

9 QUICK TESTS FOR IEP GOALS

SPECIAL EDUCATION - GUIDANCE BRIEF



SO WHAT? TEST

If the goal is attained, will it make a meaningful difference in the function of the student?



WHO CARES? TEST

If no one cares, either you have not demonstrated the goal's importance or it is truly not important.



CADAVER TEST

If a dead person can accomplish the goal, it is not a good or participatory goal.



PARENT TEST

Can the parent come in, observe the skill and determine whether or not the goal is met?



FIT TEST

Is the criterion something that happens naturally in the school day or are you creating something in the criterion that requires something "extra"?



DO I WANT TO/ CAN I COLLECT THE DATA? TEST

Is the goal too complicated or unimportant that anybody wants to collect data?



SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TEST

Is the goal set high enough? Are we requiring all the progress we can get?



DRIVE TEST

What is the need driving the goal? Is this goal truly addressing educational, functional, or behavioral need(s)?



BIG PICTURE TEST

Will this goal get the student closer to the ultimate goal? Is this a good investment of the student's time?

Ray, MPT, PHD, L. (2020, January 16). 9 Quick Tests for Student IEP Goals: How Many Can You Pass? SeekFreaks.

<https://www.seekfreaks.com/index.php/2020/01/16/9-quick-tests-for-student-iep-goals-howmany-can-you-pass/>

The contents of this handout were developed under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. However, the content does not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the federal government.

Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services (405) 521-3351 | <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/special-education>