Goal-Setting Cheat Sheet: Strategic to Benchmark

1. Determine the typical Rate of Improvement (ROI); (Look at the Aimsweb or Dibels Benchmark sheet)

Typical Rate of Improvement:

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2. Determine target ROI (multiply the typical ROI by 1.5)

_____(Typical ROI) x **1.5** (Multiplier) = _____ (Target ROI)

_____ x _____ = _____

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3. Determine Expected Gain (EG)
   a. Multiply the target ROI (your result from Step 2) by the number of weeks to the next benchmark assessment (typically this is an 18 week period)
   b. This is the number of words you expect the students to gain in the coming benchmark period

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_____(Target ROI) x _____ (Number of weeks) = _____(EG)

_____ x _____ = _____

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4. Calculate the cut-off score.
   a. Find the next benchmark target
   b. Subtract your number from Step 3 from the next benchmark target
   c. This gives you the cut-off score

_____(Next Benchmark Target) - _____ (EG) = _____(Cut-off score)

_____ - _____ = _____

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5. Determine how many students you can expect to get to Benchmark. Determine how many students at the Strategic Level are at and above the cut-off number (the number you determined in Step 4).
   a. Look at the Data List
   b. Find the cut-off score
   c. Count how many students are at and above that cut-off score (Remember to count the number of students who are already at Benchmark as well)

Strategic students at and above cut-off number: _____

Number of students already at Benchmark: _____

Total number of students expected to be at Benchmark by next assessment: _____

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6. Convert the number of students you expect to reach and stay at Benchmark in time for the next assessment into a percentage
   a. Divide the number of students from Step 5 by the total number of students at the grade level and multiply by 100
   b. This is the percentage of students you expect to reach Benchmark in the next assessment…your goal!

_____ (Total: Step 5) ÷ _____ (Total # of students) = _____ x 100 = _____%

_____ ÷ _____ = _____ x 100 = _____%

Goal for next assessment: _____%