

Accelerated Reader™ Goal-Setting Chart

If you have AR™ and STAR Reading™ Real Time, the software will automatically recommend a ZPD and point goal for each student. Otherwise, use the chart and guidelines below. Base goals on each student's reading level and the amount of daily reading practice you provide that is additional to instructional time.

Identify ZPDs

Identify each student's grade-equivalent (GE) score with a standardized assessment or estimate a GE based on the student's past performance. The corresponding ZPD is a recommended book-level range for the student. If books in that range seem too hard or easy for a student, choose a new range or create a wider one that better matches the student's abilities.

Set Goals

Average-Percent-Correct Goal—The most important goal for all students is to average 85% or higher on Reading Practice Quizzes. Meeting this goal has significant impact on reading growth. Averages of 90% and higher are associated with even greater gains. If a student struggles to maintain the minimum average, talk to the student and find out why. Decide on a strategy that will lead to success.

Point Goal—The chart shows the number of points students are expected to earn based on GE and time spent reading. These are estimates. Set goals that are realistic for individual students.

For more guidance, see the Resource document *Goal-Setting Best Practices*.

Grade-Equivalent Score	Suggested ZPD	60 Min. Daily Practice			45 Min. Daily Practice			35 Min. Daily Practice			30 Min. Daily Practice			25 Min. Daily Practice			20 Min. Daily Practice			15 Min. Daily Practice		
		Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks	Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks	Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks	Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks	Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks	Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks	Points per Week	Points per 6 Weeks	Points per 9 Weeks
Emergent Reader		1.7	10	15	1.3	7.5	11.3	1.0	5.8	8.8	0.9	5.0	7.5	0.7	4.2	6.3	0.6	3.3	5.0	0.4	2.5	3.8
1.0	1.0-2.0	1.7	10	15	1.3	7.5	11.3	1.0	5.8	8.8	0.9	5.0	7.5	0.7	4.2	6.3	0.6	3.3	5.0	0.4	2.5	3.8
1.5	1.5-2.5	1.9	11	17	1.4	8.3	12.8	1.1	6.4	9.9	1.0	5.5	8.5	0.8	4.6	7.1	0.6	3.7	5.7	0.5	2.8	4.3
2.0	2.0-3.0	2.1	13	19	1.6	9.8	14.3	1.2	7.6	11.1	1.1	6.5	9.5	0.9	5.4	7.9	0.7	4.3	6.3	0.5	3.3	4.8
2.5	2.3-3.3	2.3	14	21	1.8	10.5	15.8	1.3	8.2	12.3	1.2	7.0	10.5	1.0	5.8	8.8	0.8	4.7	7.0	0.6	3.5	5.3
3.0	2.6-3.6	2.5	15	23	1.9	11.3	17.3	1.5	8.8	13.4	1.3	7.5	11.5	1.1	6.3	9.6	0.8	5.0	7.7	0.6	3.8	5.8
3.5	2.8-4.0	2.7	16	24	2.0	12.0	18.0	1.6	9.3	14.0	1.4	8.0	12.0	1.1	6.7	10.0	0.9	5.3	8.0	0.7	4.0	6.0
4.0	3.0-4.5	2.8	17	25	2.1	12.8	18.8	1.6	9.9	14.6	1.4	8.5	12.5	1.2	7.1	10.4	0.9	5.7	8.3	0.7	4.3	6.3
4.5	3.2-5.0	3.2	19	29	2.4	14.3	21.8	1.9	11.1	16.9	1.6	9.5	14.5	1.3	7.9	12.1	1.0	6.3	9.7	0.8	4.8	7.3
5.0	3.4-5.4	3.5	21	32	2.7	15.8	24.0	2.0	12.3	18.7	1.8	10.5	16.0	1.5	8.8	13.3	1.2	7.0	10.7	0.9	5.3	8.0
5.5	3.7-5.7	3.9	23	35	2.9	17.3	26.3	2.3	13.4	20.4	2.0	11.5	17.5	1.6	9.6	14.6	1.3	7.7	11.7	1.0	5.8	8.8
6.0	4.0-6.1	4.2	25	39	3.3	18.8	29.3	2.5	14.6	22.8	2.1	12.5	19.5	1.8	10.4	16.3	1.4	8.3	13.0	1.1	6.3	9.8
6.5	4.2-6.5	4.6	28	41	3.4	21.0	30.8	2.7	16.3	23.9	2.3	14.0	20.5	1.9	10.7	17.1	1.5	9.3	13.7	1.2	7.0	10.3
7.0	4.3-7.0	4.9	29	44	3.7	21.8	33.0	2.9	16.9	25.7	2.5	14.5	22.0	2.0	12.1	18.3	1.6	9.7	14.7	1.2	7.3	11.0
7.5	4.4-7.5	5.3	32	48	4.0	24.0	36.0	3.1	18.7	28.0	2.7	16.0	24.0	2.2	13.3	20.0	1.8	10.7	16.0	1.3	8.0	12.0
8.0	4.5-8.0	5.6	34	50	4.2	25.5	37.5	3.3	19.8	29.2	2.8	17.0	25.0	2.3	14.2	20.8	1.9	11.3	16.7	1.4	8.5	12.5
9.0	4.6-9.0	6.3	38	57	4.8	28.5	42.8	3.7	22.2	33.3	3.2	19.0	28.5	2.6	15.8	23.8	2.1	12.7	19.0	1.6	9.5	14.3
10.0	4.7-10.0	6.9	41	62	5.2	30.8	46.5	4.0	23.9	36.2	3.5	20.5	31.0	2.9	17.1	25.8	2.3	13.7	20.7	1.7	10.3	15.5
11.0	4.8-11.0	7.6	46	68	5.7	34.5	51.0	4.4	26.8	39.7	3.8	23.0	34.0	3.1	19.2	28.3	2.5	15.3	22.7	1.9	11.5	17.0
12.0	4.9-12.0	8.3	50	75	6.3	37.5	56.3	4.8	29.2	43.8	4.2	25.0	37.5	3.5	20.8	31.3	2.8	16.7	25.0	2.1	12.5	18.8