

Vision Statement for Snowflake Ag Department

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Going into my 4th year of teaching at Snowflake High School and completing 16 years of teaching Ag and some science courses, I am in a single teacher Ag. Program and try to offer course work that covers a variety of subjects from Intro to Agri-science, Ag Mechanics, Plant Science and Aquaponics, Animal Science and Vet Science. I started the CASE program two years ago when I had students interested in Biotechnology, but was told there was limited funding for supplies and they never created a class for me. I would have to share all equipment with the Science Department. Since then, the Biotechnology course did not come into fruition and I have been trying to incorporate some of the lessons into Plant and Animal/Vet Science. Yet, I am still lacking equipment necessary to make quality experiments. My first smart goal is to purchase and compile enough equipment to have successful labs and to keep all of that equipment organized. I was able to purchase some storage cabinets for storage and now I have room to store the equipment and keep it locked.

My next goal for me and my program is firm up my Programs of Study and complete the next step of my program evaluation. I would also like to have a weekly plan for each of my courses. This will help me to keep my classes organized and better planned. I have a lot of shop equipment and lots of opportunities to teach each of the classes more successfully.

To give you some background, I took over this program three years ago and have been trying to build it back up to a quality program. We try to participate in as many FFA CDE and LDEs as possible and have been building stronger leadership in our officers and members. We have a lot planned for this upcoming year and actually being able to add the CASE curriculum to my classes will help in planning and organization. If I can gain some of this necessary equipment, I am going to try to petition to get science credit for my more science based courses. This would help to draw more students into my program and provide the dynamic classes that keep it fun and fulfilling.

Finally, the CASE AFNR will serve as a great beginning for organizing my program into a quality set of classes that students can take. I hope this will relieve some of the stress that comes with the job and helps me to stay more organized.

Conclusion Questions:

1. How does having a personal vision statement help you? If you start with a goal then you can start developing steps to reach each set of goals. It also helps you to organize and prioritize how and when to implement each one. Once this has been mapped out, then work can begin on helping each step become reality.
2. How does a personal goal statement help you achieve a personal vision? The personal goal statement helps you start a plan, organize and take more organized steps in making and fulfilling each goal.

3. What does the acronym SMART in SMART goals refer to? Explain how having these goals identified helps you in your planning. SMART Goals are Specific with defined areas, Measurable according to time, money, resources; Achievable – what steps need to be taken and planned for to set and reach each of these goals; Time Framed – when a plan is developed with time lines, this helps to define when and how to achieve each goal.