

STUDY SKILLS TIPS

How do you perform in your classes? Do you understand what your teachers are teaching? Do you remember what you've learned when it's time to take a test? Do you think you study smart?



STUDY TIP 1: ATTEND CLASS

This sounds pretty obvious, but it's the most important part of doing well at school. If you're absent a lot or just skipping class, you miss your primary way of learning.

How is your attendance? What can you do to make it better? (Obviously, you shouldn't come to school when you're sick, but are you missing school for less important reasons?)

STUDY TIP 2: LISTEN AND TAKE NOTES

It doesn't help to have your body in the classroom if your mind is somewhere else! When you're in class, make sure you listen carefully. If you don't understand something your teacher says, ask a question.

You should also take notes to help you remember what you're learning. Your teacher might write important points on the board or give you a handout to highlight important facts. Make sure you copy this information into your own notebook.

STUDY TIP 3: REVIEW AT HOME

This tip is also pretty basic: if you are assigned homework, do it! Your teachers don't assign homework just for the fun of it. They assign homework to help you review what you've learned and make sure you understand what you're doing in class.

If your teacher asks you to read something, take notes on the important points. Review your notes to make sure you understand. You might also want to have a parent or friend quiz you on what you've read. Do you remember what you've read? Did you understand it?

When it's time for a test, go over your notes, your homework assignments, and your textbook. If you kept up with the work in class, you should be able to remember everything you need for a test.

A FEW MORE STUDY TIPS

- Avoid distractions when you study. Turn off the TV, don't talk on the phone or text message.
- Write down your assignments in a calendar or planner. That way, you'll have a good list of what's required for each class and when it's due.
- Think about what books you need at home. Before you leave school each day, decide which of your notebooks and text books you should take home. That way, you'll be able to do all your work.