

## Know How to Get Good Grades

*If you come to school every day and do the following, you are certain to get good grades.*

### Be organized

- ▶ Use a student planner every day.
  - ▶ Have phone numbers for classmates.
  - ▶ Keep your locker and backpack neat.
  - ▶ Have a separate pocket folder for each class.
  - ▶ Get everything organized for the next day before you go to bed.
- "Using a planner keeps me organized. It also helps me get things done on time." James*

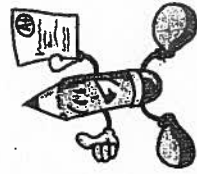


### Manage your time well

- ▶ Use any extra time in school to get started on homework.
  - ▶ Create a study plan that works for you.
  - ▶ Allow more time for homework than you think you'll need.
- "Time management is a problem for me, so each day I make a 'to do' list for myself. I prioritize the items on the list to make sure that I do the most important things first." Kayla*

### Be successful in the classroom

- ▶ Be in class, on time, every day.
- ▶ Learn how to adapt to different teaching styles.
- ▶ Know each teacher's class rules and procedures.
- ▶ Bring everything you need with you to class.
- ▶ Always do all of your homework.
- ▶ Participate in class.
- ▶ Don't leave class with unanswered questions.
- ▶ Treat others with respect.



*"To get good grades, I study, I do all of my homework, and I ask questions if I don't understand something." Jenna*

### Take good notes

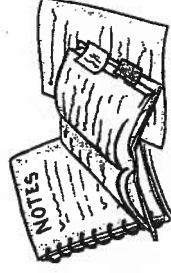
- ▶ Pay attention and think about what your teacher is saying.
  - ▶ Recognize and write down important information.
  - ▶ Take notes that are neat and easy to read.
  - ▶ If you're absent, get copies of the notes you missed.
- "I remember things better if I write them down, so I take notes whenever I can. Later, I go back over my notes and I highlight the information that's most important." Antonio*

### Know how to read a textbook

- ▶ Before you start to read, look over the headings and the words in **bold** and *italic* print.
  - ▶ Read the entire assignment.
  - ▶ When you're done, do a quick review of what you've read.
- "I have a couple of classes with a lot of reading. I really try not to get behind - it's just too hard to catch up." Jacob*

### Study smart

- ▶ Find a good place to study.
  - ▶ Plan out your study time.
  - ▶ Focus on one thing at a time.
  - ▶ Break large assignments down into smaller parts.
  - ▶ Do difficult assignments first, while you're still fresh and alert.
- "Before I start to study, I make a plan. I figure out what I need to do and the order I'm going to do it in." Megan*



### Use test-taking strategies

- ▶ Have everything you need for the test (pencils, calculator, etc.).
  - ▶ Before you start, look over the entire test and develop a plan.
  - ▶ Mark the questions you want to return to.
  - ▶ Check your answers, and use all of the time available.
- "As soon as I get my test, I write anything I need to remember at the top in light pencil. Then when I need the information, it's right there." Terrell*