



When implemented well, these goal-setting practices have a significant positive influence on student outcomes and school cultures (Leithwood & Sun, 2018; Moeller, Theiler, & Wu, 2012). Not surprisingly, students do better when they feel in control of their learning. Robert Marzano's (2009) review of research, for example, finds goal setting can produce student learning gains of between 18 and 41 percentile points. Across a variety of grade levels, subject areas, and studies, effective goal-setting practices help students focus on specific outcomes, encourage them to seek academic challenges and make clear the connection between immediate tasks and future accomplishments (Stronge & Grant, 2014).

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- Have you ever set a goal?
- Why do you think goal setting is important?
- Give a personal example (Ex: eating healthy, exercising, etc..)
- Now, you set a personal goal...
- How do you think goal setting can help you as a student?
- What do you believe are your strengths as a scholar?
- What do you know you are good at?
- Let's take a look at your most recent assessment (CAASP, STAR, etc..).
- Do you know how you did?
- Let's start with literacy
- Do you know what these numbers mean?
- Do you know your strengths?
- What are your areas of improvement?
- Now, let's set a goal in literacy for the end of the year (Ex: By May 2024, I will move from 45% meeting standards to 65% meeting standards)
- To reach that end-of-the-year goal, we will set 6-week goals—like smaller goals to get to the bigger goal—like my example of eating healthy
- In 6 weeks, your goal on every assessment will be _____
- Now, let's name what you need to do as a learner to meet your goal.
- What can we work on together to meet your goal?
- This is what I will do to help you reach your goal
- Now, let's repeat our process for Math

Student Goal Setting Sheet

Name:	Grade:	Room:

STAR Data	Literacy Level	Literacy Score	Math Level	Math Score

My Literacy Strengths	My Math Strengths

What is an area that I can improve in?

Literacy:	Math:
My end-of-the-year goal in Literacy is...	My end-of-the-year goal in Math is...
My 6-week goal is...	My 6-week goal is...

To reach my literacy goal I need to:	To reach my math goal I need to: