

## Accelerated Reader FAQ's



### **What is Accelerated Reader?**

Accelerated Reader is a web based program that is designed to encourage reading practice. The program is designed to be part of our existing reading program.

### **How Does AR Work?**

After determining the student reading level through a diagnostic test (Star Reading Test), students will select and read books that have been marked with a reading level at or close to the student's reading level. After reading each book, students will take a short quiz and will earn points based on the number of pages read. Teachers set goals for the number of books that should be read in a year and for the number of points earned by each student.

### **How Do My Students and I Log In?**

URL= <https://hosted8.renlearn.com/307129>

User Name: District ID# (students and teachers)

Student Password: sDistrict ID# (lower case no space)

Teacher Password: tDistrict ID# (lower case no space)

### **How Can I Print a Class List?**

1. On the Renaissance Place home page, click Reports under the Accelerated Reader section of the page.
2. Click School Management.
3. Click Student Information Report.
4. Select any options that you wish to include in the report and click View Report. The report will open in Adobe Reader.

### **I Need a New Student Added to My Class**

SAUSD uses an automated system to enroll students in Accelerated Reader in your classes. The information is updated every night from Aeries so a student should show up within a day of being registered. If they don't show up within a couple of days, please contact Maggie Barnes at x74784.

### **Where Can I Find Help?**

**Renaissance Learning Technical Support – Customer support** is available Monday-Friday from 6:30am to 7:00pm CST at 1-800-338-4204.

### **Where Can I Find Training?**

Teacher manuals as well as best practices for using AR are available on the Renaissance Training Center web site – <http://www.renlearn.com>. The site also includes directions for using reports, setting goals and how to use vocabulary quizzes.

### **Which Report Should I Run?**

Diagnostic - Reading Practice - found under AR Reading Practice report. AR recommends running this report every week to monitor student progress and to identify potential problem areas for each student.

Star Reading: Summary – use to list all students with ZPG reading level after the completion of the STAR Reading Test.

Star Reading: Parent – English – best report to provide to parents.

Star Reading: Growth – run this report after your students have taken more than one Star Reading test to evaluate progress.

Accelerate Reader: Reading Practice, Student Record – lists all AR quizzes taken with quiz info and results. Click the page break option to have the results printed one student only per page.

### **Can Students Take AR Quizzes from Home?**

No. AR has told us that students are not permitted to take quizzes from home since the quiz environment would not be the same as the school environment which is monitored by the teacher.

### **How Can Students Find Books at the Right Level?**

<http://www.arbookfind.com> is a searchable database of books with information about points, reading level, quiz number, etc. This resource is useful for parents to find out about quizzable books they get at the public library or have at home.