

A R Policy for Bowring School
A R points = 25% of total Reading grade

1. All AR tests must be taken on books read this school year.
2. Prior authorization by teacher is required in order to read any book that are:
 - Grades 3 & 4: one level below a student's current grade level. Students are expected to read at their current grade level. (3rd grade students read level three, 4th grade students read level four)
 - Grades 5 & 6: two levels below a student's current grade level. Students are encouraged to at or no more than one grade level below their grade level.
 - Grades 7 & 8: 5th grade or above. Because of the lack of availability in the 7th and 8th grade books, students are permitted to read any book that is two levels below their current grade level.
3. No ½ point books are permitted unless student is within ½ point away from reaching AR goal for the 9-week period. (1/2-point books = an average of 1000 words; whereas, 1 point books = an average of 6000 words.
4. Prior authorization by teacher is required in order to take a test on any book within one week of another student taking the test on the same book. Exemption would books read orally in group or class setting. On books read orally, no student is ever permitted to take an AR test sitting next to someone taking the same test or at the same time without direct adult supervision in AR testing area.
5. Prior authorization by teacher is required in order to read any book that is not checked out in a student's name. (i.e.: you can not take a test on a book you have not checked out in your name unless teacher has written proof and/or observes you reading the book) Books from home and electronic books need to be pre-approved.
6. Any student caught sharing or receiving answers to AR test questions will not only lose the AR points from that particular book, but also receive penalty points deducted for their AR grade. No paper or pens/pencils are permitted in the AR testing area. Teacher has the option of requiring the AR test to be taken again if suspected cheating is involved.
7. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all necessary authorizations from the teacher.
8. AR tests may not be taken over books that the teacher reads to the class for points that count toward the AR goal for the grading period.