

The Accelerated Reader and Math class, known as ARM, is a core course which is held five days a week for 41 minutes per day. This course is graded and counts toward honor roll eligibility. It is divided into two parts: Accelerated Math (50% of the grade) and Accelerated Reader (25% of the grade); reading responses account for 25% of the grade.

For 8th grade students, the percentages break down as follows: Writing – 50% and Accelerated Math – 50%. Accelerated Reader is counted in language arts, not ARM class.

Parents, you may keep abreast of your child's progress in ARM in several ways:

- In the Accelerated Math portion of the class, each child is assigned a number of objectives to complete each marking period. You may view the number of math objectives your child earns each week by reviewing a copy of the Parent Report. This progress report is a part of the Accelerated Math program and is printed each Friday afternoon to keep you updated. Please ask your child to see it each week.
- Accelerated Reader (AR) is the language arts component of the ARM course. Your child reads his/her self-selected AR book for the first 25 - 30 minutes of class every Monday and Friday. During the remaining 10 - 15 minutes of class, a written response is completed and scored by the teacher according to a rubric. Upon completion of the novel, your child is required to take an AR test to verify comprehension and earn AR points. A summary of the number of AR points your child has earned will be sent home every two weeks with the weekly Parent Report for Accelerated Math.

You may log onto the Parent Portal through PowerSchool for weekly updates where you can review the grades your child has earned, not only in ARM, but in all subject areas. The Parent Portal is a password-protected site. If you need the password to access your child's grades, please come to the principal's office and see Mrs. Mangine.