

Figure 5.4: Determining Goals for Individual Students

Step 1	Where are we headed? The student's content essential standard and corresponding vertically aligned learning progression
Step 2	Where are we now? The student's current level of performance on the learning progression
Step 3	How will we close the gap? The step-by-step progression of skills required for the student to advance from his or her current level of proficiency (where he or she is now) to mastery of content essential standards and ultimately high school graduation (where he or she is headed)