

THINKING ABOUT LONG-TERM GOALS

Setting long-term goals is just like setting short-term goals but there is more room for change. Think about where you are right now and where you'd like to be in a few years.

ASK YOURSELF:

These questions are just to get your brain going about your future. YOU are the conductor! You can and will make things happen! You can choose to determine your future or you can let it happen to you.

- Is a high school diploma important to meeting my future goals? Yes No
- Do I want to live in this area after high school? Yes No
- Do I want work outside or inside? Yes No
- Do I want to live at home or get my own place?
- Do I want to have kids? Yes No
- Do I want to go to a four-year college? Yes No
- Do I want to go to a community college? Yes No

Use the worksheet on the next page to think about long term goals.

Here is an example of a goal. If you need to do research to figure out the steps to take to meet the goal, write *research* as your first step, and set a deadline for that!

| What is a goal? | Steps to meet the goal? |
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| <p><i>EXAMPLE</i> By the time I'm 16 __, I want to get my drivers license.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get application and manual at Department of Motor Vehicles 2. Fill out and get parent signature 3. Bring to DMV with fee, and ID, take written test 4. Enroll in drivers education course, study and practice 5. After 6 months of driving on a permit, & drivers ed. certificate, bring application and fee to RMV for testing |
| <p><i>EXAMPLE</i> I want to earn a passing grade in history class.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask teacher what grade is now, tell him/her that you want to pass the class. <i>S/he should help you determine what you need to do to pass.</i> 2. Find out if there is work that hasn't been passed in 3. Complete that work, and/or do extra credit 4. Do homework on time, get a tutor and work with them daily or weekly. 5. Really study for quizzes and tests (honestly) |

BETWEEN NOW AND THEN



| What is a goal? | Steps to meet the goal? |
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| By the end of this month, I want to | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5. |
| By next month, I want to | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5. |
| By June, I want to | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5. |
| In a year, I want to | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5. |
| In two years, I want to | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5. |