

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program designed to encourage students to read. AR tests student comprehension of books they have read using an online computer program.



Points and Goals

Your child's homeroom teacher assigns a points goal to each student for each term. Most books in our library have an AR quiz available. Those books are marked with an AR label on the cover, to show they have a quiz. Ask the librarian for more details. Each book has a points value, which is the maximum number of points that can be earned from that book if the student scores 100% on the quiz.



Are there quizzes on books that you have at home?

Yes! TIS subscribes to the online AR program, which means our students have access to every AR test available (170,000+).

Visit www.arbookfind.com to see if your book has a quiz or to find a book that suits your child's level



How can I find books from the library for my child?

You can go into the TIS library and ask the librarian for help locating books. Also, visit the TIS library website to search the library catalogue. AR books levels are listed next to each book. You can also search by book level by selecting *Accelerated Reader* from the *Reading Programs* menu.



For other information about AR, contact the reading specialist at kimberlyl@tedais.org

Accelerated Reader Guide for Parents



Frequently Asked Questions

Student Name: _____

Student AR Username: _____

Student AR Password: _____

Student ZPD: _____

When can my child take tests?

AR quizzes can only be taken at school. The homeroom, computer lab and library have computers which can be used for AR quizzes during the day. If you read a book from home, please send a note with the title and author in case your child needs help locating the quiz.



Does my child have to answer every question correctly to get points?

To get the full amount of points available for that book, all questions must be correct. Partial credit will be awarded for answering most of the questions correctly.



Is it OK to help my child?

Reading together is always encouraged! Primary students may have help reading questions, but they should be able to choose the correct answer themselves. If your child asks for help with answering the questions afterschool, the best response is “Mommy can’t help you with that. This part is for you to do by yourself”. Older students should take tests on their own.



Accelerated Reader Rules

- 1) You may not take quizzes on books more than 1 level below your reading level. For Example: I read at a 4th grade level, so I may not take a quiz on a 2nd grade level book.
- 2) You must read the entire book before taking a quiz on it. Read it more than once if you need to so that you understand it well.
- 3) Be an independent quiz taker. Do your quiz by yourself. Beginner readers might need assistance from the teacher.
- 4) Do not take a test if you’ve only ‘seen the movie’.
- 5) Take your quiz soon after you finish your book so you remember the details.

What happens if my child meets their goal?

There will be a different reward for each term. Rewards will vary. Some are class rewards and some are whole Primary School rewards. If your child meets their goal, encourage them to keep reading and see how far past their goal they can reach!



How can I find out how many points my child has?

Log into AR Home Connect using your child’s username and password (see front). Ask your school’s AR Coordinator if you need help logging on. Home Connect allows you to see which books your child has tested on, their scores, and their progress toward their AR goal!

