# Prepare for Class

**Grade Level:** High School  
**Activity:** Goal Setting

## Introduction

This activity will support students in developing goals to improve their performance in physical activity.

Standard 3.5 Develop personal goals to improve one’s performance in physical activity.

## Description

Students will set goals using the SMART framework.

## How to Introduce the Activity to Students

Tell students that they should take a moment to think about what they would like to improve. Maybe they want to improve their mile time or they want to learn a new dance to perform on their own.

Then, explain/introduce the SMART method for framing goals:

- **Specific** = What exactly do you want to accomplish? Identify a very specific goal that you have for some area of physical activity (behavioral or performance).
- **Measurable** = How will you establish if you’ve met the goal?
- **Action-Oriented** = What are you going to do?
- **Realistic** = Is the goal achievable for you?
- **Timeline** = When will you meet your goal and when will you re-evaluate to see if you’ve met the goal?

Let students know that this SMART approach eliminates generalities and guesswork, it sets a clear timeline and is easier to track progress or miss any milestones.

## Directions for the Activity to Share with Students

Walk and talk for 8 mins with a partner… Think and share a goal to improve one’s physical activity.

After the 8 min walk, take a worksheet and fill it out. This should take you about 15 minutes. Share your completed worksheet with your partner and ask for feedback.

Did you miss any of the SMART pieces?  
When you are finished, turn the worksheet into the teacher.

## Feedback to Share with Students

A few questions that you can ask students as they are preparing their SMART Goals/working on their worksheets.

- **S: Specific**  
  What needs to be accomplished?  
  Who is responsible for it?  
  What steps need to be taken to achieve it?

- **M: Measurable:**  
  Can you quantify or put numbers to your outcome?

- **A: Action-Oriented:**  
  Is it possible to reframe your goal so it only depends on you and not others?  
  What factors may prevent you from accomplishing your goal?

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| How to do Closure with Students | Bring all students back together 5 minutes before class is over. Ask students if anyone would like to share their goals.  
Ask if using the SMART framework was helpful and why or why not.  
Here you can review again and let students know that goals are individual and using the SMART framework can help set them up for success. Remind them that the SMART goal method helps them be organized and gives them the sense of direction to reach their goals. |
| Notes for the Guest Teacher | You can view this video yourself and also share it with students if technology is available:  
https://youtu.be/i0QfCZjASX8 |
## Take to Class Version

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**R:** Realistic:  
Why is achieving this goal important to you? What effect will achieving your goal have on your life or on others?  
**T:** Timeline:  
If your goal is particularly large, try breaking it down into smaller goals with appropriate incremental deadlines. |
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