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No. Benchmark or short-term objectives are required only for children who take an alternate assessment aligned to alternate achievement standards. In Montana, these are students who take the CRT-Alternate assessment. The OPI has updated the IEP form to include a page with only measurable annual goals and a page with measurable annuals goals and benchmarks/short-term objectives.

Short-term objectives and benchmarks may be included in IEPs for students who do not take the CRT-Alternate if the parent and district agree to include them.

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