



How To Get Good Grades

Ten Easy Steps



Step 1

■ Believe in Yourself

- ☐ Believe you have something positive to offer society.
- ☐ Believe you deserve to be successful.



Step 2

- Be organized & prepared
 - ☐ Use folders for schoolwork.
 - ☐ Have a classmates phone number.
 - ☐ Keep your backpack neat.
 - ☐ Get organized before you go to bed.



Step 3

- Manage Your Time Well
 - Use class time wisely.
 - Create your own study plan.
 - Prepare for sabotage.



Step 4

- Be successful in the Classroom
 - ☐ Be on time to school and to class.
 - ☐ Learn how to adapt to different teachers.
 - ☐ Be prepared for each class.
 - ☐ Always do your homework.
 - ☐ Involve your parents.

Step 5

■ Take Good Notes

- ☐ Be an active listener.
- ☐ Take notes to help you pay attention.
- ☐ Go over your notes ASAP.
- ☐ Get copies of notes from a classmate if you are absent.

Step 6

- Know How to Read a Textbook
 - Scan by reading subtitles, words in bold and italic print, summaries, charts, and review questions.
 - Read with a purpose.
 - Review by scanning the material to check your comprehension.



Step 7

■ Study Smart

- ☐ Find a good place to study.
- ☐ Get started.
- ☐ Organize your time.
- ☐ Know how to study for tests.
- ☐ Use tricks to help you memorize information.



Step 8

- Use Test-Taking Strategies
 - Look for key words in True/False questions.
 - Know how to approach an essay questions.
 - Check your answers.
 - Go over all returned tests.

Step 9

■ Reduce Test Anxiety

- ☐ Start studying early.
- ☐ Mentally practice going through the testing experience.
- ☐ Try taking a couple of deep breaths before starting the test.
- ☐ Plan on skipping questions and getting back to them later.



Step 10

- Get Help When You Need It
 - ☐ Talk to your teacher.
 - ☐ Talk to a counselor.
 - ☐ Talk to your parents.