

Sample Parent/Guardian Letter Regarding DRA2 Results

Date

Dear parent/guardian:

Our school is committed to providing all students with an excellent education. (SCHOOL NAME) has strong, dedicated teachers, who want to help your child succeed.

Connecticut state law requires that students in our school in grades 1-3 take the Developmental Reading Assessment - Second Edition (DRA2) three times a year, once in September, January and May. The DRA2 measures how well a student can read aloud and retell a story. It helps the teacher determine the level your child can read independently and provides information for planning instruction. The DRA2 is administered to each student on an individual basis.

This letter is to inform you that based on the results of the January administration of the DRA2 your child has scored below the state standard and is in need of further assistance in reading. Your child scored below the state standard for:

_____ Accuracy -This score indicates how well your child read aloud the words in the selected passage.

_____ Fluency -This score indicates the rate at which your child reads text.

_____ Retelling -This score indicates how well your child tells the main idea, characters, setting and events that took place in the selected story.

As a result of this, we plan to take the following steps to assist your child with reading:

___ Small group instruction

___ Tutoring

___ Reading assistance from other school personnel

Other: _____

Follow-up testing will take place in May. The state law requires that students who score below the state standard on the May administration of the DRA2 will be required to attend summer school and demonstrate growth in reading performance in order to be promoted to the next grade. Summer school will begin in (insert month). You will be informed by (insert day and month) if your child does not meet the state standard on the May administration of the DRA2 and is required to attend summer school.

Parental support is an important part of student progress. Your consistent emphasis on reading practice at home is very important to your child's success. Please help your child by taking your child to the library and selecting books that he or she is able to read or would enjoy hearing.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education. Please sign and return the attached form to your child's teacher indicating you have read this letter. Please contact (insert teacher name and number) if you have any questions or if you would like set up a meeting.

Sincerely,
Principal

Please sign and return this form to your child's teacher by (date)

I understand my son/daughter did not pass the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2) in January. By state law, if my son/daughter does not pass the DRA2 in May, he/she, will be required to attend summer school at (name of school) beginning in (date). I also understand that if my son/daughter does not attend summer school, he/she will have to repeat a grade.

Name of Student: _____

Grade: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____