

Definitions

AR

Accelerated Reader is a part of Renaissance Learning, a reading and math incentive company. For more information visit www.renlearn.com

AR Book

An AR book is any book that has an AR test. Each book is rated at a specific reading level, and is assigned a point value that students earn from passing an AR test.

AR Test

An AR test is a computerized reading comprehension test that students take on AR books they have read. AR tests can only be taken on school computers. Parents and students can view AR test results on any computer connected to the internet at the HOME CONNECT site.

AR Book Finder

A website designed for parents to match books in their home libraries to AR tests available.

<http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>

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STAR Test

This computerized reading assessment for grades 1 -5 is given at the beginning of the school year to determine reading level for the AR program. Assessments are also given at the middle and end of the school year. The tests provide valuable diagnostic information about a student's reading abilities.

ZPD

Zone of Proximal Development. ZPD is determined by the STAR test. This is the student's reading level range of AR books. Choosing books within this range will ensure maximum reading growth.

AR Points

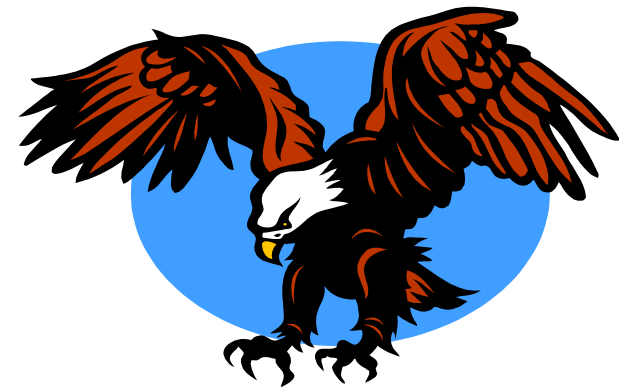
Students are given many opportunities to accumulate AR points. The program keeps track of tests taken and points earned.

At the end of each marking period, students receive dog tags based on the number of points earned. They can also earn T-shirts for reading 100, 200, 300, or 400 books. Students must score an 80% or above for the points and books to count.

At the end of the year awards ceremony, medallions and certificates will be given to recognize the student in each class who has earned the most AR points. Trophies are awarded to the girl and boy top point earners in the school.

Accelerated Reader Program Guide

**A brief overview of
our reading incentive
program at
Stephens Elementary**



Accelerated Reader Program

Reading is critical to everything we do as active members of society. It helps us earn a living, participate in politics, care for our families, and stay healthy. Reading also fosters our personal growth. As we read, we learn from the characters' personal experiences and insights, and are often entertained in the process.

Reading is a skill, and like every other skill, it requires practice. The more you read, the better you become at reading. Our Accelerated Reader Program is based on the fundamental principle that practice improves reading. It combines the power of technology and sound teaching strategies. It enables students to practice the strategies they are learning in class.

To help students achieve this skill, our students read books and take the AR computerized tests. The program assigns points for proficiency and monitors student achievement. **With teachers and parents working together, our students can achieve maximum reading growth.**

Accelerated Reader Book Color Chart

| <u>ZPD Level</u> | <u>Book Color Code</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 0 -0.9 | Black |
| 1.0- 1.9 | Purple |
| 2.0 - 2.9 | Orange |
| 3.0 - 3.9 | Blue |
| 4.0 - 4.9 | Yellow |
| 5.0 - 5.9 | Red |
| 6.0 - above | Brown |

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AR program managed by : Sue Stark, Media Specialist; Lynn Collins, Computer Lab Manager; Lee Breiter, Title I Program Facilitator; and Laura Fitzhugh, Network Manager.

To check student reading progress from home –

Log in to **HOME CONNECT**
– <http://renlearn.polk-fl.net/RenaissanceServer/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

User Name: student ID #
Password: birth date