

# **Good Cause Exemption**

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Good cause exemptions shall be limited to the following:

- 1. Limited English Proficient students with less than two school years of instruction in an English as a Second Language program.
- 2. Students with disabilities, as defined in G.S. 115C-106.3(1), and whose individualized education program indicates (i) the use of the NCEXTEND1 alternate assessment, (ii) at least a two school year delay in educational performance, or (iii) receipt of intensive reading literacy interventions for at least two school years. Note: A student must meet the requirements of this good cause exemption prior to taking the 3rd grade EOG. Becoming eligible for an IEP after taking the 3rd grade EOG does not meet the requirements for this good cause exemption.
- 3. Students who demonstrate reading proficiency appropriate for third grade students on an alternative assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
- 4. Students who demonstrate, through a student reading portfolio, reading proficiency appropriate for third grade students. Student reading portfolio and review processes used by local school administrative units shall be approved by the State Board of Education.
- 5. Students who have (i) received reading intervention literacy interventions and (ii) previously been retained more than once in kindergarten, first, second, or third grades.

IMPORTANT: Do not enter GCE information until just prior to administering the EOG. With the exception of the RtA Test, which is administered after the EOG, students must meet a GCE requirement prior to the EOG. Only one Good Cause Exemption may be selected from the Exit Status Reason dropdown list in Infinite Campus. When selecting a Good Cause Exemption for a student who is eligible for more than one, use the following rank order to determine which to select with the RtA Test being the highest ranked exemption.

GCE1: RtA Test

GCE2: State FDRA (725L) (mCLASS)

GCE3: State Alternative Assessment (725L) or GCE4: Alternate Assessment (Charter, Lab, Restart)

GCE5: RtA Reading Portfolio

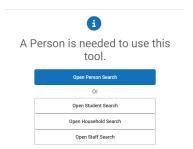
GCE6: Limited English Proficiency

GCE7: IEP with NCEXTEND1 and 2-yr Delay or IEP with 2-yrs Interventions GCE8: Previously Retained More than Once (K-3) and Literacy Interventions

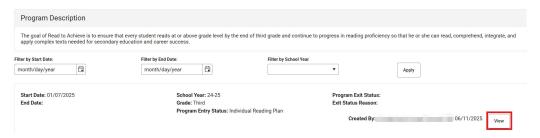
## Good Cause Exemption Program Entry - 3rd Grade Student with an IRP

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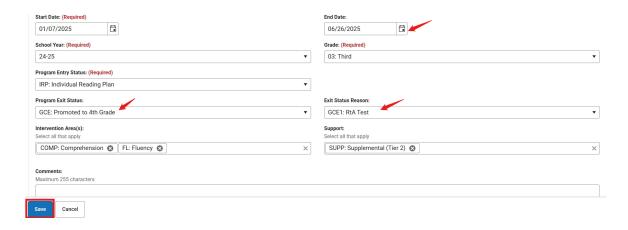
**Select a Student:** If a student is not selected, click Open Student Search tool to search by the student's name. Search for student's using advanced searches or Ad Hoc Filters as needed. Select the student's name to open Read to Achieve Program tool. If a student was already selected, the Read to Achieve Program tool will open automatically.



• Click View on the Read to Achieve program to open the program information.



- Enter the End Date in MM/DD/YYYY format or click the calendar icon to select the date.
- Select "GCE: Promoted to 4th grade" under the Program Exit Status.
- Select one (1) Good Cause Exemption (from GCE 1-8) based on the ranking order listed above it under Exit Status Reason.
- For charter, lab, and restarts schools, if GCE4: Alternative Assessment is selected, choose the assessment that the student used to demonstrate grade level performance from the drop-down list under "Alternate Assessment (Charters, Labs, Restarts)" under the State Defined Elements section.
- Enter comments (optional).
- · Click Save to end the program.

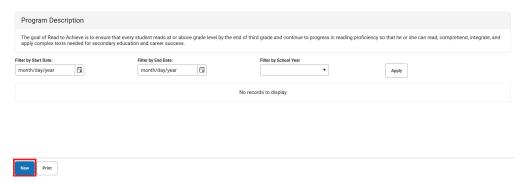


## Good Cause Exemption Program Entry - 3rd Grade Student without an IRP

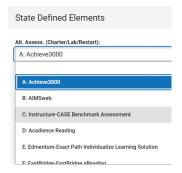
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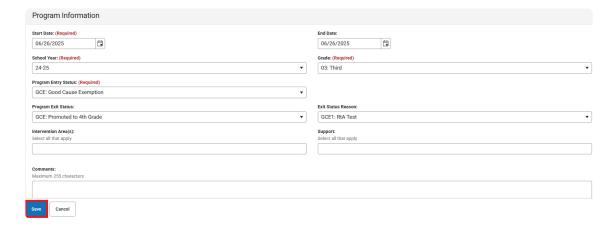
• Click **New** to add a new program.



- Enter the Start Date in MM/DD/YYYY format or click the calendar icon to select the date.
- Enter the **End Date** in MM/DD/YYYY format or click the calendar icon to select the date.
- · Select the current School Year from the dropdown list.
- Select Grade 3 from the dropdown list.
- Select "GCE: Good Cause Exemption" under the Program Entry Status.
- Select "GCE: Promoted to 4th grade" under the Program Exit Status.
- Select one (1) Good Cause Exemption (from GCE 1-8) based on the ranking order listed above under Exit Status Reason.
- For charter, lab, and restarts schools, if GCE4: Alternative Assessment is selected, choose the assessment that the student used to demonstrate grade level performance from the drop-down list under "Alternate Assessment (Charters, Labs, Restarts)" under the State Defined Elements section.



- Enter comments (optional).
- Click **Save** to end the program.



For a list of fields and definitions, please see the Read to Achieve (North Carolina) | Infinite Campus (https://kb.infinitecampus.com/help/read-to-achieve-north-carolina) article.

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