



Using the Goals Assistant

Setting monthly student goals using the Goals Assistant

The **Goals Assistant** allows teachers to set an overall goal for the student to meet based on tier, percentile rank, or a specific ISIP score.

The screenshot shows the 'Goals Assistant' window with the title 'Help me define goals so this student can reach and maintain:'. Below this, there is a 'select one:' label and four buttons: 'Tier 1', 'Tier 2', 'Specific Percentile Rank', 'Specific ISIP Score', and 'Student Defaults'. A red arrow points to the 'Tier 1' button.

To set a student's goals based on tier, select either **Tier 1** or **Tier 2**.

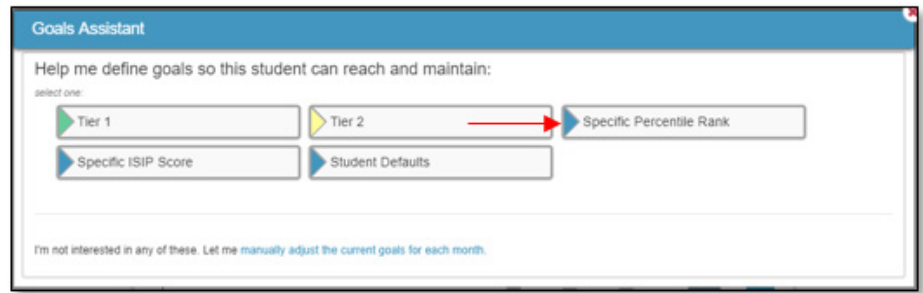
This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but with a red arrow pointing to the 'Tier 1' button, indicating it has been selected.

Select the month by which the student should reach that tier. Then, click **Calculate and Save Goals**.

This screenshot shows the next step in the process. The text reads 'Student should Reach and Maintain Tier 1 by July 2019' with a dropdown arrow next to 'July 2019'. Below this, it says 'The plan to achieve this should start Next Month' with another dropdown arrow next to 'Next Month'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Calculate and Save Goals' and 'Go Back'. A red arrow points to the 'Calculate and Save Goals' button.

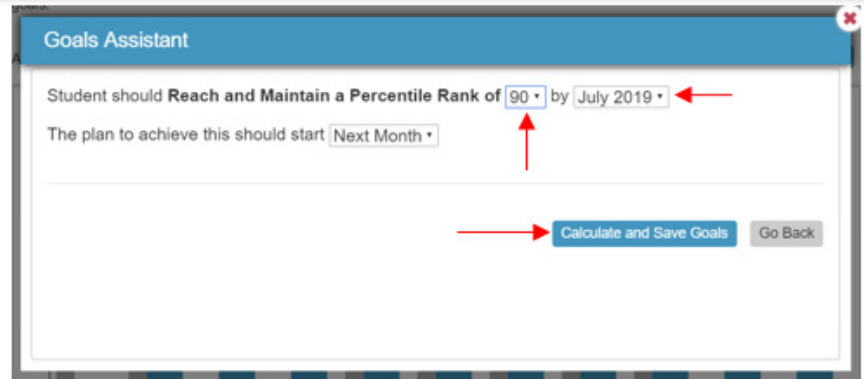
Once the goals are saved, the monthly goals for that student will automatically be updated in order for the student to reach that goal by the specified time.

To set a student's goals based on **Specific Percentile Rank**, select the percentile you would like the student to reach, and the month the student should reach it by.



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Then, click **Calculate and Save Goals**.



The screenshot shows the 'Goals Assistant' window with the heading 'Goals Assistant'. The main text reads: 'Student should Reach and Maintain a Percentile Rank of 90 by July 2019'. Below this, it says 'The plan to achieve this should start Next Month'. A red arrow points to the '90' in the percentile rank, and another red arrow points to the 'July 2019' dropdown. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Calculate and Save Goals' and 'Go Back'. A red arrow points to the 'Calculate and Save Goals' button.

Once the goals are saved, the monthly goals for that student will automatically be updated in order for the student to reach that percentile rank by the specified month.

After each monthly assessment is completed, arrange one-on-one student data conferences to review goals from the previous month and discuss next month. It is important to set goals and monitor them monthly.

- Student goals can be used to help build motivation and maximize student growth.
- Research shows that when students are a part of setting their own goals they have higher achievement.
- When students are involved in setting their own goals, it allows them to take ownership of their learning.