

Tips on Studying

No matter if a student struggling to get passing grades or trying to make the honor role these study tips will help them reach their goal.

Make study time a habit.

Everyone studies, in some shape or form. But more often than not there is no set time when the studying takes place and typically there are many distractions. Some students study very little during the week but the night before an exam they try to cram it all in, while others study here and there with the TV, or radio on, or while chatting online with their friends as they are looking over their latest assignment. Neither of these is effective. Instead-set a specific time aside every day for studying, when nothing else will take priority over it. Do some initial planning and pick a time when you are at your best as well as when you are not already committed to something else. Also be sure to study each night during that time even if you don't have homework. Get ahead on your reading, read over the notes you took in class that day, anything along those lines will help. By doing that you'll keep up the habit of studying each night, and also classes the next day will go smoother.

Have the right resources to get the job done.

You can't hammer a nail without the hammer and you can't study without the proper tools either. Have all the things you need at your fingertips. The list would include but is not limited to: pen, pencil, paper, dictionary, atlas, and of course your textbook. Keep these in one spot so you don't need to wander throughout the house trying to find the capital of Alaska.

Use a daily planner.

There is no sense in studying if you don't know what to study. Take a daily planner with you to every class and write down all assignments given. Whether they are daily assignments due tomorrow or semester assignments that are not due for four months. Write each of them down and refer to it each night before your study time. Studying goes a lot smoother when you know what to study.

Begin with the hard assignments.

Most students have one subject that gives them the most trouble. An extremely effective technique is to start with that subject when you are at your best. When you finish that assignment all of the others will seem like piece of pie.

Divide longer project into smaller pieces.

As the classes get tougher the assignments typically get longer, and you'll find out your ability to get the entire project done the night before it is due will get tougher and tougher. Cut your long

assignments into smaller more manageable pieces. Be sure to set your own due dates for each piece that you make and **stick to them**. Finishing the assignment piece by piece will save you some nervous nights ahead.

Take a short break while studying.

Research now shows that people retain more of what they study if they do the studying in shorter sessions. 20 minutes on one particular area is the standard that is recommended for a particular subject area. So take a milk break in between subjects, or do some math in between your history assignment. Anything that gives you a short breather in the middle of a large assignment may help.

Stay on Task.

Don't allow yourself to get distracted by your thoughts of what happened in school that day or what may happen the next day. If you start getting distracted by some thought, write it down and put it somewhere. Next, tell yourself that you'll deal with it later, and get back to your work. At the end of your study time pick up the pile of thoughts and see if any of them are worth worrying about. Chances are there is nothing you could do about them anyway.

Turn in your homework.

It is not very logical to spend all that time on a homework assignment and forget to turn it in when it's due. Be sure that when you finish an assignment that you put it in your backpack so it's sure to get to school the next day. Be sure to check your daily planner as you begin each class to remind yourself to hand in what is due that day. If it happens to be a large assignment that you finish a day or two early then hand it in early. Most teachers will welcome an early return of an assignment.

Here are some homework help websites.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<http://www.testtakingtips.com/study/index.htm>

http://kidshealth.org/teen/school_jobs/school/test_terror.html

<http://quizlet.com/>

<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/homework/index.html>

http://www.mathtv.com/videos_by_topic

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>