

## Educational Goals for 2007!

Hard to believe that November is already here and 2006 is quickly coming to an end. As we begin to contemplate our New Years resolutions one that we shouldn't forget is that of our educational future. Where do you see yourself this time next year? What about five years from now or even ten?



There is no greater time to start mapping out your educational goals than when you are thinking of those life changing resolutions we all make each year. Start by making a list- be honest with yourself. Label this list appropriately titling the first column *Education Goals*, the second *Job Goals* and the third *Successes*. On the left hand side list rows for *Dec. 2007*, *Dec. 2011* and *Dec 2016*.

Now carefully consider your answers- Do you see yourself in a prized magnet school, Do you need to elevate your grades, is your dream to become a pilot or a teacher? What can you do to help reach those goals? In the first column list educational goals necessary to achieve your dream. In the second column include what job experience will be necessary to help open those doors. (keep in mind that all life experiences are educational) and in the third column what you hope to accomplish as a result of it. Read your list over carefully a couple of times and then tuck it away in a safe place- could be your wallet, diary- somewhere that you will be able to find it again a year from now.

Having your goals in writing makes them more realistic and too many people somewhat more achievable. Don't hesitate to pull it out and reread it from time to time- we all need tools to help keep us on track. Most important of all - set your goals for the future and go after them- anything is possible if you are willing to stay focused and follow our dreams. Without goals, we agree to settle for what life throws our way- Don't you deserve better than that?? THINK ABOUT IT!! Set your goals for the future TODAY!!

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