

Reading IEP Goals — Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

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

This is the band where decoding is built. Fluency targets start here and are real: roughly 60 correct words per minute by end of 1st grade and 100 by end of 2nd on grade-level text. Use those benchmarks to set the number in the goal instead of guessing.

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

1.	By [date], [student] will segment a 3-phoneme word into individual sounds with 80% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
2.	By [date], [student] will blend 3 spoken phonemes into a whole word with 85% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
3.	By [date], [student] will delete the initial phoneme from a single-syllable word with 75% accuracy in 4 of 5 trials.
4.	By [date], [student] will substitute the initial or final phoneme in a single-syllable word with 75% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.

PHONICS & DECODING

5.	By [date], [student] will produce the correct sound for all 26 letters with 95% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
6.	By [date], [student] will decode CVC words with 85% accuracy across 4 of 5 word-list probes.
7.	By [date], [student] will decode words with consonant blends and digraphs with 80% accuracy across 4 of 5 probes.
8.	By [date], [student] will apply the silent-e rule to decode CVCe words with 80% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
9.	By [date], [student] will decode words with common vowel teams (ai, ea, oa, ee) with 75% accuracy in 4 of 5 probes.
10.	By [date], [student] will decode 2-syllable words by dividing between syllables with 75% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.

FLUENCY & SIGHT WORDS

11.	By [date], [student] will read 50 grade-level high-frequency words with automaticity (under 1 second each) with 90% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
12.	By [date], [student] will read a 1st-grade passage at 60 correct words per minute with 95% accuracy across 3 consecutive CBM probes.
13.	By [date], [student] will read a 2nd-grade passage at 100 correct words per minute with 95% accuracy across 3 consecutive CBM probes.
14.	By [date], [student] will read a familiar passage with appropriate phrasing, scoring 3 or higher on a 4-point fluency rubric in 4 of 5 probes.

COMPREHENSION

15.	By [date], [student] will answer literal who/what/where questions about a grade-level passage with 80% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
16.	By [date], [student] will retell a story including character, setting, problem, and solution in 4 of 5 opportunities.
17.	By [date], [student] will identify the main topic of a short informational text with 75% accuracy in 4 of 5 trials.
18.	By [date], [student] will use picture and context clues to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word with 75% accuracy across 4 of 5 trials.
19.	By [date], [student] will make a prediction about a text and confirm or revise it after reading in 3 of 4 opportunities.

Using These Reading Goals at Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Use the real benchmark, not a round number

End of 1st grade is roughly 60 correct words per minute; end of 2nd is roughly 100. Pull the exact target from your district's CBM norms and write that number into the goal — a goal of "100 WCPM" for a 1st grader is not achievable, and a goal of "50" for a 2nd grader is already mastered.

Decoding before fluency

If a student cannot decode reliably, a fluency goal just measures how fast they guess. Check decoding accuracy first; if it is below about 90%, the fluency goal is premature.

Sight words are not a substitute for phonics

A student who memorises 100 sight words but cannot decode will stall around 3rd grade when the vocabulary outruns memory. Keep a decoding goal running alongside any sight word goal.

Comprehension needs its own goal

A fluent reader is not automatically a comprehending reader. If the student decodes well but cannot answer questions, the reading goal belongs in comprehension, not fluency.

Confirm your district's CBM benchmark numbers before finalising a fluency goal — norms vary slightly between DIBELS, aimsweb, and easyCBM, and using the wrong set makes progress look better or worse than it is.

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