



School District of Manatee County

ELEMENTARY READING and/or MATHEMATICS DEFICIENCY FORM

To the parent/legal guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Within the instructional day, all students receive a minimum of 90 minutes of uninterrupted core reading and 60 minutes of core mathematics instruction that includes whole group, small group, and independent practice time. During this time, research-based best instructional practices and resources are used to help each student meet expectations in reading and mathematics.

By the end of third grade, students are expected to demonstrate independent, grade level reading proficiency as measured by a statewide standardized assessment for English Language Arts. Students' test scores fall into one of five levels (Level 5-highest/Level 1-lowest). According to Florida law, third graders who score at Level 1 in reading must be retained unless they demonstrate grade level reading proficiency on additional evaluations, portfolio reviews, or state-approved assessments.

Students who are retained must receive intensive reading instruction by state-certified instructors. The focus of this instruction is on the Florida B.E.S.T. English Language Arts Standards located at http://www.cpalms.org/Public/search/Standard. A retained child may be promoted during the year of retention if the child demonstrates the ability, on district tests, to read at the next grade level.

The parent of a child who demonstrates a substantial deficiency in reading and/or mathematics must be notified as soon as the deficiency is noted. Through daily observation of student work, use of screening assessments, placement tests, and several other measures of academic achievement, it has been determined that your child demonstrates a substantial deficiency in  reading and/or  mathematics.

The specific deficiency area(s) are checked below:

Table with 2 columns: Reading and Mathematics. Reading items include Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. Mathematics items include Number Sense and Operations, Fractions, Algebraic Reasoning, Measurement, Geometric Reasoning, and Data Analysis and Probability.

Current Data:

Table with 2 columns: Reading and Mathematics. Rows list FAST Assessment Overall Scale Scores for PM 1, PM 2, and PM 3.

Your child will receive extended learning opportunities, tutorial assistance, additional instructional time in reading and/or mathematics during the school day, and/or different multisensory instructional materials to address their deficiency. Your child is eligible for a New Worlds Scholarship Account. Please visit https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/reading-scholarship/how-the-scholarship-works/ for more information.

This form must be signed and returned to your child's teacher. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_