

SUCCESSFUL STUDY SKILLS/STRATEGIES

1. STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Set aside a specific place to study and keep supplies handy. (These include: pencils, erasers, pens, paper, highlighter, and dictionary.)

2. SET A SPECIFIC TIME TO DO HOMEWORK

Try to study at the same time every day. Check your schedule of activities and plan your week to ensure study/homework time is scheduled, even on busy days/weeks.

3. AVOID INTERRUPTIONS

Do not use your phone, watch television, listen to music, etc. All these provide distractions and interruptions. Take a study break after 30 minutes.

4. REVIEW DAILY CLASSWORK, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ASSIGNED HOMEWORK

- Review class notes and highlight key points.
- Make flash cards for important vocabulary/terms.
- Read, re-read and/or review chapter of study.
- Discuss what you did and learned in class with a parent or friend.

5. STUDY THE ASSIGNED READING EFFECTIVELY

- Look at the headings, subheadings, pictures, charts, tables, etc. before you begin reading and during your reading.
- Check out the major topics.
- Read and re-read slower for new ideas and words.
- Make notes or flash cards on major topics, terms and concepts.
- Read and answer questions at the end of a chapter.

6. COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS

Read your completed work out loud to make sure it's correct. Return completed assignments to your binder and check off completed assignments in your planner.

7. KEEP GRADED PAPERS IN YOUR BINDER FOR REFERENCE

8. PREPARE FOR TESTS

Prepare regularly—if you follow the above suggestions you will be ready for the test after review. Review for tests by:

- Going over highlighted notes, flash cards, outlines, completed assignments, study guides, etc. Read these out loud and make notes on what you haven't mastered.
- Practice SEE, SAY, WRITE. For example: read the term on your flash card and the definition, say it aloud, and write it down. This will help anchor the term in your memory.
- Have a parent or friend quiz you.

9. USE STUDENT PLANNER TO RECORD ASSIGNMENTS AND DUE DATES

10. CHECK GRADES REGULARLY