

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM HONOR CODE

The Accelerated Reader Program is a voluntary reading program designed to encourage students to read books in order to improve their reading comprehension skills. The program tracks an individual student's reading selections and records an assessment of the student's reading comprehension of those books. The AR program is **not** a competition among students. It is a tool that teachers can use to study your student's performance so that they may tailor instruction that will enhance your student's learning. Students that receive help on AR tests do not benefit from an inflated comprehension score or more AR points. Parents that help their student answer AR test questions are actually doing a disservice to their child because it is counterproductive to the AR purpose. If readers can read the words but do not understand what they are reading, they are not really reading.

The AR Program's rules clearly state that a child must be able to read the selected AR book independently. A parent or other person may help a student to learn new vocabulary words or to understand the context of a section in the book. But, the student must take the AR test without any help. Cheating on AR tests is defined as, but not limited to: receiving questions or answers for an AR test, giving questions or answers to an AR test, taking an AR test for another student, having another student take an AR test for you, using the AR book or notes as a reference during the AR test, or using comic books, movies, videos, or shortened versions of the book instead of reading the actual AR book to try to pass the test.

Vanderlyn strives to maintain an atmosphere of mutual trust and confidence among students, teachers, and parents to ensure that each student is judged solely on his or her own merits. Any member of the Vanderlyn community that witnesses or suspects a violation of this Honor Code must report it to a teacher, a Vanderlyn staff member, or the Literacy Committee Chairpersons. Students who break the Honor Code will have all AR points deleted, all rewards revoked, and are suspended from participating in the Accelerated Reader Program for the rest of the reading period.

Every participating student and their parents/guardians shall read and sign the following pledge.

"I know that cheating is wrong. I promise not to cheat on AR tests. I understand that if I cheat, my points will be taken away, my picture will not be on the Wall of Fame, and I cannot participate in AR for the rest of the reading period."

Student Signature

Date

"I hereby state that I understand the Rules of the Accelerated Reader Program and I pledge to abide by the AR Honor Code. I understand that helping my child to answer test questions or encourage my child to read books for the point value are detrimental to my child's learning will result in my child's suspension from participation in the Accelerated Reader Program."

Parent/ Guardian Signatures

Date

Return the signed pledge back to teacher in VIP.