

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents of Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade Students:

I would like to share some **important** information about the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) that **will affect your child** when he/she reaches third grade.

A revised law states that a student shall not be promoted from the third grade if the student obtains a score on the 3rd grade AIMS reading test that demonstrates he or she is **reading far below third grade level**, thus the student will NOT be promoted to fourth grade.

Please note that these changes do not take effect until the school year 2013-2014. This year's second grade students (2012-2013) will be the first group of third grade students to be impacted by this legislation. This change was adopted by the Arizona Legislature in 2010 when House Bill 2732 was passed revising Arizona law (A.R.S. 15-701).

This legislation included many stipulations about parents' right to appeal, students who may be exempt from this requirement, and the school's obligations for students who may be in danger of failing as a result of this legislation. As we move closer to the implementation date, additional information will be provided.

Noah Webster Basic School recognizes the important role of parents in a child's education and we value the collaborative partnership between home and school. Our school offers a solid reading curriculum, strategies to monitor the progress of each child, and individual student intervention systems that help students progress in reading. You will be kept informed of your child's progress on a regular basis through your child's classroom teacher.

If you have questions or would like more information on this law, the full document can be found online at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/15/00701.htm&Title=15&DocType=ARS>

Sincerely,



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