

Fact Sheet for Virginia's Parents

Examples of SMART Goals:

It can be difficult to write SMART goals so let's look at some examples:

Current Goal	SMART Goal
Johnny will improve his multiplication skills by the end of the first period.	When given 10 multiplication problems, Johnny will calculate the problems with 85 percent accuracy on 3 consecutive weekly tests by the end of the first grading period.
Anna will demonstrate improved eye contact with her teachers.	During small group activities, Anna will look at the speaker 90 percent of the time in 4 out of 5 opportunities as documented by her teacher. She will achieve this by the 2 nd grading period.
Jack will increase his ability to identify safety signs by the end of the year. He currently recognizes two words: hot and fire.	By the end of the year, Jack will be able to identify the following safety signs: stop, danger, don't walk, enter, exit, poison, emergency, keep out. He will demonstrate this in weekly classroom and community outing with 90% accuracy.
Clarice will increase her reading skills by one grade level.	Clarice will read text at a third-grade level at 100-120 wpm with random errors with 85% accuracy.
Daniel will write at grade level with no errors in spelling or punctuation.	Daniel will write a paragraph that contains 8 sentences that each contain 7 or more words with no more than 2 errors in spelling or punctuation by the end of the school year.

- Are the goals specific and measurable?
- Do the goals line up with your student's strengths and needs?
- Are the goals achievable?
- Do they address the specific struggles with your student?
- Do the goals address the student's learning needs and identify strategies?
- Can the goals be tracked and do they have a timeline?
- Are the goals realistic (use your student's strengths for learning)?
- Is it clear who is responsible for the goal?
- When the goal is met?
- Do the goals list resources and supports?

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