

SMART GOALS

S pecific	M easurable	A chievable	R elevant	T ime-Bound
The goal is specific in naming the skill or subject area and the targeted result.	The goal is stated in a way that the student's progress can be measured.	The goal represents progress that is realistic for the student.	The goal should address the unique educational needs, both academic and functional, of the student.	The goal includes a time frame in which the student will achieve it, with the right supports and services.
What do I want to accomplish? Who is involved? Use clear and concise language.	How much? How many? How will I know if the goal is reached?	Make sure the goal is not out of reach for the student or on the other hand, too easy.	Is the goal related to an established need? Does it fit into short or long-term plans?	Typically for an IEP, it is understood that this is meant to be a year.

Measurable Words	Not Measurable
Draw, Turn in, Retell, Match, List, Sequence, Label, Trace, State, Say	Determine, Appreciate, Understand, Improve, Participate in, Know, Improve,

Sample Smart Goals

1. When given a reading passage at his instructional level, Dan will correctly answer comprehension questions concerning who, what, where and where with 80% accuracy in 3 out of 5 trials.

2. When given a task or direction Jane will begin the task within one minute and remain on task for a minimum of 10 minutes independently with no more than two prompts on 8 out of 10 independent tasks, as measured by staff data.

3. When given a writing prompt, George will write a paragraph with at least five sentences containing 8 or more words, with no more than two errors in spelling and punctuation in 3 out of 5 trials..

4. After 36 weeks of instruction, Jasmine will correctly apply the order of operations and the rules for integers to solve multi-step math reasoning problems with 70% accuracy.

5. Given organization strategies, Emma will organize her materials in a binder or folder and will bring assignments to and from home and school with 80% accuracy as measured by teacher binder checks.