

Criteria for Accelerated Reader™

Reader Certification Levels

Reader Certification levels in Accelerated Reader are motivating benchmarks for students. They can help students with transitional phases in reading, such as moving from picture books to chapter books, or can help encourage students to broaden their reading experiences. Accelerated Reader keeps track of students' certification levels (except for Honors Reader). Progress can be monitored using AR™ reports, such as the Diagnostic Report, TOPS Report, Reader Certification Level Report, and Goal History Report. Readers may recertify at a level up to five times, with the exception of Independent Reader, which students achieve only once and which must be teacher-approved in the software before students can move on to higher levels. Accelerated Reader also provides certificates that you can print out to acknowledge students when they reach their goals.

The criteria for each level are explained below.

Ready Reader

Accumulate 5 AR points on books Read To, Read With, and/or Read Independently.

Independent Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice quizzes for 3 books at a 1.2 book level or higher. Accumulate 10 points. Points may include books Read To and/or Read With, but only the three books read independently at a 1.2 level or higher count toward the three-book goal. Points earned for Ready Reader are not included.

Rising Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice quizzes for 3 books at a 1.6 book level or higher. Accumulate 10 points in independent reading. Only the books read independently at a 1.6 level count toward the three-book goal.

Super Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for 3 books at a 2.0 book level or higher worth 1 or more points each.

Advanced Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice quizzes for 3 books at a 3.0 book level or higher worth 2 or more points each.

Star Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice quizzes for 3 books at a 4.0 book level or higher worth 4 or more points each.

Classic Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice quizzes for 3 books at a 6.0 level or higher worth 7 or more points each.

Honors Reader

Read, pass the Reading Practice Quizzes, and accumulate 100 points for books on a list of challenging literature that a teacher creates. Teacher must manually keep track of students' progress toward this level using TOPS or Student Record Reports.

Exemplar Reader

Read, pass the Reading Practice Quizzes, and accumulate points for books on the Common Core State Standards Exemplar List for the student's grade band, or equivalent texts identified by the teacher. Teachers and students must keep track of progress manually using a special form.