

PERSONAL STATEMENT: PTP REQUIREMENT

The purpose of this **PERSONAL STATEMENT** is to provide a clearer, more vivid picture of the person you are, beyond your grades and test scores.

PROMPT:

Identify a person, situation, or an experience that has most influenced you. Describe the circumstances or person and explain how this has influenced you to become the person you are today. Then, identify the goals that you have set for yourself and explain how the situation or person influenced the goals you have set for yourself.

Tasks: This essay requires that the writer do the following:

1. Identify a person, situation, or experience that has most influenced you.
2. Describe the situation or person.
3. Explain how the situation or person has influenced you to be the person you are today.
4. Identify the goals you have set for yourself.
5. Explain how the situation or person has influenced the goals you have set for yourself.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

	Yes	No
Paper is typed (12 point, Arial font, doubled-spaced).		
1" margins are used on all pages except the title page,		
All parts of the standard essay are present - Introduction with thesis, body, and conclusion.		
Thesis statement is <i>italicized</i> .		
Displays an accurate and in-depth understanding of the topic, audience, and purpose for the writing task.		
Develops ideas clearly and fully by effectively integrating and elaborating on specific evidence		
Maintains a consistent focus and exhibits logical and coherent structure with evidence that supports the thesis.		
Demonstrates control of grammar, usage, and mechanics with essentially no errors, run-on sentences, spelling errors, or errors in punctuation.		
Uses language that is fluent, varied, and appropriate to the audience and purpose of the task.		