**Third Grade Guarantee Teacher Qualifications Time Line**

(ORC 3313.608) (B)(1) ***Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year***, to assist students in meeting the third grade guarantee established by this section, each school district board of education ***shall…***\*

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| This chart reviews the current interpretation of ORC 3313.608. The teacher qualification requirements for the 3rd grade reading guarantee were amended into HB 555 on the day it was passed out of Senate Education Committee. No testimony on the amendment was permitted before the vote. | **Teacher Qualifications** |
| Holds a reading endorsement *on the teacher’s license* and has attained a passing score on the corresponding assessment for that endorsement. | Has completed a master’s degree program with a major in Reading. | Demonstrated evidence of a credential earned from a list of scientifically research-based reading instruction programs approved by the department [ODE] | Teacher was rated “above value added,” most effective in reading, as determined by ODE, for the last two [2] school years. | Received a passing score on a rigorous test of principles of scientifically based reading instruction approved by the state board of education[[1]](#footnote-1). | Has been actively engaged in the reading instruction of students for the previous three [3] years. |
| **Timeline Implementation** | \*\*2013-2014 School Year:  Applies to teachers with a ***third*** grade student who ***was retained*** or is on a ***reading improvement and monitoring plan***.  | **Option 1 with required** | **Option 2with required**  | **Option 3****with required** | **Option 44 with required** |  | ***required*** |
| 2014-2015 School Year:  Applies to teachers with a ***student in kindergarten through grade three who was retained or is on a reading improvement and monitoring plan*** | **Option 1 with required** | **Option 2with required**  |  | **Option 44 with required** | **Option 5**1**with required** | ***required*** |

1. Release date has been moved forward to Fall 2013

4 Process to determine ‘above value added’ will be released late Spring 2013.

\*\* Districts must submit Teacher Staffing Plan to ODE by June 30, 2013 if unable to meet required staffing levels for 2013-2014 school year. This option is not available for the 2014-2015 year.

**Information obtained from ORC (see below) and Ohio Department of Education *Summary of HB 555 Changes to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee* dated January 23, 2013. Updated 4/10/2013**

\*Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 184, HB 555, §1, eff. 3/22/2013, Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 128, SB 316, §101.01, eff. 9/24/2012, Amended by 128th General Assembly File No. 9, HB 1, §101.01, eff. 10/16/2009. Effective Date: 8/15/2003; 03/302007. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)