



# Renaissance Learning

Spencer County Schools



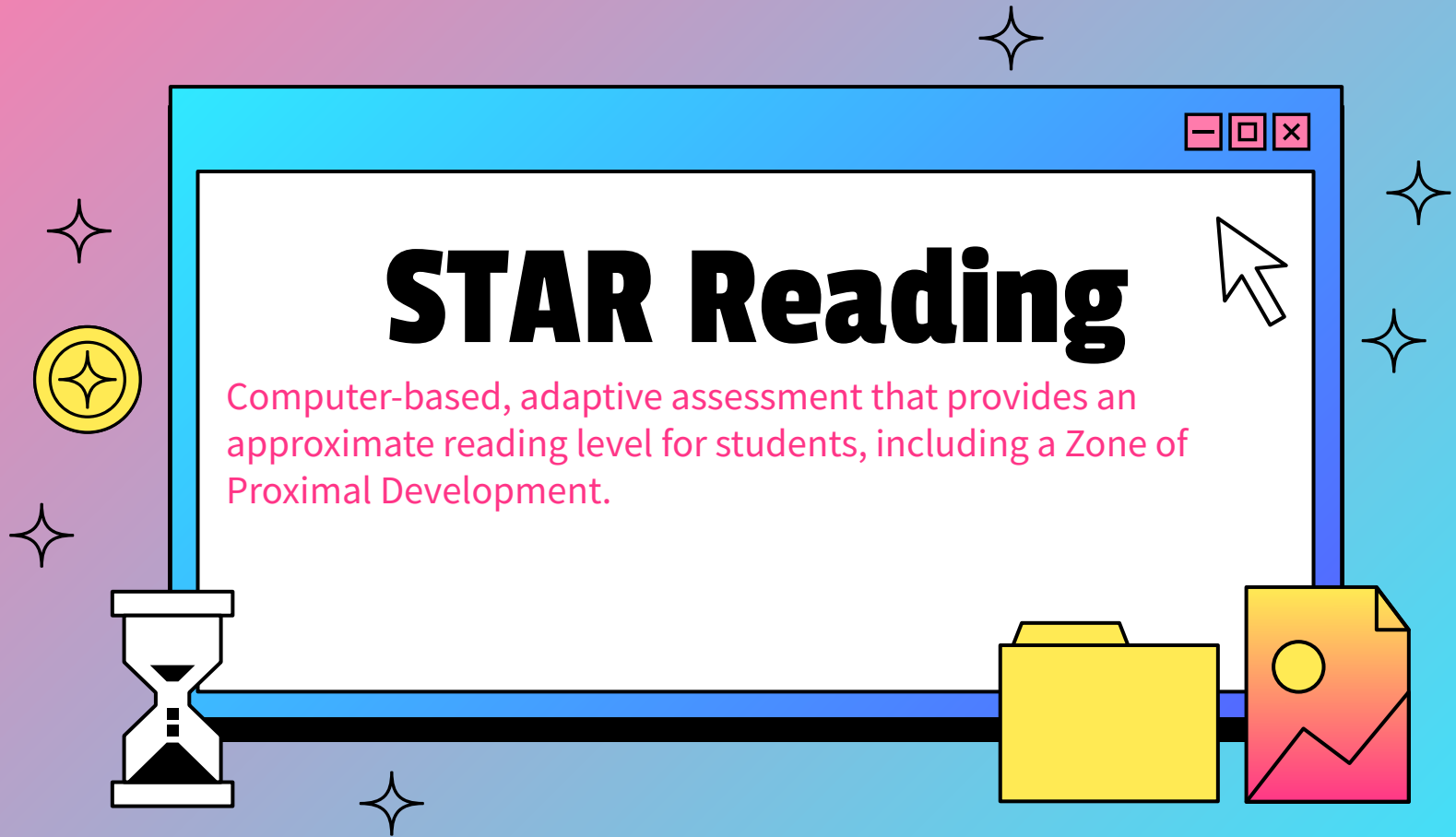
# Objectives

- ❖ What is Renaissance Learning?
- ❖ What are the benefits?
- ❖ What are the concerns?
- ❖ What are the costs?
- ❖ How is it utilized at each school?
- ❖ Are there similar programs that are more cost effective?



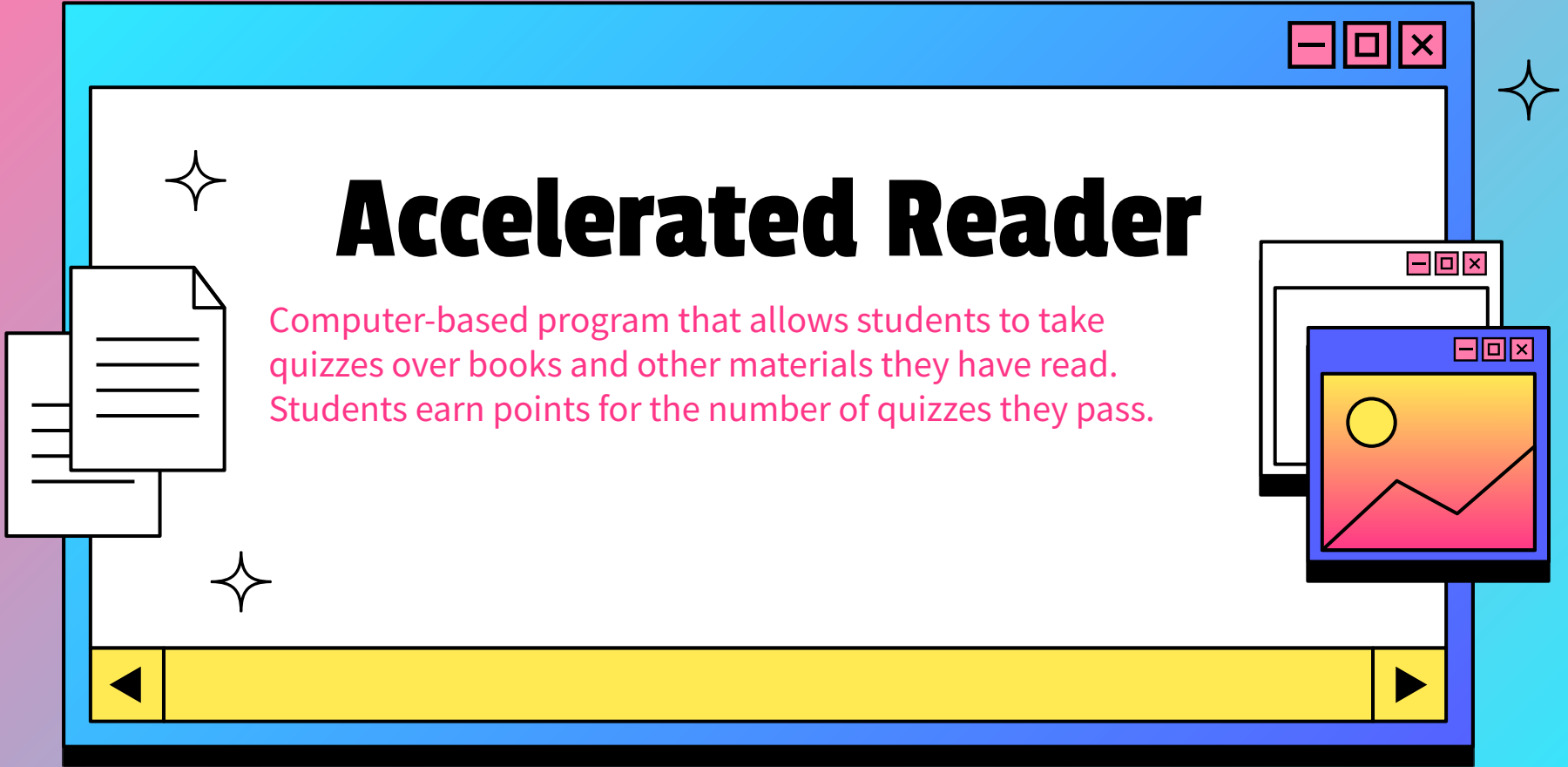
# STAR Reading

Computer-based, adaptive assessment that provides an approximate reading level for students, including a Zone of Proximal Development.



# Accelerated Reader

Computer-based program that allows students to take quizzes over books and other materials they have read. Students earn points for the number of quizzes they pass.



# Benefits/Concerns

## Benefits

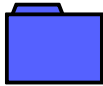
- ❖ Promotes reading motivation
- ❖ Students read books in their ZPD\*
- ❖ Promotes friendly competition among students/classes
- ❖ Provides parents/teachers a means to see what their children/students are reading

## Concerns

- ❖ Not implemented with fidelity school-wide or district -wide
- ❖ Costly
- ❖ Decreases motivation for some students
- ❖ Very limited evidence-based research that show discernable effectiveness



# Costs



## SCMS



**Total \$9,445.08**  
AR (720 @\$7.35)  
STAR (720@\$5.10)  
Fee \$750.00



## TES

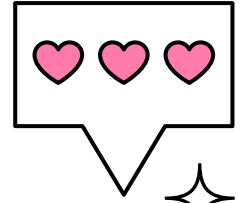
**Total \$6,788.25**  
AR (500@\$7.35)  
STAR (500@\$5.10)  
Fee \$750.00



## SCES

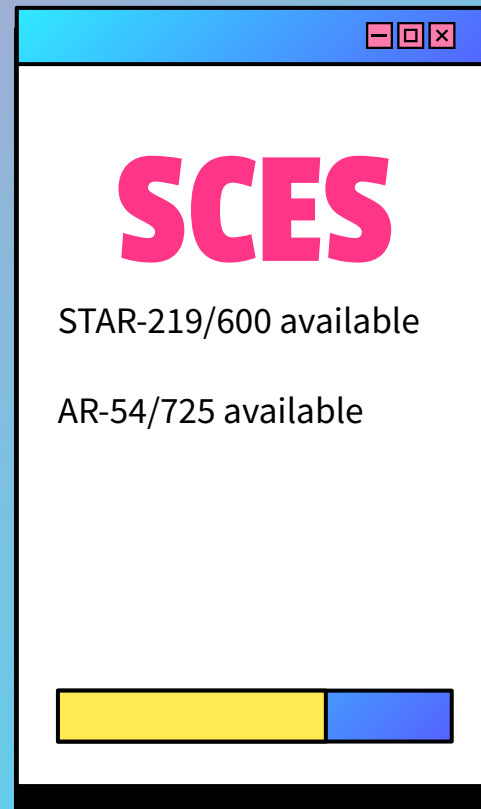
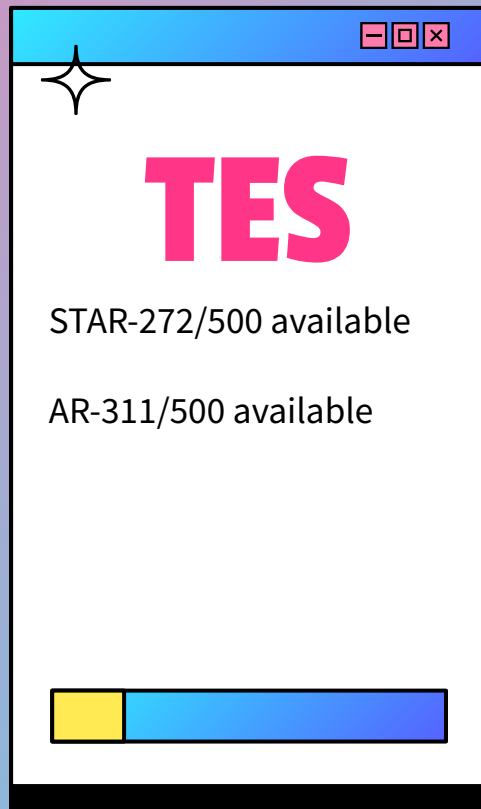
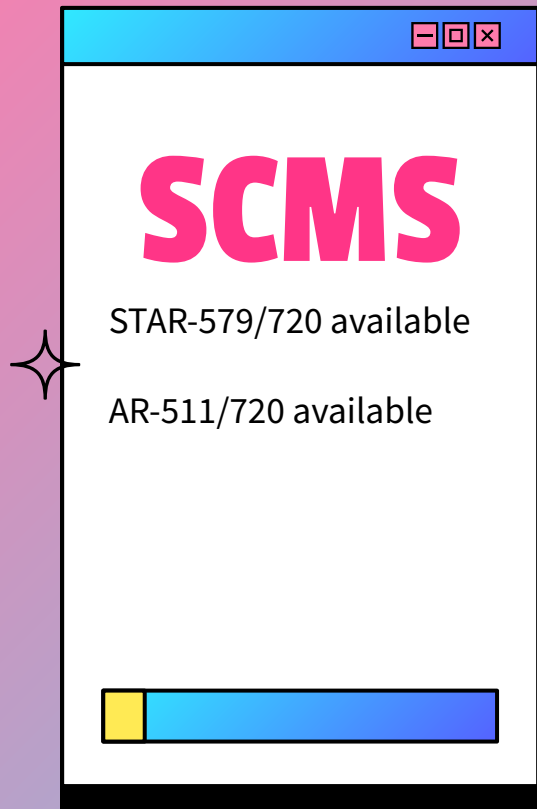
**Total \$8,887.05**  
AR (725@\$7.35)  
STAR (725@\$5.10)  
Fee \$750.00





In the 2021-2022 school year,  
Renaissance was paid for using ESSER  
funds. Previously, KETS funds have  
been used.

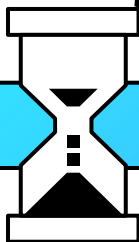








# Survey of Staff (1=most eff. to 9=least eff.)



	Rating 1-4	Rating 5-9
<b>SCMS</b> (17 responses)	3 (no 1's)	14 (9 rated it 8/9)
<b>TES</b> (18 responses)	4 (1=1)	14 (7 rated it 8/9)
<b>SCES</b> (20 responses)	10 (7=1)	10 (3=9)



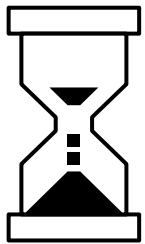
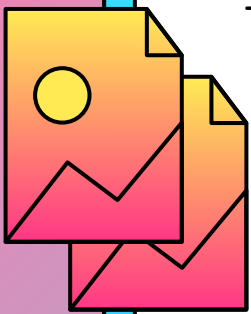


# Lower Cost Alternatives

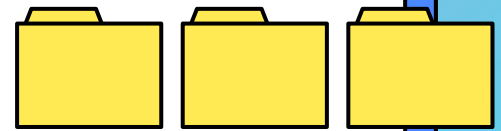


Program	Cost	What it does
Whooo's Reading	FREE/\$50class	Allows students to respond to open-ended quizzes and teachers can provide feedback. Students earn virtual coins to spend.
Biblionasium	FREE	A virtual bookshelf where students can store books they have read, write reviews, make recommendation, engage in book conversations, and earn badges. Ages 6-13.
Book Taco	FREE/\$85class	Students log books they have read and can earn "cyberswag", virtual pet play, class milestones, and rewards.





# Thanks!



Do you have any questions?



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# Resources



- Word Count Reports, accessed on 11/30/21 at:  
<https://global-zone50.renaissance-go.com/reports/word-count>



- Staff Survey Data accessed on 12/2/21 at:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/105MBxNBYmWMQX6c-JkLn4UM4QkjhaaBLsr8eS2NUd8/edit?usp=sharing>  
Survey link: <https://forms.gle/VpCeCzq3f2sHa6qc9>

- What Works Clearinghouse Intervention Reports, accessed 12/1/21 at:  
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED496196.pdf> (2007)  
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