Typing goals by grade

Accuracy first: a speed counts only at the accuracy goal.

Grade	Speed goal	Accuracy	What the writing standard asks
K–2	Learn the keys: home row first	Not yet	Digital tools, with help; no keyboarding goal W.K.6–W.2.6
3	15 WPM	90%	Use keyboarding skills to produce writing, with help W.3.6
4	20 WPM	90%	Type at least one page in a single sitting W.4.6
5	25 WPM	90%	Type at least two pages in a single sitting W.5.6
6	30 WPM	95%	Type at least three pages in a single sitting W.6.6
7	35 WPM	95%	No keyboarding goal named W.7.6
8	40 WPM	95%	No keyboarding goal named W.8.6

Speed goals follow a common rule of thumb, 5 words per minute times the grade (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction). Accuracy goals are our suggestion. Standards: Common Core W.K.6 to W.8.6, which set page counts, never a speed.

Many students take longer: in a two-year study of 1,306 students, median speeds at the end of fifth grade were 14 to 17 WPM (Donica and others, 2021). Grow toward the goal, accuracy first.