

Section Standards

Key Principles

Our ultimate goal as Awana leaders is to have kids memorize God's Word so it will shape their minds and hearts and cause them to live their lives differently.

Have you ever been tempted to just sign off a section for a clubber who can't seem to memorize the verse? Or give them so many helps that they might as well have read the verse themselves?

Reasons for Section Standards

- To ensure that kids are really learning Scripture
- To ensure fairness for clubbers
- To ensure consistency among leaders

What are the standards?

1. All parts of a section should be completed in one sitting including verses, questions and activities. Keeping the bar high motivates clubbers to work harder to learn the verses the first time.
2. No more than two helps per section. Each help should be no more than three-four words, including any hint with hand motion or facial expression.
3. Clubber must recite the Bible reference. Memorizing the reference will help them find that verse in the future and it's also a great way for them to learn about the Bible.
4. In Sparks, the handbooks follow the Bible chronologically. In T&T the concepts build upon each other.

Remember that the reason we have standards for passing sections is that clubbers truly understand God's Word. Ask them questions or have them repeat the verses several times.

Tips

- Every child is unique and learns at a different pace. Be patient, but consistent with the standards and your clubbers will succeed!
- Consider the resources below to help the kids who struggle to complete their sections.
- Special considerations should be made for children with disabilities. Check out the leadership development training on Serving [Children with Disabilities](#) for ideas and resources.