

## Writing **S.M.A.R.T.** Goals A Maximized Learning Guide

Many students make the same goals to achieve every school year. Some students accomplish their goals, while others fall short. One way to increase your chances of achieving your goals is to create **S.M.A.R.T.** goals.

A **S.M.A.R.T.** goal is defined as one that is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound.

**Specific:** Your goal should be clear and specific. It should describe what you will do.

**Measurable:** You need a way to track your progress.

**Achievable:** Your goal should be attainable and realistic.

**Relevant:** Your goal should align with other goals for your life. It should be something that would be helpful to you now and something you actually want to do.

**Time-bound:** Your goal needs a target date.

### Examples of Goals:

1. **Normal goal:** I want to be an entrepreneur.  
**S.M.A.R.T. goal:** I will obtain the contact information of three local entrepreneurs during the youth job fair on April 28th. I will ask to shadow them.
  
2. **Normal goal:** I want to attend college.  
**S.M.A.R.T. goal:** By the end of the 1st quarter of the school year, I will schedule a meeting with my guidance counselor to review the florida college admissions requirements and ensure I am on track to be a top choice for college admissions recruiters.
  
3. **Normal goal:** I want to do better in my math class.  
**S.M.A.R.T. goal:**By July 31st I will earn at least a 90% on a test after attending an online math class provided by Maximized Learning.

Use the following guide to create your **S.M.A.R.T.** goals.

Original Goal:

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**Specific:** What exactly will you accomplish/do?

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**Measurable:** How will you know you've reached your goal? How will you show progress?

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**Achievable:** Do you have the skills, abilities, or access to resources to achieve this goal?

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**Relevant:** Is this the right time to pursue this goal? Does this goal lead to accomplishing larger goals in your life? Why is this important to you?

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**Time-bound:** When will you accomplish the goal?

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Revised **S.M.A.R.T.** Goal:

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