

10 Good Study Skills Tips

Tip #1:

Plan to do homework at the same time, and same place each day, whether you have official homework or not. You can always review notes or study for tests.

Tip #2:

Keep your notes neat and clear: (learn note taking strategies if needed) you are the only one who has to read them, but make sure you understand them. If you missed out on something during note-taking, get it from a friend or make sure to ask the teacher.

Tip #3:

Keep your backpack tidy. Empty it once a week. You will be amazed at what you will find. Missing but completed homework you thought you turned in. A lot of time “lost” notes or homework will show up just in time to turn it in and still get points. It is better to clean out your backpack mid-week (Wednesday) so you find your items early enough to turn in. After a while of doing this your backpack will become tidier and homework will get turned in on time.

Tip #4:

Use your time efficiently: If you get stuck on one piece of homework, leave it and move on to the next piece, or you might get frustrated and not get anything done. Go back when things might be clearer, or when you have someone you can ask (friend, teacher) for help. If you have to stay a while after school to wait for your ride, use that time to get some homework done instead of hanging with friends. It is nice to get work done and then be able to enjoy your time when you get home.

Tip #5:

Maintain your planner. Keep notes of what you did each day and when items are due. Note the days you have papers due, projects due, or tests and quizzes. It will work for you if you use it. If you don't know how to use it effectively, talk to the counselor—they will show you.

Tip #6:

Don't steal work from the internet or friends that isn't yours. Your teacher will spot it every time, and it doesn't help you learn. If you need help getting started, or finishing something, ask for help, or extra time.

Tip #7:

Become familiar with your computer and the internet and useful research sites. Get faster at typing. These tools will help you the rest of your educational and work life, and make you competitive when looking for jobs.

Tip #8:

Pace yourself. Don't procrastinate (use your planner) and stay organized. Don't forget assignments. Doing a little each day spreads big papers/projects into reasonable manageable amounts of work.

Tip #9:

Have a clean, well-lighted, place to work at home. When you sit down at the same place to study or do work, your brain will get used to it and immediately turn to homework mode.

Tip #10:

Watch your progress on gradebook. If an assignment was turned in but not recorded, ask the teacher about it. Take photos of your assignments if you seem to have assignments lost on a regular basis. You should be an expert of what your grade is from week to week.