May 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Third Grade Cursive Writing Link

Act No. 2016-352 puts into statute that instruction in handwriting shall include cursive writing so that students are able to create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of the third grade. It also requires each local board of education to certify on an annual basis to the Alabama State Board of Education that the applicable schools in the school district are meeting the cursive writing requirements.

In order to certify to the Alabama State Board of Education that the cursive writing requirement has been met, we ask that you use the link below and complete the form including the names of the applicable schools in your district and their respective percentages of third grade students who are able to create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting. The form is now open and should be completed by the end of June 2019.

The Alabama State Department of Education Third Grade Cursive Writing link for the 2018-2019 school year is: https://forms.gle/QVpYfnhHXH8GJKtbA.

If you have any further questions, you may contact Ms. Gay Finn, Educator Administrator, Instructional Services Section, at gfinn@alsde.edu or via telephone number (334) 694-4768.

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