

Connecting Measurable IEP Annual Goals with Post-Secondary Outcomes

Measurable annual goals are statements that describe what a child with a disability can reasonably be expected to accomplish within a 12-month period in the child's education program. There should be a direct relationship between the measurable annual goals and the needs identified in the PLAAFP and linked with the post-secondary outcome as stated on the IEP transition plan.



Measurable annual goals must be related to meeting the child's needs that result from the child's disability, thus enabling the child to be involved in and progress in appropriate activities. Every need identified in the PLAAFP must be addressed somewhere in the IEP. Most often, these needs will be addressed as annual goals. Well-written goals are meaningful and measurable. Meaningful and measurable goals can be easily monitored, and therefore are useful to teachers in making educational decisions.

Writing SMART IEP annual Goals:

- S Specific
- M Measurable
- A Use Action Words
- R Realistic and relevant
- T Time-limited

Annual Goal:

By October of 2022, Student will be able to solve real-world and mathematical problems involving operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and/or division at 50% accuracy from his current level of 25% accuracy as measured by classroom assignments, assessments, and/or teacher observations.

S Specific Who, What, Where, When, Why, Which Define the goal as much as possible with no ambiguous language. WHO is involved, WHAT do I want to accomplish, WHERE will it be done, WHY am I doing this (reasons, purpose), WHICH constraints / requirements do I have?	M Measurable From and To Can you track the progress and measure the outcome? How much, how many, how will I know when my goal is accomplished?	A Attainable How Is the goal reasonable enough to be accomplished? How so? Make sure the goal is not out of reach or below standard performance.	R Relevant Worthwhile Is the goal worthwhile and will it meet your needs? Is each goal consistent with other goals you have established and fits with your immediate and long term plans?	T Timely When Your objective should include a time limit. "I will complete this step by month/day/year." It will establish a sense of urgency and prompt you to have better time management.
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