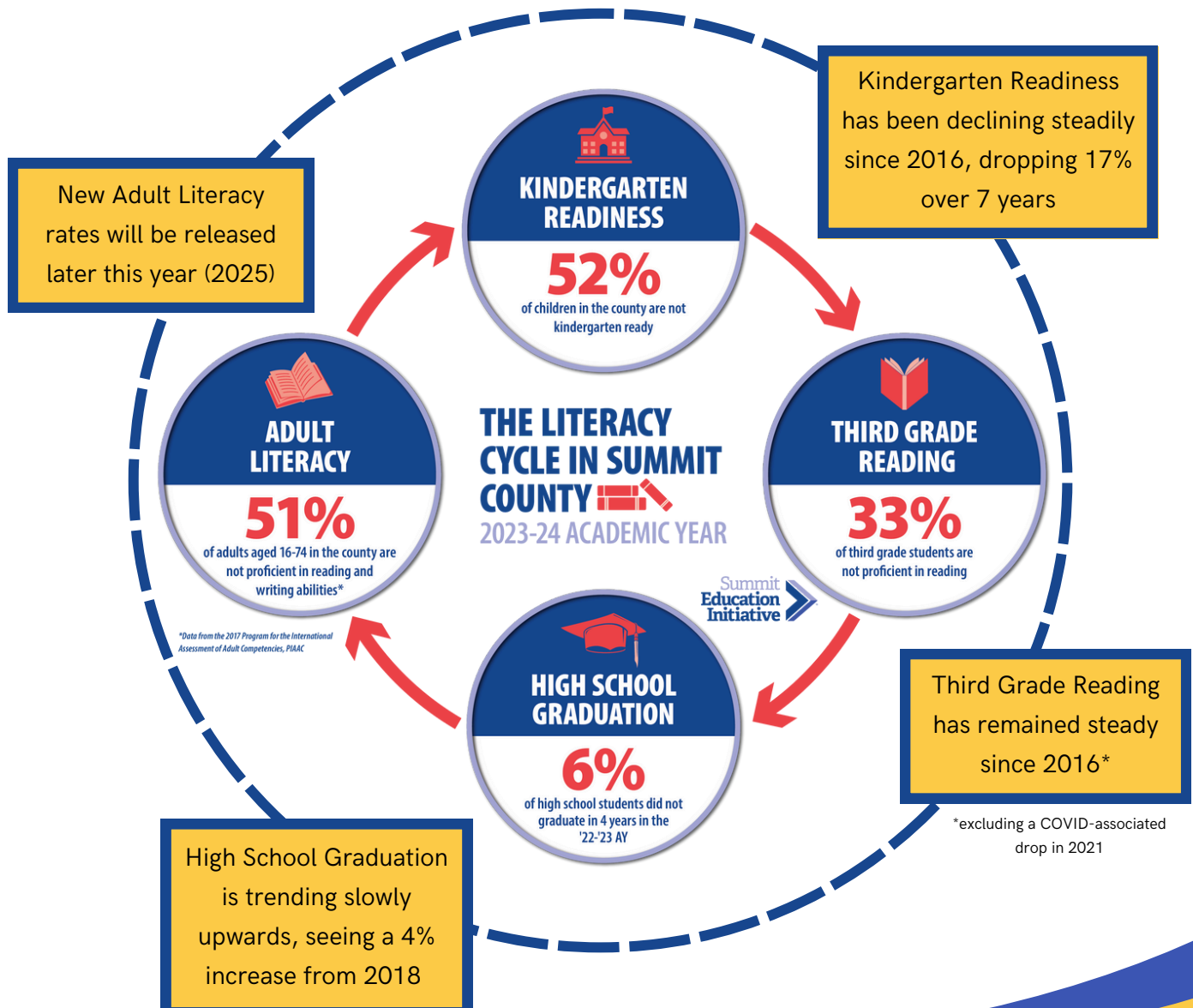


# The Importance of Early Literacy

Students who score “demonstrating readiness” on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment- Language and Literacy are approximately 3x more likely to meet the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee at the start of 3rd grade when compared to students who score as “emerging readiness”

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Third Grade Reading proficiency predicts the likelihood of an on-time high school graduation and chances of succeeding economically in life

Adults who are not proficient in reading and writing have increased difficulty working with print material; leading to the potential inability to complete tasks, such as filling out forms or job applications and utilizing critical thinking skills through comparing and contrasting



# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

## TEACHERS

**Embed literacy skills throughout the entire day - think about including vocabulary and comprehension checks into science, math, history, and more.**

1

## PARENTS

**When reading at home, invite interactive read-aloud techniques. Pause through the story and ask things like “What do you think might happen next?” or “Why did that happen to that character?”**

2

## YOUTH

**Join peer reading programs! This can look like a “You read, then I read” practice. These peer-assisted reading sessions can help comprehension and fluency.**

3

## POLICIES

**Fund on-site coaching positions in early grade learning spaces. This coaching has the ability to improve both teaching quality and student outcomes.**

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1: Literacy Across the Curriculum: Integrating Reading and Writing in Every Subject

2: Increasing Preschoolers' Vocabulary Development through a Streamlined Teacher Professional Development Intervention

3: Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS): A Validated Classwide Program for Improving Reading and Mathematics Performance

4: The Effect of Teacher Coaching on Instruction and Achievement: A Meta-Analysis of the Causal Evidence



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