## Requirements for Promotion to Grade 4

To be promoted to grade 4, a student must score a Level 2 or higher on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts Assessment required under s.1008.22 F.S., for grade 3. If a student's reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade 3, as demonstrated by scoring Level 2 or higher on the grade 3 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment required under s.1008.22 F.S., the student must be retained.

(s.1008.25(5), F.S.)
The district school board may only exempt students from mandatory retention for good cause. Good cause exemptions are limited to the following:

1. Limited English proficient students who have had less than 2 years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages program based on the initial date of entry into a school in the United States.
2. Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of s.1008.212, F.S.
3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading or English Language Arts assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
4. A student who demonstrates through a student portfolio that he or she is performing at least at Level 2 on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.
5. Students with disabilities who take the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment and who have an individual education plan, or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received intensive instruction in reading or English Language Arts for more than two years but still demonstrates a deficiency and was previously retained in prekindergarten, kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3.
6. Students who have received intensive reading intervention for two or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who are previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of two years. A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3.

Note: The student portfolio and an alternative assessment are the two state approved options for good cause exemption and mid-year promotion. The student must be offered both options. However, the student must only demonstrate proficiency on **one** of the options in order to receive a good cause exemption or be promoted mid-year.

There are no other good cause exemptions beyond the six listed above.