Figure 4.9: GOAL EXAMPLES ACADEMIC SKILL GOALS Master math facts Understand and apply mathematical concepts (time, fractions, ratio, etc.) Effectively use the problem-solving process in math and science Create and solve story problems Implement the scientific method Transfer spelling skills into written work across the curriculum Effectively apply letter and sound relationships in reading and writing Increase written and oral vocabularies Develop independent reading habits Write neatly and with correct letter formation Complete a piece using all of the steps in the writing process Use more precise language and specific terminology in responses in science Develop a story with a beginning, middle, and end Incorporate unique analogies and symbols in writing Develop stronger summarization skills STUDY OR RESEARCH SKILL GOALS Maintain a well organized portfolio Manage time well during independent assignments and complete quality work on time Improve the quality of work Improve the organization of information Manage materials more effectively Accept responsibility for achievement levels Effectively use a variety of resources to extend learning Use correct bibliographic references Develop critical thinking skills Improve application of problem-solving skills Appropriately apply more complex technology BEHAVIOR OR SOCIAL SKILL GOALS Assume more leadership responsibilities in groups Encourage others Be an active listener Foster respect for others Interact more effectively with peers and adults

Increase self-esteem and confidence Be persistent in learning tasks Improve self-control Increase intrinsic motivation Understand and accept behavioral consequences Participate more comfortably in large group discussions