

## **Specific Learning Disability (SLD) Goal Banks: Reading, Math, and Writing**

*Comprehensive, SMARTIE-aligned examples with data-driven benchmarks, progress monitoring tools, and actionable educator guidance.*

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### **How to Use This Resource**

This goal bank is designed to provide educators with up-to-date, strength-based, and inclusive examples of goals and objectives for students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) in the areas of Reading, Math, and Writing. Adapt each goal to the student's present levels, baseline data, and individual strengths/needs. Integrate into the IEP process to ensure goals are meaningful, measurable, and promote access and participation in the general education curriculum.

### **SMARTIE Goal Framework**

SMARTIE = Specific • Measurable • Achievable • Relevant • Time-bound • Inclusive • Equitable

Example: Within 36 instructional weeks, given a graphic organizer and teacher modeling, the student will write a 5-sentence paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion in 4 out of 5 opportunities, as measured by writing samples.

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## **SLD – Reading**

### **Decoding**

Emerging: Given visual prompts and phonics instruction, student will decode CVC words with 80% accuracy in structured settings.

Developing: Given explicit instruction, student will decode multi-syllabic words using syllable division strategies with 80% accuracy.

Advanced: Independently apply decoding strategies to unfamiliar multisyllabic words in grade-level text with 85% accuracy.

### **Benchmarks:**

- Identify letter-sound correspondences with 90% accuracy.
- Blend sounds to read CVC words in 4 out of 5 opportunities.
- Apply syllable division rules to decode unfamiliar words.

## Reading Fluency

Emerging: Read 40 correct words per minute (CWPM) from a first-grade level passage with 95% accuracy.

Developing: Read 80 CWPM from a grade-level passage with 97% accuracy.

Advanced: Read 120 CWPM from a grade-level passage with appropriate rate, accuracy, and expression.

### **Benchmarks:**

- Read a grade-level passage with 90% accuracy.
- Increase CWPM by 10 over 6 weeks.
- Demonstrate appropriate phrasing and expression during oral reading.

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## SLD – Writing

### Sentence Structure

Emerging: Write simple sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation in 4 out of 5 opportunities.

Developing: Write compound sentences using conjunctions correctly in 4 out of 5 opportunities.

Advanced: Write complex sentences incorporating subordinate clauses with 80% accuracy.

### **Benchmarks:**

- Capitalize the first word and proper nouns in sentences.
- Use end punctuation correctly in 4 out of 5 opportunities.
- Combine two simple sentences into one compound sentence.

### Paragraph Writing

Emerging: Write a paragraph with a topic sentence and two supporting details with visual prompts.

Developing: Write a paragraph with a topic sentence, three supporting details, and a conclusion with minimal support.

Advanced: Independently write multi-paragraph compositions with an introduction, supporting details, and conclusion.

**Benchmarks:**

- Identify topic sentences in sample paragraphs.
  - Use a graphic organizer to plan a paragraph.
  - Revise a paragraph for clarity and completeness.
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**SLD – Math****Computation**

Emerging: Accurately solve single-digit addition and subtraction problems with 80% accuracy.

Developing: Accurately solve multi-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping with 80% accuracy.

Advanced: Accurately solve multi-step word problems involving all four operations with 85% accuracy.

**Benchmarks:**

- Complete addition facts to 10 with 90% accuracy.
- Complete subtraction facts to 10 with 90% accuracy.
- Solve two-step problems using addition and subtraction.

**Fractions**

Emerging: Identify halves, thirds, and fourths in visual representations with 80% accuracy.

Developing: Compare and order fractions with like denominators with 85% accuracy.

Advanced: Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators with 80% accuracy.

**Benchmarks:**

- Represent fractions using visual models.
- Identify fractions on a number line.
- Solve word problems involving addition of fractions.

**SLD – Reading – Quick Reference Table**

Goal Area	Emerging Example	Developing Example	Advanced Example & Benchmarks
<b>Decoding</b>	Given visual prompts and phonics instruction, student will decode CVC words with 80% accuracy in structured settings.	Given explicit instruction, student will decode multi-syllabic words using syllable division strategies with 80% accuracy.	Independently apply decoding strategies to unfamiliar multisyllabic words in grade-level text with 85% accuracy. 1) Identify letter-sound correspondences with 90% accuracy. 2) Blend sounds to read CVC words in 4 out of 5 opportunities. 3) Apply syllable division rules to decode unfamiliar words.
<b>Reading Fluency</b>	Read 40 correct words per minute (CWPM) from a first-grade level passage with 95% accuracy.	Read 80 CWPM from a grade-level passage with 97% accuracy.	Read 120 CWPM from a grade-level passage with appropriate rate, accuracy, and expression. 1) Read a grade-level passage with 90% accuracy. 2) Increase CWPM by 10 over 6 weeks. 3) Demonstrate appropriate phrasing and expression during oral reading.

**SLD – Writing – Quick Reference Table**

Goal Area	Emerging Example	Developing Example	Advanced Example & Benchmarks
<b>Sentence Structure</b>	Write simple sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation in 4 out of 5 opportunities.	Write compound sentences using conjunctions correctly in 4 out of 5 opportunities.	Write complex sentences incorporating subordinate clauses with 80% accuracy. 1) Capitalize the first word and proper nouns in sentences. 2) Use end punctuation correctly in 4 out of 5 opportunities. 3) Combine two simple sentences into one compound sentence.
<b>Paragraph Writing</b>	Write a paragraph with a topic sentence and two supporting details with visual prompts.	Write a paragraph with a topic sentence, three supporting details, and a conclusion with minimal support.	Independently write multi-paragraph compositions with an introduction, supporting details, and conclusion. 1) Identify topic sentences in sample paragraphs. 2) Use a graphic organizer to plan a paragraph. 3) Revise a paragraph for clarity and completeness.

**SLD – Math – Quick Reference Table**

Goal Area	Emerging Example	Developing Example	Advanced Example & Benchmarks
<b>Computation</b>	Accurately solve single-digit addition and subtraction problems with 80% accuracy.	Accurately solve multi-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping with 80% accuracy.	Accurately solve multi-step word problems involving all four operations with 85% accuracy. 1) Complete addition facts to 10 with 90% accuracy. 2) Complete subtraction facts to 10 with 90% accuracy. 3) Solve two-step problems using addition and subtraction.
<b>Fractions</b>	Identify halves, thirds, and fourths in visual representations with 80% accuracy.	Compare and order fractions with like denominators with 85% accuracy.	Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators with 80% accuracy. 1) Represent fractions using visual models. 2) Identify fractions on a number line. 3) Solve word problems involving addition of fractions.