### Sample SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-oriented and Timely) Goals*

| **Elementary Example** | **Our current reality:** Last year, 85% of our students met or exceeded the target score of 3 on our state’s writing prompt in May.  
**Our SMART goal:** This year, at least 90% of our students will meet or exceed the target score of 3 on our state’s writing prompt in May. |
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| **Middle School Example** | **Our current reality:** Last year, 30% of our students failed one or more semester of math and 45% of our students were unable to meet the state proficiency standard in math as assessed on the state assessment in May.  
**Our SMART goal:** This year, we will reduce the percentage of students failing math to less than 10% per semester and the percentage of students unable to meet state standards to know more than 20% of the overall student body. |
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| **High School Example** | **Our current reality:** All students must complete one semester of American Government as a graduation requirement. Last year only 15% of the graduating class fulfilled that requirement by enrolling in advanced placement American Government.  
**Our SMART goal:** At least 40% of the current junior class will enroll in and earn a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the advanced placement American Government exam by the end of the next school year. |
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