4.R.5)
- Identify the main idea and key supporting details of a text (3.2.R.1)
- Compare and contrast details, such as plots, settings and characters, to discriminate among genres (3.2.R.2)
- Summarize events – such as beginning, middle, end and conflict – of a story (3.2.R.3)

PROGRESS PLAN

Include a copy of the Academic Progress Plan (APP) completed and signed by the parent or guardian outlining a planned remedy for any reading deficiencies.

*To see the full third-grade Oklahoma Academic Standards for English language arts, visit http://sde.ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/documents/files/3rd%20grade%20ELA.pdf

For more information on the Oklahoma Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) visit http://sde.ok.gov/sde/reading-sufficiency