

Accelerated Reader Goal-Setting Chart

Identify ZPD

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

Set Goals

Average percent correct—The most important goal for all students is to average 85% or higher on Reading Practice Quizzes. Meeting this goal has significant impact on students' reading growth. If a student struggles to maintain the minimum average, talk to her and find out why. Then decide on an appropriate strategy to help her succeed.

Point goals—The chart shows the number of points students are expected to earn depending on how much time they read and at what levels. These are estimates—set goals that are realistic for your individual students.

Provide Daily Reading Practice Recommendations for independent readers:

- Elementary school—60 minutes
- Middle school (6th–8th)—45 minutes*
- High school (9th–12th)—30 minutes*

** Students reading below grade level need at least 60 minutes of daily reading practice*

Grade-Equivalent Score	Suggested ZPD	60 Min. Daily Practice			45 Min. Daily Practice			30 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
1.0	1.0–2.0	1.7	10	15	1.3	7.5	11.3	0.9	5.0	7.5
1.5	1.5–2.5	1.9	11	17	1.4	8.3	12.8	1.0	5.5	8.5
2.0	2.0–3.0	2.1	13	19	1.6	9.8	14.3	1.1	6.5	9.5
2.5	2.3–3.3	2.3	14	21	1.7	10.5	15.8	1.2	7.0	10.5
3.0	2.6–3.6	2.5	15	23	1.9	11.3	17.3	1.3	7.5	11.5
3.5	2.8–4.0	2.7	16	24	2.0	12.0	18.0	1.4	8.0	12.0
4.0	3.0–4.5	2.8	17	25	2.1	12.8	18.8	1.4	8.5	12.5
4.5	3.2–5.0	3.2	19	29	2.4	14.3	21.8	1.6	9.5	14.5
5.0	3.4–5.4	3.5	21	32	2.6	15.8	24.0	1.8	10.5	16.0
5.5	3.7–5.7	3.9	23	35	2.9	17.3	26.3	2.0	11.5	17.5
6.0	4.0–6.1	4.2	25	39	3.2	18.8	29.3	2.1	12.5	19.5
6.5	4.2–6.5	4.6	28	41	3.5	21.0	30.8	2.3	14.0	20.5
7.0	4.3–7.0	4.9	29	44	3.7	21.8	33.0	2.5	14.5	22.0
7.5	4.4–7.5	5.3	32	48	4.0	24.0	36.0	2.7	16.0	24.0
8.0	4.5–8.0	5.6	34	50	4.2	25.5	37.5	2.8	17.0	25.0
9.0	4.6–9.0	6.3	38	57	4.7	28.5	42.8	3.2	19.0	28.5
10.0	4.7–10.0	6.9	41	62	5.2	30.8	46.5	3.5	20.5	31.0
11.0	4.8–11.0	7.6	46	68	5.7	34.5	51.0	3.8	23.0	34.0
12.0	4.9–12.0	8.3	50	75	6.2	37.5	56.3	4.2	25.0	37.5