

Goal-Setting Chart

If you have Accelerated Reader™ 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 that you provide.

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 percent 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. Then 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 |