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**Subject:** Re: Third Grade Mid-Year Promotion

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Thanks again!  
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Sincerely,

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Different form than the one they used over summer camp. Basically, the assessment that has been normed for the end of 3rd grade.

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**Date:** Thu, 27 Oct 2011 00:02:33 -0400  
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Cari,

Thanks so much on your earlier help on this question.  
Can you please share any ideas about the follow up question below?

Thanks again for all you do!

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Good Afternoon,

One more question.....taking into consideration that 3rd grade students need to demonstrate mastery of third grade skills only to meet mid-year promotion criteria before Nov. 1st, which norms do we use to score the SAT-10?

Thanks, Olga  
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Good Afternoon,

Thanks for your phone call earlier today.

I checked for you and SAT 9 is no longer an allowable measure for third grade progression/midyear promotion (it's outdated and it was removed as an option). The rule attached applies AFTER NOVEMBER 1. The assessment is to be determined by the district: To promote a student mid-year using a locally selected standardized assessment there must be evidence that the student scored at or above grade level in reading comprehension, as demonstrated by standard scores or percentiles, consistent with the month of promotion to fourth grade.

BEFORE November 1, you could use the third grade portfolio option or a standardized assessment for students to demonstrate mastery of third grade skills only. For example, if you used SAT 10 during summer, you would need to use a different form of this assessment IF you are trying to midyear promote a student PRIOR to November 1. For example with portfolio, if the student demonstrated mastery of most benchmarks, say 10 out of 14, then the student would be working toward mastery of the other benchmarks – once mastered the student could be promoted midyear (IF occurring prior to November 1).

The law (1008.25) Specifies "after November 1" cut point (which is when the rule attached goes into effect.)

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Have a great day and thanks for all that you do!

Sincerely,

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