### YOUTH SUCCESS: Vol. 5

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#### Goal Setting

Everyone has set goals for different things in our lives. Sometimes we achieve them, and other times we do not. For the times we don't, we may not know exactly what went wrong. Using a goal setting process allows us to stay organized and focused, and gives the individual room to evaluate and change the steps to navigate around road blocks, or to achieve the goal after an unsuccessful first attempt.

Continue reading to learn about the SMART Goal process.



SMART is an acronym that you can use to guide your goal setting.









Reasonable, Realistic and Resourced, Results-Based

Time-based, Time-limited, Time/Cost Limited, Timely, Time Sensitive

SMART is an easy and effective tool that helps give focus and motivation to achieving your goals. It also encourages you to define your objectives and set a timeline of steps to keep you moving towards your end goal.



Ms. Ashley is in the building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30. Email to set up a zoom time!

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## What happens if I do not achieve my goal?

That's an easy answer! We reevaluate our SMART goal process and ask ourselves:

- Did I stav motivated?
- Was it realistic for me?
- Did I give myself enough time?
- Did I use all my resources?
- Did I ask for help?
- Is there anything I can do different?

Depending on your answers; make the necessary changes to keep working towards your goal.

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When drafting your goal, answer these 5 questions.

- 1. What is my goal?
- 2. Why is it important?
- 3. Who can help?
- 4. Where is it located?
- 5. What resources do I have or need?





**SMART Goals** - YouTube Video

<u>Practicing SMART Goals</u> – Click Here!

<u>Dav Pilkey, Author of Captain</u> <u>Underpants</u> – Breaking through barriers and achieving his goals.

<u>Celebrity Failures</u> -- Celebrities who overcame failures and achieved their goals.

### Resources:

Crisis Text Line: Text "4HOPE" to 741741 to text with someone anonymously. Click here to learn more!

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You can track your progress with these 3 questions.

- 1. How much?
- 2. How many?
- 3. How will I know when it's accomplished?



Your goal should be realistic and attainable.

- How can I accomplish this goal?
- 2. How realistic is this goal based on barriers?



Can you answer "yes" to these questions?

- Is your goal worth it?
- 2. Is it right for you?
- 3. Do you have the time?



A timely goal will usually answer these questions.

- When does it need to be accomplished by?
- 2. What can I do today?
- Can I break this goal up into smaller goals?

"Sometimes you have to take a step back to move forward." ~ Erika Taylor

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