

Scheduling: How to Reach the Most Students

How many students can benefit from the Fast ForWord family of products this year?
The answer depends on computer availability and student scheduling.

Regular School Year

Students work on the Fast ForWord products using computers for 90-100 minutes per day, five days per week.

Schools can generally schedule two to three sessions each day, more if running before and/or after school.

Some students' schedules are more flexible than others. Many schools find that the Fast ForWord implementation fits easily into the schedules of students in Resource, Special Education, before and/or after-school programs, or summer school programs.

Resource or Special Education programs can incorporate the Fast ForWord product sessions during the school day if the computers are available. The other programs can incorporate the Fast ForWord product sessions while making a minimal impact on the regular school day schedule.

Students work for four to eight weeks.

This period will typically allow for 2-3 sessions between the start of school and the December holiday and 3-4 sessions between January and the end of the school year (numbers will be different for year-round or non-traditional school calendars). Scientific Learning recommends between 20 and 40 consecutive session days.

Consider your computer allocations.

Ensure that computers will be free for the entire session. Sessions must total 90-100 minutes daily, but can be broken into multiple segments. Each exercise lasts between 15 and 20 minutes.

Language

5 exercises x 20 minutes each = 100 total training minutes

Middle & High School

6 exercises x 15 minutes each = 90 total training minutes

Language to Reading

5 exercises x 18 minutes each = 90 total training minutes

Total number of sessions per day _____

Total number of sessions per school year X _____
Available sessions per school year = _____

Total available computers per school session X _____
Maximum number of students per school year = _____

Can you run a Fast ForWord product session during the regular school day?

- Yes / No
- If Yes, how many? _____

Can you run a Fast ForWord product session before and/or after the regular school day?

- Yes / No
- If Yes, how many? _____

Total number of sessions per day: _____

Number of sessions per semester

Fall: _____

Spring: _____

Total sessions per school year: _____

Number of computers available for EACH training session

In labs: _____

In resource center or library: _____

In classrooms: _____

Total available computers per school session: _____