PATHWAYS TO 4TH GRADE

The following students are exempt from 3rd grade retention:

- English learners with <2 years ELA instruction
- Previously retained in grades K-3
- Disability that impacts reading
- Suspected disability that impacts reading

GRADE 3 → GRADE 4

ELA TCAP Score "EXCEEDS" or "MEETS" Expectations

ELA TCAP Score "APPROACHING" or "BELOW" Expectations *may be promoted if...*

APPROACHING

- **Student retests and scores proficient** on ELA TCAP
- OR **Student maintains a 90% attendance at Summer Camp** *(Schools can provide make-up days for Summer Camp)* and demonstrates improvement
- OR **Student receives free TN ALL Corps tutoring** during 4th grade
- OR **Parent appeals the retention decision within 14 days** of receiving the decision from their student's school, documenting student growth *(on an approved benchmark or the TN Universal Reading Screener)* **OR** an event that impacts a student's ability to perform
- OR

BELOW

- **Student retests and scores proficient** on ELA TCAP
- OR **Student maintains a 90% attendance at Summer Camp** *(Schools can provide make-up days for Summer Camp)* **AND** **Student receives free TN ALL Corps tutoring** during 4th grade

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