

Activity 2:

Determining Instructional Time Needed for One Student

Directions:

In the book entitled *Annual Growth for All Students, Catch-Up Growth for Those Who are Behind*, Lynn Fielding, Nancy Kerr, and Paul Rosier discuss a formula the Kennewick School District in Kennewick, Washington, used to determine the number of minutes required to “catch up” students who are reading below grade level. According to the authors, each student within their district needs 90 minutes of daily instruction for a year’s worth of growth in one school year. A student who is behind needs 90 *additional* minutes of daily instruction (“catch-up growth”) for each year he or she is behind. Depending on how far behind the student is, additional time (“catch-up” growth) may need to be distributed over 2–3 years. An example of the use of the school district’s formula is included with this training module as a resource. Using the school district’s formula, determine the time it may take Dawn to reach grade level status in reading.