

Creating a Personal Vision Statement

Introduction

Almost every successful venture has started with a good plan. The plan may have changed throughout the course of time, but one was always in place. People can make plans for anything. A plan could be made for something small such as how and when to clean the house, or it could be for something large such as how to plan your career. No matter how big or small the task, a plan will help get it accomplished.

You are going to create a plan that will help you through this seventh grade year. This particular plan is called a “Personal Vision Statement”. By writing this statement, and the goals that accompany it, you will be starting yourself off on the right foot towards a successful period of tenure at the junior high.

Writing the Opening Remarks

The beginning of the document should provide the reader with an overall idea of the type of person you are. Begin by listing three words that describe your personality and beliefs (not your physical appearance). Then add a statement that tells us something else about you as a person. Finally, you should end by stating what it is you would like to do for a career when you are older.

Writing the Goals

There are four categories for which you should create goals. The first three are *Student Life*, *Family Life*, and *Personal Life*. You choose the fourth category. Each goal you write for yourself should be attainable; however, do not include goals that are extremely easy to accomplish. The goals you write should be a combination of one-time goals or ongoing goals.

When is it finished?

Your vision statement and goals are never finished. It is a document and philosophy that should become part of your everyday life. When you accomplish a one-time goal then remove it. If you want to add a goal at any time then do so. If you need to amend your vision statement, then do it. This is your own personal vision. It is for you and nobody else; therefore, you should put thought into its creation and only include things that are meaningful to you. As you grow and change, so will your vision statement.

Conclusion

You will keep this vision statement with you all year in the saved items section of your class binder, and Mr. Sturgeon will keep a second copy also. A sample vision statement will be shown in class. Remember, this is your personal document so create something in which you believe.