

SPECIAL EDUCATION



Parent Workshop

Nurturing Your Student's Self-Sufficiency





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Agenda

- Understanding impact of the Disability
- Personal Management
- Academic Responsibilities
- Community Participation



Learning Target(s)



I can identify ways for my child to increase their independence and self-advocacy at home, in the community, and with academic responsibilities.





Self-Advocacy & Goal-Setting



Goal-Setting & Self-Advocacy K-12

- Defining Self-advocacy
- Topics to Consider
- Questions to Consider
- Defining SMART GOALS
- Developing and monitoring SMART GOALS



Self-Advocacy



Self-advocacy is the process of understanding your wants and needs and speaking up appropriately to assure they are met.



Self-advocacy has three key elements:

Understanding your needs.

Knowing what kind of support might help.

Communicating these needs to others.



Self-Advocacy Topics to Consider

Elementary- Questions related to needs and supports that will help your child be successful

Secondary- Questions related to transition, accommodations, grades, assignments



Self-Advocacy Questions to Consider

Does your child....

- Know and understand their disability including their strengths and weaknesses?
- Know what supports are put in place to make them successful?
- Know how to effectively communicate their needs, ideas, feelings, or preferences?
- Know who the important people they need to contact for support (caseload manager, etc.)?





Goal Setting is

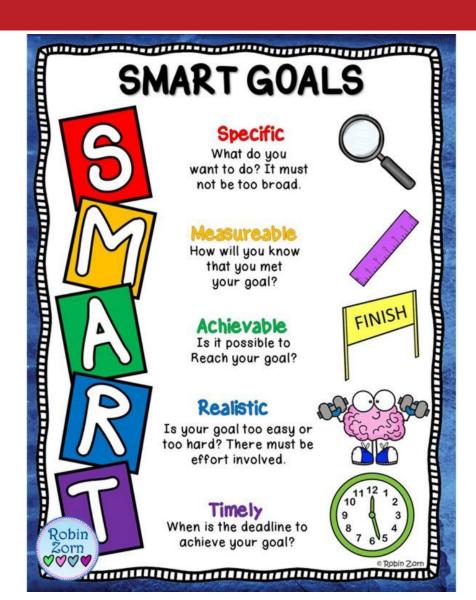


The process of thinking about, deciding on, and planning for objectives that one would like to achieve in life or work.

A Harvard psychologist, says that one of the biggest reasons people don't achieve their goals is because they focus on the goal – the outcome – and not on the process – the how (they'll get there). The process includes those small steps you can manage one at a time to get to the destination, and for every step you overcome, there's an opportunity to celebrate your success.



Making Your Goal SMART





Goal-Setting is....

5 Steps to help your child set a goal:

- 1.Identify the goal (make it SMART)
- 2. Discuss the purpose of the goal
- 3. Establish a time frame
- 4. Use a template/calendar
- 5.Track progress, provide support and CELEBRATE!



SMART GOALS Practice

Not Specific

I want to get good grades.

Not Measurable

I will be the best student this year.

Not attainable

I will remember everything my teacher says.

Not Relevant

I will learn 5th grade spelling words (student is in 4th grade)

Not Time-Based

I will study for the next math test

Specific

I will get at least an 85 on the next math text.

Measurable

I will get two Bs on my report card.

Attainable

I will follow directions the first-time during reading class.

Relevant

I will practice my addition and subtraction facts.

Time-Based

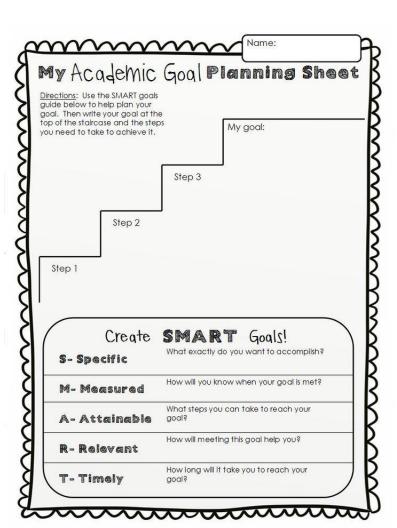
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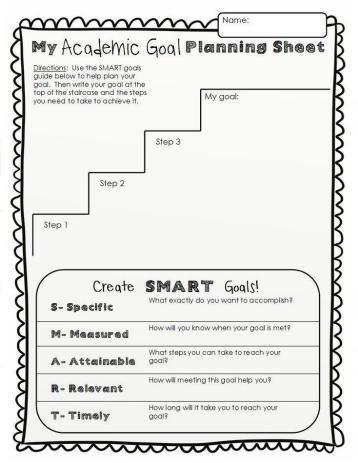
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GOÁLBOOK	Find more resources at https://goalbookar	op.com



Secondary Goal Setting Templates



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7 AREAS OF LIFE - GOAL WORKSHEET

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SOCIAL			
FAMILY			
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Elementary School

- Pick out clothes
- Pack lunch or snack
- Personal hygiene
- Simple household chores

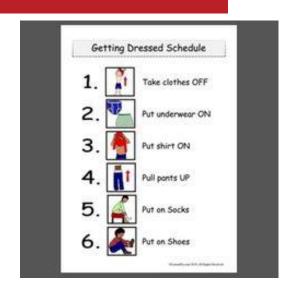


Elementary School

Pick out Clothes:

- Check the weather together
- Discuss what type of clothing is appropriate for the weather (with visuals if needed)
- Choose clothing and lay out
- You can pick one day at a time or get an organizer for the whole week











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Elementary School

Pack Lunch or Snack:

- Discuss what types of food your child may select for lunch/snack
- Allow to pack their own lunch
- Provide easy to grab single serve items (can be bought in bulk and divided into single servings)
- Visual checklist of what needs to be packed, ex: napkin, spoon, drink, sides, dessert etc. as needed
- Visual "menu" for making choices as needed



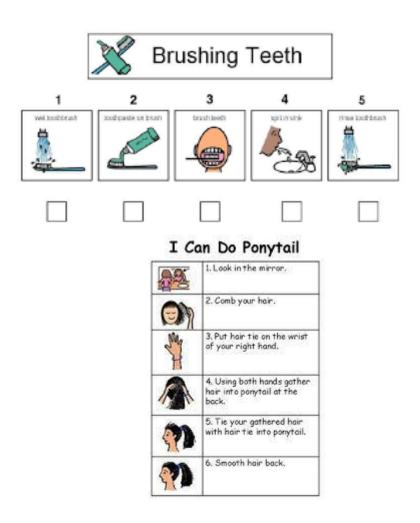




Elementary School

Personal hygiene

- Establish a routine and practice every morning and night
- Keep all materials needed (hairbrush, hair ties, toothbrush, toothpaste) in a consistent spot and practice putting it back when done
- Use timers when necessary, such as when brushing teeth to help your child know when the activity is "done"
- Find videos on YouTube of kids brushing teeth and hair to watch
- Provide visual checklist of steps as needed





Elementary School

Simple household chores

- Provide a visual or list of chores that need to be done
- Develop a schedule so your child knows when/how often they need to perform the task (everyday? Every week?)
- Use a token board/sticker chart to reward your child for doing chores, allow them to trade in/work towards some type of reward
- Choose chores appropriate for their age/skill level; these may include emptying the dishwasher (or just silverware), folding towels, cleaning up toys, setting the table)
- Take pictures of completed chores and post where your child can see what "done" looks like









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Personal Management

Middle School

- Waking up independently
- Prepare simple meals
- Doing laundry



Middle School

Waking up independently

- Teach your child to set an alarm to wake up
- Provide a checklist for morning routine, as needed, to include all steps to get ready for the day
- Discuss with your child how long each morning routine task will take to determine when they must wake up







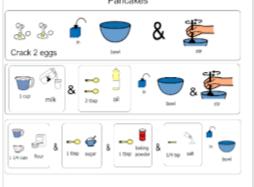


Middle School

Prepare simple meals

- Talk with your child about what meals they would like to make and what items they will need
- Make a list and shop for items together
- Provide a visual or the recipe
- Review kitchen safety rules often
- Find step by step videos on YouTube for video modeling







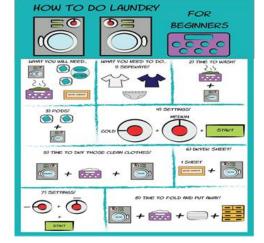
Middle School

Doing Laundry

- Sort your clothes
- Don't overload the machine
- Choose the right water temperature
- Use detergent and softener, how much?
- Don't leave wet laundry in the washer for too
- Drying your clothes
- Provide visuals to support the process, as needed











High School

- Cooking
- Chores
- Money Management



High School

Cooking

- Practice finding recipes
 - Provide visual recipes if needed
- Work with your child to make a list of items needed to make the recipe
- Practice locating items in the store
- Review kitchen safety rules

















































High School

Chores

- Establish a schedule for chores- do they need to do these tasks every day? Every week?
- Provide a checklist for each chore
 - Can break the chore into smaller steps as needed
 - Can provide a picture of what it looks like when the chore is "done", such as an empty sink or cleared table
- Use a chart to track chores and allow your child to earn a reward when they have completed a certain number of chores

Paily Tasks

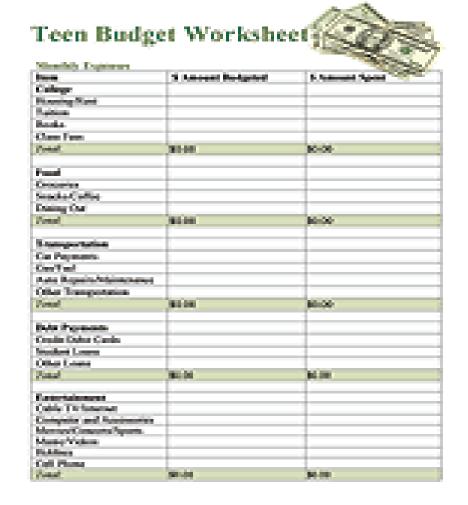
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Boys' Room & Hallway	Pick up toys and books Put away cloon laundry Wash clothes/bedding
Foys' Bathroom	Hang towers to dry Check toilet paper and hand xosp Swish/swipe toilet and sink Wash/dry/put sway diapers
Family Room	Pick up toys Fold blankets and straighten pillows Clear dining table
Kitchen	Load/unload distreaster Empty and expe out sink Wipe countains and appliances Wipe fast chains Put away food and tops old leftween
Living Room	D Feld blankets & streighten pillows D Put sway random items
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Laundry & Garage	Checkbelish dothes Ricceleroe sink Check doors below bed
Outside	Oet melt Check for packages Pick up loose trash in yard



High School

Money management

- Sit down and discuss with your child how they can earn money, do they receive and allowance? Do they do chores? How much do they earn?
- Establish guidelines for how/when they can spend their money. Can they buy anything they want? Do they have to save any?
- Help your child set a goal and work on saving towards it.
- Allow your child to identify something they want to buy.
- Work with them to determine how much money they will need, how they will earn the money, and how long it will take to earn the money.







Academic Responsibilities



Academic Responsibilities - Elementary

 Organizing a backpack & a drop zone

Having academic folders/materials



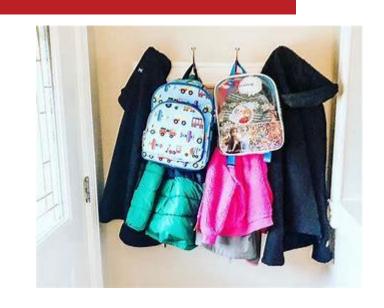
Agenda/calendar



Academic Responsibilities-Elementary

Organizing a backpack & a Drop Zone

- 1. Find the right place with enough space to put items.
- 2. Work together to talk about how the space will look.
- 3. Establish rules for the space.
- 4. Consistently monitor the space.
- 5. Wash items regularly.

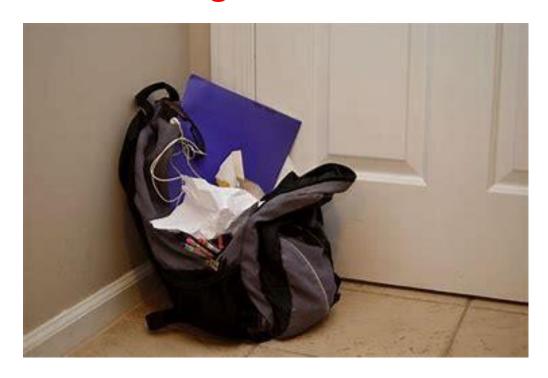






Backpack Checks

Not Organized







Academic Responsibilities - Elementary

Organizing a backpack:

- 1. Start with a clean and empty backpack
- Organize items by how often they will be used
- 3. Keep loose items in cases or backpack pockets
- 4. Keep like-subject items together in the back-pack









Organizing Academic Assignments/Projects - Elementary

FEBRUARY 2022

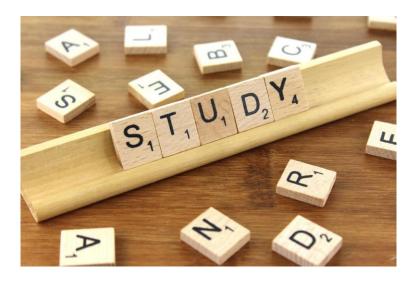
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Academic Responsibilities - Secondary

- Organizing Materials
- Homework Habits

Study Habits/Note-Taking





Academic Responsibilities - Secondary

- Family Calendar -Time management is tricky for everyone, especially kids and teens, but planning is important.
- Keeping major deadlines, due dates, events and extracurricular activities in one place helps students visualize their week, manage their time and stay on track.
- Consider using apps to help with scheduling for the family. Hint: The first step in finding what you need in an app is to sit down and determine what is causing the **most** stress in your family's daily life.



Organizing Materials/Homework - Secondary

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Weekly Planning Secondary Example

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Weekly To-Do □ Check in with teacher and turn in science project □ Study for Inequalities Assessment □ Finish math problems from class □ Baseball practice at 6:30 Tues/Thurs

Parent Prompts:

Assist students with prioritization —

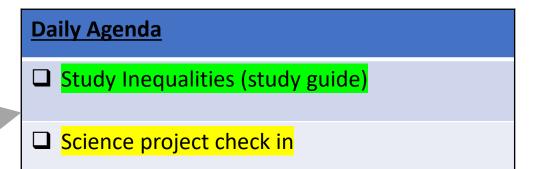
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What would happen if I don't get done?



Daily Planning Secondary Example

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		Create Checklist/To-Do List for Each Day						



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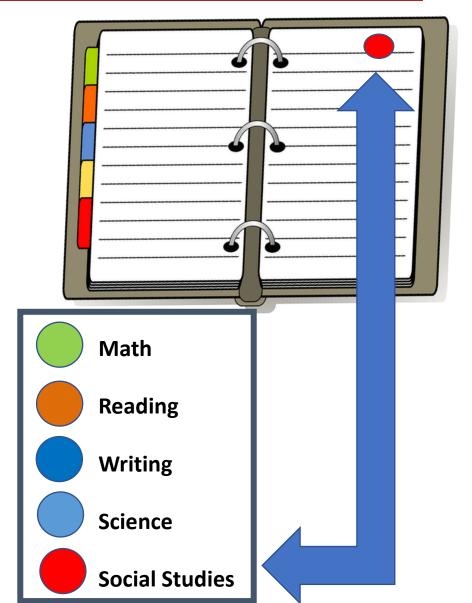
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What would happen if I don't get _____ done?



Organizing Hard Copy Documents

- Colored Stickers, Sticky Notes, or Marker (Gradual Release of Responsibility)
- Accordion Folder or Binder with Tabs
- Match the color of the tab to the color on the paper
- Assign each subject a color (or use a specific key applicable to the class)





Doing Homework Independently

- ✓ Find a Place
- ✓ Routine
- ✓ Don't begin with the most difficult task
- ✓ Consider incentives
- ✓ Do a problem/question together





Homework Tips

Try to remain calm and not provide all the answers.

Consider discussing an incentive/goal.

Ask your child to unload her backpack and talk through assignments.

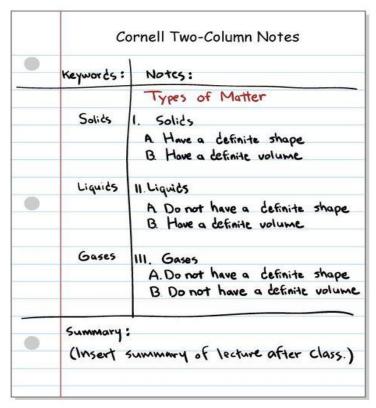
Help your child make a "Done/To Do" list. Ask your child to put the assignments in the order he'd like to do them. Encourage him to explain his thinking — fostering a sense of control.

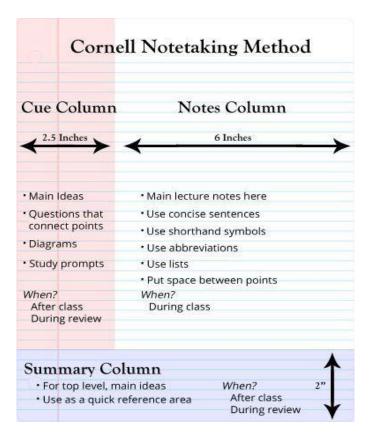


Note Taking - Secondary

To boost note-taking skills, have your child practice picking out the "main ideas" in conversations, news reports, or magazine articles. Taking good notes helps keep students grades up, especially in middle or high school.











Elementary School

Enjoy preferred activities in the community

- Identify activities in the community your child may enjoy
- Involve your child in planning these activities
- Discuss what you will do and when you will do it
- Review the expectations of the activity prior to the activity and often
- Find pictures online of the location or activity and talk about them with your child









Middle School

Navigate the neighborhood

- Work with your child to determine where they are going to go.
- Practice the route with your child, draw a map or write down directions if necessarybe sure to practice the route to and from the chosen destination
- Determine how you will know they made it safely to their destination
- Talk about how long they can stay and when they need to head back home







Middle School

Participate in community recreational activities

- Help your child choose an activity of interest
- Before the activity review what will happen/what is expected- do they have to wear protective equipment? A uniform? Will they be on a team or individual?
- Use pictures or videos to help your child understand what is expected as needed









High School

Going to the grocery store

- Plan and make a list, use visuals if needed
- Find or draw a map of the grocery store
- Discuss in what part of the store each item can be found
- Provide a budget and practice keeping track as you are shopping- how will they pay? Will they need to count money or change?







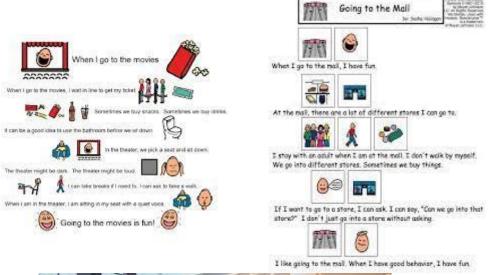




High School

Going to the mall or theater

- Discuss where you are going. As needed, use social narratives/pictures/videos to facilitate the conversation.
- Review the expected/unexpected behaviors, ex: talking during the movie at the movie theater is an unexpected behavior
- Plan your trip and discuss details, will you be buying anything? Will you be eating anything? How long will you be there?







High School

Independent peer activities

- Make a plan with your child and determine what activities they can independently participate in
- Establish guidelines/rules for these activities, do they need to check in? Are they allowed to leave? How long can they stay?
- Make sure your child knows how to contact you if they need you as well as when and where you will pick them up.
- Review social skills, what if you get in a disagreement with a peer? What if someone is unsafe?







High School

School clubs

- Identify a club that your child may enjoy
- Discuss what types of activities the club will be doing
 - Use pictures/visuals as needed











Questions?

Contact your child's case manager, Support and Services Administrator (SSA) or the Special Education Parent Mentors.

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