

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: Elementary Principals
Elementary Charter Principals

FROM: Daniel F. Gohl 
Chief Academic Officer

VIA: Valerie S. Wanza, Ph.D.
Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer

SUBJECT: **Third Grade Alternative Assessments for Good Cause Promotion**

Action: Please fill out this short one-minute survey to select the assessment your school will use for the Third Grade Alternative Assessment for Good Cause Promotion. <https://tinyurl.com/jz6wzz8>

Rationale: Per Florida Statute 1008.25 (5)(b), all 3rd grade students must score at Level 2 or higher on the Florida Standards Assessment English Language Arts (FSA-ELA) to be promoted to 4th grade. The statute further details students exempt from retention for good cause. One of these good cause exemptions is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance on an alternative state board approved assessment. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has approved seven assessments for use as the Third Grade Alternative Assessment for Good Cause Promotion. These assessments are listed below. The percentile required on each assessment is also provided.

1. SAT-10 (45th Percentile)
2. Terranova (50th Percentile)
3. ITBS (50th Percentile)
4. NWEA MAP (50th Percentile)
5. STAR Enterprise (50th Percentile must use Enterprise version)
6. I-Ready (50th Percentile must use Table 6 from 2016-2017 Norms to determine percentile [I-Ready Table 6](#))
7. I-Station (50th Percentile)

Schools must select one of these assessments for use as the alternative good cause promotion. The alternative assessment should be administered after the release of grade 3 FSA-ELA results (expected in late May). This ensures identification of the correct students to administer the alternative assessment and provides students the maximum amount of time to remediate.

Questions or comments should be addressed to **Richard Baum, Director of Student Assessment & Research at 754-321-2500.**

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Attachments

cc: School Board Members
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