Goal Setting Builds Executive Function

Deconstructing goal setting into a simple, repeatable formula helps students to hone the skills that underlie both academic and future success.

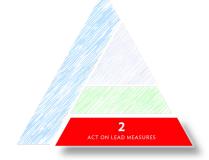
4 Disciplines of Execution

Focus on the Wildly Important

Students choose one or two goals that are "wildly" important to them.

Act on Lead Measures

Students set specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound goals.



Keep a Compelling Scoreboard

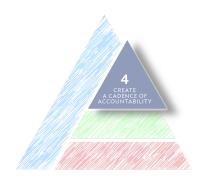
Students track their progress and monitor their performance.

Create a Cadence of Accountability

Students check in with others to discuss progress toward goal achievement.







Executive Function Skills

Prioritizing and Focusing

Setting goals based on what is most important helps students prioritize, sustain attention, and resist distractions.

Time Management

Planning how to achieve a goal hones students' ability to make wise choices about their time and actions.

Self-Monitoring

Monitoring progress and performance develops students' self-awareness which allows them to adapt to changing situations.

Reflection

Reflecting on progress toward a goal hones students' ability to initiate and complete tasks, sustain focus, and resist impulsivity.