

## 10th Grade Action Plan

The purpose of a major goal in life is to have a destination for the distant future. Having a major goal is like having a “life guard” walking beside us. If we stumble and/or fall off the road, our “life guard” throws us a rope to hang on to until we can get back on solid ground and continue on the right path to our destination. Not having a goal on life’s journey means we don’t know which path we should be on. We won’t know the final destination. We may take wrong turns on the journey. We may even end up on dead-end streets. Some students know what they want their destination to be. Some students accept the destination someone else has set for them. Others do not set their goals until much later in life, and consequently might take longer to achieve them.

The purpose of a Goals and Action Plan is to encourage you to think not only about what your big dreams and goals are, but the steps, both small and large, which are required to get there. Only with careful planning can greatness be achieved, and as you stand on the cusp of graduation and the next chapter of your life, now is the time to consider what will come next.

**\*(Action: steps should focus on high school years to get to where you want to be at the point of graduation)**

### **The Road to Success**

The following are the headings you will use to carefully delineate the steps you might take on the road to your goal:

**GOAL:** What you want to accomplish (something significant and ambitious, written as a single sentence).

**\*ACTION:** The outline of actual steps you will take to make your plan a reality (written as a series of bullet points explaining small steps on the way to the goal).

**RESOURCES:** An alphabetical list of resources used to complete this action plan.

### **Two Areas of Goal Setting**

For your plan, you will identify and explain your goal from one of the three areas of your life:

**COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL:** Whether you choose to go to college, the military, or directly into the workforce, what is your end goal?

**PERSONAL:** What is one goal you have for your life unrelated to your professional life? Do you want to have a family, own a specific type of car, climb a mountain, or visit Paris? How will you accomplish this?

### **Format**

Select your three goals, and label each as COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL, SERVICE, and PERSONAL. Set up a modified outline, utilizing a series of at least 10 bullet points for the Action portion of the plan. Use a standard font, Times New Roman, in a reasonable size (12). Your plan should be professional and visually appealing, and should match the format of your other documents. One goal should not exceed one single page.