

AR GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. AR books must be read during the quarter in which the test is taken.
2. Only 1 AR test allowed per day. If more than 1 test is taken in a day, only the first test will count regardless of the grade. All tests taken after the first test of a day will be deleted.
3. High School students may not choose books that have become movies except for “classic” books. Any test that is taken and has become a movie will be deleted.
4. HS novels read as part of current or past classroom curriculum may not be used as an AR book.
5. All HS books must be at least a 4.0 book level. Tests taken that are below this level will be deleted unless prior permission was given.
6. Small picture books will not be allowed to meet point goals.
7. Cheating will not be tolerated. iPads or phones are not allowed at the computer while testing. Any use of websites that contain summaries of books is considered cheating. There is no talking allowed during a test.

AR GRADING

1. The grade a student receives will be part of their English class grade.
2. AR grades are calculated in the following way:
 - a. 65% of the AR grade is calculated from the average % of tests taken
 - b. 35% of the AR grade is calculated from the % achieved of the assigned points

Example:

Student receives a 100% average on all AR tests taken.

Student reaches 72.7% of their point goal.

$$100 \text{ (average on tests)} \times 65\% = 65$$

$$72.7\% \text{ (% reached to point goal)} \times 35\% = 24.445$$

$$65 + 24.445 = 89.445 = 89\% \text{ grade}$$

HELPFUL HINTS FROM MRS. SCHMIDT

1. Never pick a book based on how many points you “could” get. Follow 2 simple rules for choosing a book, first, choose a book that looks interesting and second, choose a book that is in your reading level (HS books must be 4.0 or higher). Test success will be better if you follow the above guidelines.
2. Don’t wait until the last minute to read or ask me for grace. I am not a miracle worker. It becomes impossible to help a student that comes to see me the week that AR tests are due.