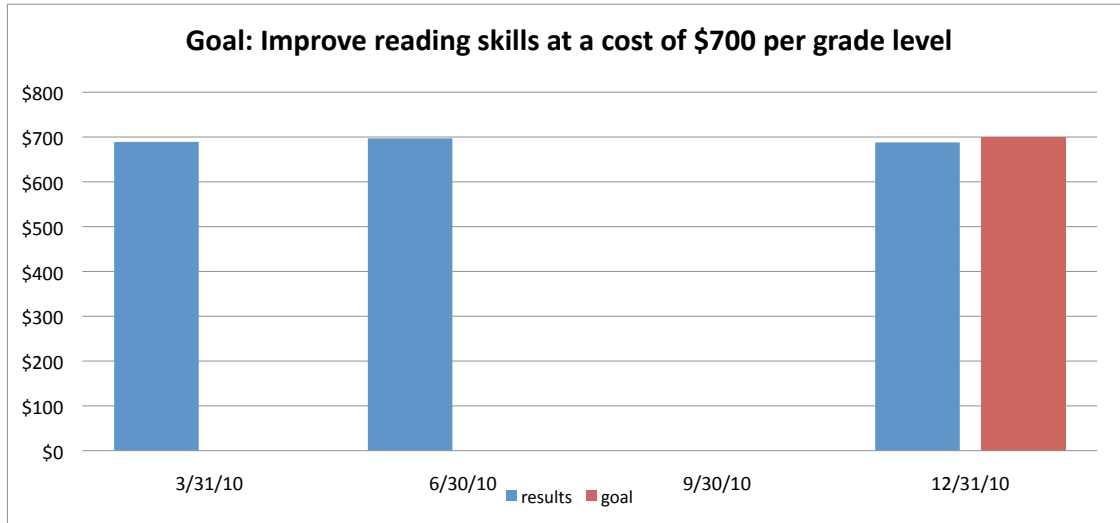
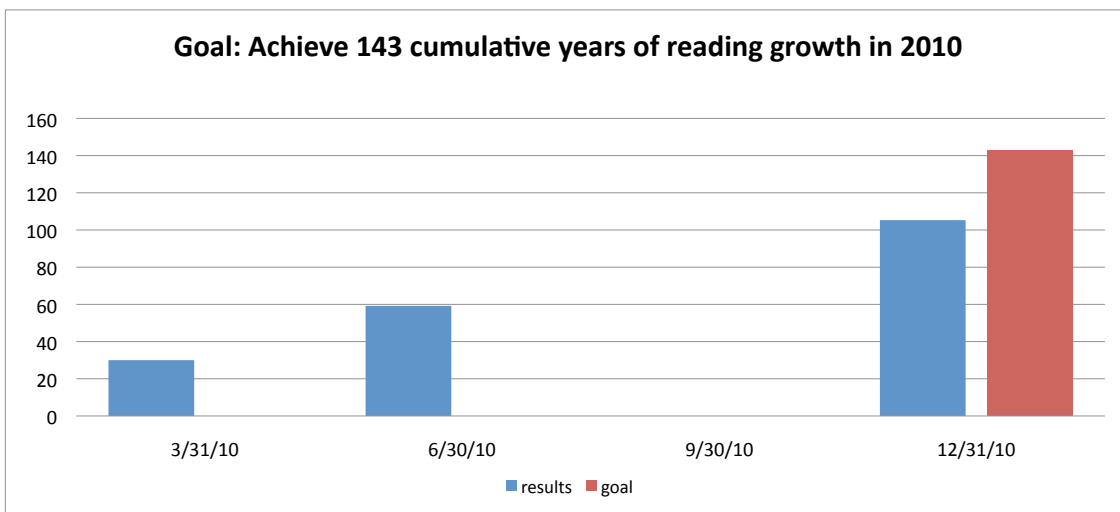




The Achievement Academy teaches and supports young adults who have dropped out of school in order to reconnect them to the opportunities that an education provides. AAD students gain critical reading skills, earn their NC High School Equivalency Diploma, and complete college preparatory training so that they can succeed in a postsecondary program and attain sustainable employment.



AA Commentary: We improved reading skills at a cost of \$688 per grade level.



AA Commentary: We did not meet the goal of 143 cumulative years of reading growth. Our students achieved 105.3 cumulative years of growth in 2010, or 74% of our projections. In 2009 60% of the new students we enrolled at the Achievement Academy began their studies in our Fast Forward Reading program for students with reading proficiency below the high school level. Our projections for 2010 were based on having a similar entering cohort for that year. In 2010, we were surprised to encounter fewer enrollees with reading deficits; the number of entering students needing reading remediation decreased by 23%. Since our average reading rate growth held steady at approximately 1.5 grade equivalents per student per month, we feel comfortable attributing our lower cumulative growth on the lower number of reading students we enrolled.

