G.O.A.L.S. FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

**GET TO KNOW THE STUDENT**
- Observe the student in all settings
- Use tools to assess the student
- Identify the student’s strengths and needs
- Build an interpersonal connection
- Consider the student’s school environment

**ORGANIZE THE TEAM**
- Identify members of the educational team
- Acknowledge each team member’s knowledge and experience
- Establish good communication and trust
- Develop a shared philosophy of collaboration and responsibility for goals

**ADDRESS WHAT IS RELEVANT FOR THE STUDENT’S DAY**
- Identify natural opportunities for the student’s meaningful participation
- Focus on educational relevance
- Address accessibility, daily routines, and transitions

**LEARN AND ADOPT BEST PRACTICES**
- Embrace the “student's goal” philosophy
- Understand professional, federal, state, and local guidelines
- Strive for continual professional development

**STRUCTURE THE GOAL TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION**
- Invest time and effort to develop goals
- Reflect on goal development over time
- Identify the student’s priority needs before developing specific goals
- Ensure the goal as worded reflects student participation

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