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**Sent time:** Friday, October 21, 2011 1:07:50 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: 3rd Grade Progression Question

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Cari,

Thanks for your message. This is very helpful! I appreciate your quick response.

It appears that we have a new person transferring in from another bureau. Here's hoping that it will lead to an even closer alignment between language arts and reading.

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) [mailto:Cari@excelined.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2011 12:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, Kevin  
**Subject:** RE: 3rd Grade Progression Question

Kevin,

SAT 9 is no longer an allowable measure for third grade progression/midyear promotion (it's outdated and it was removed as an option).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, they could use the third grade portfolio option or a standardized assessment for students to demonstrate mastery of third grade skills only. For example, if they used SAT 10 during summer, they would need to use a different form of this assessment IF they 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), so you may need to reference that as well.

Call me if you need further clarification. BTW~I heard you all have hired a new person (well, new to JRF!).

Enjoy the bigger office Kevin!!!

Cari

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**From:** Smith, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2011 11:23 AM  
**To:** Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org)  
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Cari,

Here's hoping that your day is going well. I am actually moving into your office today. ☺

I had a question come in about the assessments that may be used for mid-year promotion. Katie and Melinda are on the road.

Hope and I remember there being a list of approved assessments. Do you know where that is?

The school wants to use the SAT-9 Primary 2. Is that acceptable?

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

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