

Goal-Setting Chart

Use the chart and guidelines below to help plan goals for your students based on their reading levels and amount of daily reading practice.

Identify ZPD

Get each student's Grade-Equivalent (GE) score from a standardized assessment, such as STAR Reading, or estimate a GE based on 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 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 above 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 identify the cause. Then decide on a 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 students reading independently:

- 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