



Measurable Skills Gains: Entering Educational Goals and Reporting Student Accomplishments



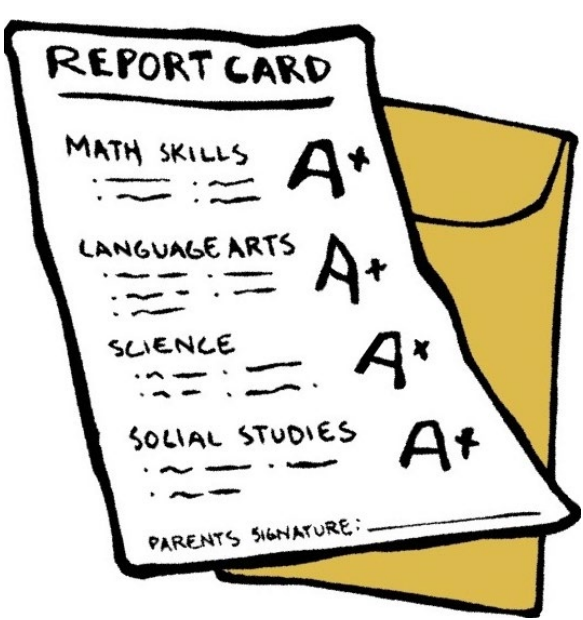
Transition Team Meeting
November 9, 2023



Presentation Outline

Training Objectives:

1. What are Measurable Skills Gains?
2. Entering High School and College Educational Goals
3. Outcomes and Supporting Documentation



What is a Measurable Skills Gain?

- Progress a **participant** is making in an education or training program that is leading to a credential or employment.
- **Performance Measure:**
Percentage of **participants** who, during a **program year**, are in an education or training program that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment and who are achieving documented progress.

*****MSGs are only available for VR cases*****

Examples of Measurable Skills Gains

1. Documented Educational functioning level (EFL) increase (below post-secondary)
2. ***Documented attainment of secondary school diploma or GED**
3. ***Secondary or post-secondary transcript/report card showing credits attained**
4. Satisfactory progress report toward established milestone (e.g., OJT)
5. Successful passage of a required exam (e.g., occupational, knowledge-based certification)

Components of a Measurable Skills Gain

1. Educational Goal
2. Educational Goal **must** be included on IPE
3. Outcome (year end) or MSG (mid-year)
4. Supporting documentation **attached in AWARE**

Educational Goal Entry

1. Educational Goal

Educational Goal*

Complete 10th Grade

Begin Date*

08/31/2023

Expected End Date

06/01/2024

Actual End Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Outcome

(Not Completed)

Degree/Certificate Title

2. Measurable Skill Gains

New

Record	Skill Gain Date*	Skill Gain Type	Skill Gain Description	Command
No records to display.				

3. School

School*

Aberdeen High School

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School System

Harford

IEP

Yes

504

No

Requirements:

- Begin Date
- Expected End Date
- School
- IEP/504

Ways to include Educational Goal on IPE

1. High School Goals

- **DIPLOMA:**
Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent **is** a goal.
- **CERTIFICATE:**
Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent **is not** a goal.

Employment Goal

Goal

Custom

Secondary Education*

(Not Completed)

Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent is a goal

Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent is not a goal

Ways to include Educational Goal on IPE

2. Post-High School Goals

- Include Education or Training in **Planned Services**
- May be funded by **DORS or Other Sources**

2. Planned Services (At least one required)

☐ Assistive Technology Services Anticipated

(All)

Number	Amend	Action	Service Category	Description	Estimated Start Date
1	0		Benefits Counseling: After IPE	Benefits Planning: Phase 1, 2, & 3	12/2023 <input type="button" value="Calendar"/>
2	0		Counseling and Guidance	Vocational Counseling and Guidance services	10/2023 <input type="button" value="Calendar"/>
3	0		Treatment	Treatment/Services to Address Functional Limitations	10/2023 <input type="button" value="Calendar"/>
4	0		College/University Training	College courses at Community College of Baltimore County	01/2024 <input type="button" value="Calendar"/>



Educational Goal Section 2: Measurable Skills Gain

Only used to document **mid-year MSGs**.

- **High School** — Completed 2 marking periods with a grade of **D-** or higher
- **College** — Passed 12 credits in a semester

2. Measurable Skill Gains

New

Record	Skill Gain Date*	Skill Gain Type	Skill Gain Description
1	02/08/2023 	MSG Secondary Transcript/Report Card 	Successfully completed semester

Educational Goal Outcomes

- Used to document end of Educational Goal
 - Completion of Year of High School (diploma students)
 - Completion of academic year in College
- **“Verified”** Outcomes used to indicate supporting documentation has been **attached in AWARE**

Supporting Documentation

- **High School: Report Card**
 - Copy of a semester or year-end report card showing passing grades of **D-** or above in all classes and are in good academic standing
- **College: Academic Transcript**
 - **Full Time** – passing a minimum of 12 credit hours for one semester
 - **Part Time** – passing a minimum of 12 credit hours over the course of 2 consecutive semesters (or equivalent) **during Program Year**

High School Goals

1. Certificate of Completion – **Non-diploma students are NOT eligible to earn a MSG.**
2. Diploma
3. GED

High School Certificate Students

For Educational Goal, use:

“Complete Additional Years with High School Certificate of Completion”

- Only enter educational goal **once** for Certificate students

On IPE, select:

“Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent is **not a goal**”

Outcomes:

- Earned Special Education Certificate (**Successful**)
- No Longer Enrolled (**Unsuccessful**)

****Educational Goal is used to show qualification for Pre-ETS funding****

Example: High School Certificate Student

Educational Goal:

1. Educational Goal

Educational Goal*

Complete Additional Years with High School Certificate of Completion

Begin Date*

08/31/2022

Expected End Date

06/01/2023

Actual End Date

06/01/2023

Outcome

Earned Special Education Certificate

IPE:

Employment Goal

Goal

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Custom

Secondary Education*

Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent is not a goal

Post Secondary Education

(Not Completed)

High School Diploma Students

For Educational Goal, use:

“Complete 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th Grade”

- Enter educational goal yearly.

On IPE, select:

“Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent is a goal.”

AWARE Activity Due Reminders:

- ✓ Educational Goal Progress Review (February)
- ✓ Educational Goal Actual End (30 days prior to Ed Goal End Date)

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Educational Goal Section 2: High School Mid-year MSGs

Only used to document mid-year MSGs.

- **High School**—completed 2 marking periods with a grade of D- or higher.
- Enter **Skill Gain Date**, select **Skill Gain Type**, and type **Skill Gain Description**.

2. Measurable Skill Gains

New

Record	Skill Gain Date*	Skill Gain Type	Skill Gain Description
1	02/08/2023	MSG Secondary Transcript/Report Card	Successfully completed semester

High School Diploma Track Year-End Outcomes

- **VERIFIED**—Grade Completed (High School) (**Successful—Documented**)
- **VERIFIED**—Earned High School Diploma (**Successful—Documented: 12th Grade**)
- Grade Completed (Elementary/Secondary) (**Successful—No Documentation**)
- Earned High School Diploma (**Successful—No Documentation: 12th Grade**)
- Did Not Complete Grade (Elementary/Secondary) (**Unsuccessful**)
- No Longer Enrolled (**Unsuccessful—exited high school**)

GED or High School Equivalency

For Educational Goal, use:

“Complete Adult Secondary Education (GED or External Diploma Program)”

- Enter educational goal once.

On IPE, select:

“Achieving secondary school diploma or equivalent is a goal.”

GED Outcomes:

- **VERIFIED**—Earned GED or External Diploma (**Successful—Documented**)
- Earned GED or External Diploma (**Successful—No Documentation**)
- No Longer Enrolled (**Unsuccessful—exited program**)
- Mid-term MSG is **not available** for GED/External Diploma programs.

College/University

For Educational Goal, use:

“Complete Post-Secondary Training: College 1st Year; College 2nd Year or AA Degree; College 3rd Year; College 4th Year or Bachelor’s Degree; Master’s Degree or Higher”

- Enter educational goal yearly.

On IPE:

- College/University Training **must be included** as a “Planned Service.”

AWARE Activity Due Reminders:

- ✓ Educational Goal Progress Review (January)
- ✓ Educational Goal Actual End (30 days prior to Ed Goal End Date)

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College/University Year-End Outcomes

- **VERIFIED**—Successfully Completed Year of Study (**Successful—Documented**)
- Successfully Completed Year of Study (Post-Secondary) (**Successful—No Documentation**)
- Did Not Successfully Complete Year of Study (Post-Secondary) (**Unsuccessful**)
- **VERIFIED**—Earned Associate Degree (**Successful—Documented**)
- Earned Associate Degree (**Successful—No Documentation**)

Outcomes for Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees follow same naming convention.



Educational Goal Section 2: College/University Mid-year MSGs

Only used to document mid-year MSGs.

- **College**—Passed 12 Credits in a semester.
- Enter **Skill Gain Date**, select **Skill Gain Type**, and type **Skill Gain Description**.

2. Measurable Skill Gains

New

Record	Skill Gain Date*	Skill Gain Type	Skill Gain Description
1	01/13/2023 	MSG Post Secondary Transcript/Grade Report 	Successfully completed 12 credits

Measurable Skills Gain Tips 1-3

1. If school is not available for selection, contact **AWARE Field Support** to request it be added.
2. When attaching MSG Supporting Documentation, select Category: **Measurable Skills Gain Documentation**.
3. All MSGs must be completed in AWARE by **August 1st** each year in order to be included in our Federal Performance Measures.

Measurable Skills Gain Tips 4-5

4. WTC staff will enter Educational Goals and MSGs for participants enrolled in WTC programs.
5. Stay tuned for additional MSG information to be added to InDORS!
 - RESOURCES > Measurable Skills Gains Resources
dors.maryland.gov/InDORS/Resources/Pages/MSG.aspx

A blue-tinted photograph of four diverse students in a library setting. A young man is sitting on the left, a young woman stands behind him, a young man is sitting in a wheelchair in the center, and a young woman stands on the right. They are all smiling or looking towards the camera. Bookshelves are visible in the background.

QUESTIONS???

*Questions may also be sent directly to:
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Thank You!

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