

Braille Notetaker IEP Goals and Lesson Ideas

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TVI asked:

I am working with a dual media learner and have done a very basic introduction with the student on how to use a braille note taker. I wanted to add an objective to his upcoming IEP to include this type of tool. At this point I am looking to introduce him to the tool and was thinking of including that the student would learn how to create, read and retrieve a document and add something basic about using the internet. Any suggestions or guidance would be welcome (I am learning this basically myself as I have not had any students who have needed this tool yet).

Responses:

One way would be to write the goal as the percent of decreasing support that the student will require for each marking period. Then your progress reports can document what he has learned to do independently each period and what he's working on. You might want to have reading books with his note taker as the first goal, especially pleasure reading books downloaded from Bookshare. As far as an internet goal, I think that's the hardest goal for a dual reader to appreciate. A large iPad to see any pictures/maps/titles/outlines, along with VoiceOver for lengthy readings can be more efficient. A goal for e-mailing with the braille note-taker might interest him, if he's not already navigating e-mails pretty well on a computer.

Your goal could be how many navigation commands he will learn to use independently each marking period, regardless of the activity, beginning with a lot (20 or more?) and then adding a few (5?) each period after that. Certainly, it will depend on how much time you have with the student, and how quickly he learns in general.

From the following website...Go down to the heading BrailleNote Guides, and click on the link for "Braille Note Taker Guide", and it opens up in your Google Drive if you have one. [Curriculum How-To's & Training Guides - California School for the Blind](http://www.csb-cde.ca.gov/csb_curriculum_howtos.html)
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Here is another document of Apex lesson plans:

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