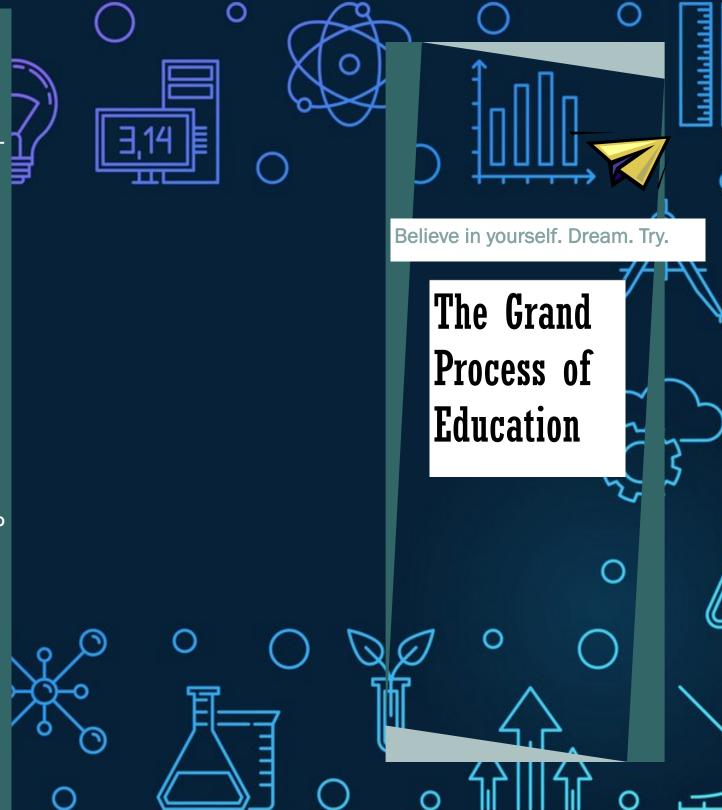## You **are** capable:

You might think that you are just an *"average student"* that will never get an A or the honor roll, and people just have to accept that.

But the only thing that limits you is you. You are just looking for excuses to never get the grade that the people around you know that you are capable of getting and you know as well.

You might say *"They're just grades",* but some kids don't get to go to school like you do.

You are just like a plant in a garden. You both have within you the ability to grow and flourish, with the right help.

Believe in yourself. Dream. Try.

The Grand Process of Education

9 things I wished I learned about school earlier:

1. Take everyone's advice with a grain of salt and experience things yourself.

2. Talk to your classmates. Be outgoing.

3. School is important, but it is ok to take a break.

4. It's ok to ask for help.

5. Learning is more valuable than grades.

6. Cater your schedule to your needs.

7. Take advantage of what your school has to offer.

8. Set goals and do your best.

9. Don't compare yourself to others.

Learning from failure:

You aren't going to succeed in life or in school because someone else wants you to. You have to want to and you have to believe that you can. Sometimes you have to do it alone without anyone's help. Because sometimes they won't always be able to help you.

As you get older you are going to have to do things on our own without someone's help. Your teachers will keep giving you assignments until your very last day, and sometimes you are going to fail them. No one is perfect and nor should they be. We are only human and we will fail, sometimes in school and others in life.

Besides you learn from failure, and you need to know that. It isn't the end of the world if you fail something, as long as you learn something because of it.

Appreciate what you have and value your education:

Education is not about these little facts and test scores. Education is about the overall effect of years of slowly talking in concepts, knowledge, and approaches to problem solving. Because if you didn't, if the entire world didn't we would be living in a much different world. A world where we don't know anything.

How do you know when you're ready?

The same way we know anything, we take one last test and see.