



Holy Ghost Catholic School
Accelerated Reader Curriculum Guide 2025 - 2026

Mission Statement

To foster the love of reading in all children through a software program that motivates, monitors, and manages student reading practice.

Goal

To improve reading by accelerating growth in reading ability, developing lifelong learners and critical thinkers, and improving test scores.

Eligible Participants: **1st grade students** will participate in AR during the first/second quarter per teacher recommendation. All 1st grade students will participate during the third and fourth quarter. **All 2nd-6th grade students** must participate fully in the AR program during all quarters and will be given a formative grade based off of a graded rubric each marking period. In **7th and 8th grade**, AR will be an incentive program only. Teachers will send students the necessary information.

Reaching the Goal (Also see requirements chart below)

3 components must be met in order for the student to reach 100% of his/her goal:

1. Reading at his/her **set** book level or above. If a student tests below his/her lowest level, the test will be deactivated. This remains the same to reach Points Club.
2. Achieve average of 80% or above on comprehension on tests
3. Earn required book points until reaching 100% of points goal

Formative Grade

Students in Grades **2nd-6th** will receive a **formative** Reading grade each quarter based on their performance in reaching their AR goal.

***Teacher selected novels** read in class **MAY NOT** count toward students' AR points because AR is based off of independent reading.

****Students MAY NOT** test on more than **two books** in one day.

*****Students may check out two** library books at a time only with parent permission. Parents must send an email to Kathryn Huggett at khuggett@hgschool.org to give your child permission to checkout two books.

******Students in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade** are given 15 minutes of AR time in class each day to read, test, check in/out books as needed.

*******Students in 5th/6th** grade take their AR tests with their language arts teachers when ready, and they can visit the library to check in/out books in language arts classes as needed.

Home Connect

Parents will receive a personalized letter – a Home Connect report, with student login information, before the first AR quarter. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's progress by visiting the Home Connect option of the RenLearn website. This is a parent's way of monitoring progress from home.

Incentives

Points Club – Students will be challenged to become a member of the “Points Club.” Once a student reaches his/her quarterly goal, he/she should be encouraged to continue reading and earning points. Students who reach the required points by the end of the AR period for the 4th 9 weeks will become a member. Students reaching this status will be awarded a medal at the end of each quarter during morning assembly. At the end of the school year, Points Club students will be invited for a treat.

To be a member of the “Points Club” students must reach the following points:

1 st graders – 25	2 nd graders – 50	3 rd graders – 75
4 th graders – 100	5 th graders – 125	6 th graders - 150
7 th graders – 175	8 th graders - 200	

In addition, the student in each grade who has the highest points at the end of the school year will be recognized.

Important Dates

August 18 to October 3	-	AR 1st quarter of AR (7 weeks)
October 13 to December 12	-	AR 2nd quarter of AR (8 weeks)
January 6 to March 6	-	AR 3rd quarter of AR (8 weeks)
March 17 to May 1	-	AR 4th quarter of AR (6 weeks)

No testing allowed 10/6/25 to 10/10/25, 12/15/25 to 12/19/25, 3/9/25 to 3/13/25, and after May 1, 2025 - the end of AR for the year.

Library Hours:

The library is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
The library WILL NOT be open before or after school for testing.

AR Questions:

Please call or email Mrs. Kathryn @khuggett@hgschool.org with any questions you may have.

Requirements

	Point Value of Books to Read	1st Quarter Min. BL (8 weeks)	Points Required	2nd Quarter Min. BL (8 weeks)	Points Required	3rd Quarter Min. BL (8 weeks)	Points Required	4th Quarter Min. BL (6 weeks)	Points Required	Points to Earn Points Club
1st Grade	Half point books	0.1	5	0.1	5	0.1	5	0.1	5	25
2nd Grade	Half point books	1.5	8	1.5	8	2.0	8	2.0	6	50
3rd Grade	Chapter Books required last marking period.	2.5	8	2.5	8	2.8	9	2.8	9	75
4th Grade AR time in class	Must read 1 point chapter books or above	3.0	10	3.0	10	3.2	10	3.2	10	100
5th Grade Students do not have AR time in class.	Must read 2 point chapter books or above	3.6	8	3.6	8	3.6	8	3.6	8	125
6th Grade Students do not have AR time in class.	Must read 2 point chapter books or above	3.8	10	3.8	10	3.8	10	3.8	10	150
7th Grade		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	175
8th Grade		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	200

Min. BL = Must read at or above this Book Level

* = 7th and 8th grade teachers will send their requirements to the students

Books Not Eligible for AR Testing

These books are selections that may be used for teacher instruction, so **students are not allowed to test** on them. This list is posted in the library and in teachers' classroom libraries.

3rd Grade - *Charlotte's Web*, *Helen Keller* (Margaret Davidson), *Sarah Plain and Tall*, *Stuart Little*

In 3rd Library Class: *Because of Winn Dixie* and *Slime Wars*

4th Grade - *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, *Number the Stars*, *The Lemonade War*, *Champ*, *Esperanza Rising*

In 4th Library Class: *Chocolate Fever*

5th Grade - *The BFG*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *The One and Only Ivan*, *Bridge to Terabithia*

6th Grade - *The Unteachables*, *Restart*, *Wonder*, *Hatchet*, *Unplugged*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (religion)

7th Grade - *Among the Hidden*, *City of Ember*, *Ground Zero*, *The Giver*, *Long Walk to Water*

8th Grade - *The Westing Game*, *Flush*, *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*, *The Blackthorn Key*, *Uglies*, *The Switch*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Outsiders*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Romeo and Juliet*

Parents, please print this page and send to school with your child.

Accelerated Reader Signature Page

We have read and understand the requirements set forth for Accelerated Reader for the 2025-26 school year.

_____ **Student Signature**

_____ **Parent Signature**

Printed Student Name:

Student's Homeroom teacher:
