

Figure 7.2:
SMART Goal Examples

State assessment SMART goal:

By the end of the 2017–2018 school year, the percentage of seventh-grade students passing the reading state assessment will increase from 27 percent to at least 45 percent.

Priority standard or topic SMART goal:

The percentage of eighth-grade students who meet or exceed the standards for writing an argument paper will increase from 14 percent (pretest given September 18, 2017) to at least 70 percent as measured on a schoolwide argument writing exam administered on March 4, 2018.

Note: This is a cohort goal. If this is a yearly administered exam, one can use the percentage from the eighth-grade exam given in March 2017 to March 2018 to make it a program goal.

District benchmark SMART goal:

By the end of trimester 2 in 2017–2018, the percentage of fourth-grade students passing the mathematics trimester 2 benchmark assessment will increase from 46 percent (in 2016–2017) to at least 75 percent.

Common unit assessment SMART goal:

By the end of Unit 2 Photosynthesis in 2017–2018, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding each of the targets on the common unit assessment will increase from 61 percent (in 2016–2017) to at least 75 percent.

Grading SMART goal:

By the end of the second semester in the 2017–2018 school year, the percentage of students earning a D or F in U.S. history will decrease from 36 percent (second semester in 2016–2017) to at least 20 percent.