

Fine Motor IEP Goals — High School

14 measurable goals written to IDEA standards. Replace [student] and [date]; adjust criteria to the student's baseline.

Fine motor goals here should tie to the actual vocational or independent-living plan — the tools and precision demands of a kitchen job look nothing like those of a clerical placement.

VOCATIONAL & WORKPLACE FINE MOTOR SKILLS

1. [student] will use the specific tools or equipment required for their vocational or work-based learning placement safely and accurately, with 80% consistency across 4 of 5 observed opportunities.
2. [student] will complete a job-relevant fine motor task (assembly, food prep, clerical work) within an expected time frame and accuracy standard, across 4 of 5 trials.

KEYBOARDING & DIGITAL WORKPLACE SKILLS

3. [student] will maintain accurate, independent finger placement during data entry or typing tasks without compensatory movements (wrist propping, whole-hand pressing), with 90% technique consistency across 4 of 5 observed work sessions.
4. [student] will complete a digital task requiring fine motor precision (data entry, form completion, workplace software) with 90% accuracy, across 4 of 5 trials.

ERGONOMICS & SUSTAINED WORK CAPACITY

5. [student] will maintain proper ergonomics during a sustained fine motor task (a full work shift or class period) with self-monitoring, across 4 of 5 observed opportunities.
6. [student] will independently take a break or adjust position to prevent fatigue or discomfort during a prolonged fine motor task, in 4 of 5 observed opportunities.

SELF-ADVOCACY & ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

7. [student] will identify and request the adaptive equipment or accommodation they need for a fine motor task in a new setting, in 4 of 5 observed opportunities.
8. [student] will independently set up and use their own adaptive equipment (an adapted grip, a slant board, voice-to-text software) across settings, in 4 of 5 observed opportunities.
9. [student] will train a new supervisor or coworker on an accommodation they need for a fine motor task, with adult support fading, across 4 of 5 documented opportunities.

INDEPENDENT LIVING FINE MOTOR SKILLS

10. [student] will complete fine motor tasks required for independent living (meal prep, medication management, personal care) independently, with 90% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
11. [student] will use tools required for household maintenance (basic hand tools, cleaning equipment) safely and effectively, in 4 of 5 observed opportunities.

TRANSITION-READY INDEPENDENCE

12. [student] will demonstrate the specific fine motor skills required for their postsecondary or vocational plan, with 80% consistency across 4 of 5 observed opportunities.
13. [student] will identify at least 2 fine motor strategies or pieces of adaptive equipment that improve their own task performance, based on self-reflection after a work or school task, once per semester.
14. [student] will maintain fine motor endurance across a full workday or school day relevant to their transition plan, self-reporting or demonstrating no significant decline, across 4 of 5 observed days.

Using These Fine Motor Goals at 9th – 12th Grade

Match the goal to the real job or placement

The tools and precision demands of a kitchen job look nothing like those of a clerical placement — write the goal for the specific plan.

Typing speed should be checked against a real workplace standard

Confirm the actual expectation of this student's target job or program instead of using a generic number.

Training someone else on an accommodation is an independence skill

A student who can explain their own adaptive equipment to a new supervisor needs far less advocacy support going forward.

Self-assessment closes the loop

A student who can name their own fine motor strengths and useful strategies is more prepared to advocate for themselves after graduation than one who can perform tasks but can't explain their own needs.

Workplace tool and precision standards vary a lot by placement — confirm the actual requirements with the job coach, employer, or program before setting a criterion.

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