

How to Succeed in School—7 Helpful Tips

By Michael Delgado Everyone wants to succeed in school, but it gets tough when you have so much homework and tests to prepare for. To help you study smarter, here are seven helpful tips to help you succeed:

- Talk with your Teacher during Office Hours** Most students never visit their teachers during office hours. Office hours are a great time to get clarification on concepts taught in class, and also a great way to get advice on studying for tests or writing essays. Most teachers love when students visit them because it means you're interested in learning and getting your assignments right. Don't be like other students—meet with your teachers on a regular basis. If you can't meet with them during office hours, try talking with them during class breaks or right before or after class.
- Get Approval on Your Essays Before Writing** Okay, we all love to procrastinate, but when it comes to writing great essays, you need to start early. Write your essay thesis and outline as soon as possible. Then meet with your teacher in office hours, or via email, and have your outline reviewed. Your teacher will probably give you some great advice on how to improve or shape your paper. Once your essay is finished, get it proofread by several other students. And if you finish really early, ask if your teacher will review your essay before submission.
- Get a Study Partner from Class** It's not always practical to study with another student in your class, but try to do this at least once—especially before a final exam. Study partners can be extremely helpful because they can help clarify subjects taught in class. They might have also written down some notes you might have missed. They also can be great proofreaders for your class essays.
- Use Flash Cards** If your class requires memorization of key terms or concepts, make flash cards. Flash cards can help you learn concepts quicker because you can study the cards wherever you are. All you need is a big pack of flash cards and a rubber band. Just remember to just have one main point or concept on each card. Don't make the mistake of putting too much info on a card.
- Highlight Your Books** You know those big, yellow highlighters that you used to color with as a kid. Get one and use it to highlight important concepts in your book. Highlighting important parts of your textbooks will help you quickly review your textbook later.
- Write in Your Textbook** One of the best ways to learn is by getting involved in your study material. You can get involved by writing notes in your textbooks. Circle important words. Underline vital concepts. Write down questions in the margin. Summarize key concepts and write them down on the page. The more you write, the more you'll probably learn.
- Get the Contact Info of Students in Class** Get the contact information from at least two other students in class. You never know when you'll miss a class, and it's nice to have someone to call to find out what happened. This is a must for any student.

Succeeding in school takes work, but if you study smart and meet with your teachers on a regular basis, you'll have a much easier time.

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