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A practical, evidence-based strategy that educators can implement today!

# **Success Story: IEP Goal Quality Rubric**

#### **The Challenge**

IEP goals are essential for student success, but many IEP teams struggle to develop high-quality goals.

### **The Solution**

As part of SIL's Innovating for Student Excellence (ISE) Networked Improvement Community, districts, SELPAs, and County Offices of Education across California **collaborated** to create the **IEP Goal Quality Rubric**—a tool designed to help educators draft **high-quality IEP goals** that are:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant
- Time-bound (SMART)

**Irvine Unified School District** refined the rubric through **iterative and rigorous testing** to ensure it effectively supports students with disabilities.



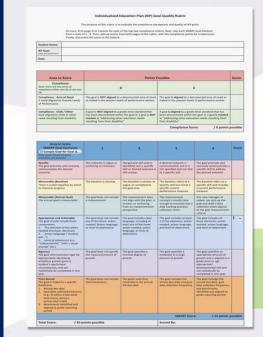
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# The Impact

• Districts using this rubric saw a **20% increase** in the percentage of IEP goals being met.

• Educators reported improved clarity and alignment between **goals, instruction, and student progress**.

# Ready to Try It?



# Ways to Try This in Your District

#### **Steps to Implement**

- 1. **Use the rubric** when drafting IEP goals to ensure alignment with best practices.
- 2. **Incorporate the rubric** into PLC discussions to provide structured feedback on IEP goals.
- 3. **Utilize the rubric as a coaching tool** to refine previously drafted goals

**District Tip!** New and veteran teachers can use this rubric to continuously improve their practice—because **IEP goals are at the heart of student success**.



Access the IEP Goal Quality Rubric

#### Looking for More? Additional Resources for Developing Strong IEPs



<u>HQ IEP toolkit- Special Educator Edition</u> <u>Key Component #2: Present Levels (before the IEP)</u>

Key Component #4: Goals



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