

1. Create A Homework Schedule

Write assignments down in a planner during class. When you go home, take a few minutes to plan out your homework time. Stick with your Schedule

2. Set a Regular Routine for Studying

Set aside an hour or two a day, depending on your classes for homework. Same time every day, maybe after a short break from school. Also plan for an extra hour if needed to finish any needed homework.

3. Do Homework the Same Day as it is Assigned

Do the homework assignments for A-day on A-day and the B-day assignments on B-day. You can even break the homework assignments into half and do part each day. This way you won't forget the information from class, because the brain needs to see the information within 24 hours to put it into long term memory.

4. Find a Public Place Without Distraction to Do Homework

Study in an open place without a lot of distraction such as the kitchen table. That way you will be less likely to get off task. Choose a place that is open and quite. Gather all needed supplies such as computer, paper, pencils, etc... into that location.

5. Get Organized

Create separate binders, folders, or notebooks for each class. Keep textbooks, assignments, and study aides organized. Keep old assignments until the end of the class in an organized binder, they make great study helps.

6. Set Goals

For each study period, set goals to accomplish work and review concepts. For example if you are studying about slope, plan to review and know the slopes by the end of the study period.

7. Review Class Notes First Before Doing Homework

Take five minutes to read through your notes before starting homework. Keep notes organized and neat, where they are easy to review. Reviewing notes daily from class helps the brain to remember the information and makes homework easier.

8. Break Study Time Into 15 Minute Intervals with Short Breaks

You only have about 15 minutes of time where the brain is completely on task, then your attention will wander. Instead take a break every 15 minutes for some water, a cookie, a quick walk around the house, etc... (Take only a couple minute break.) Homework will go by easier and quicker this way.

9. Study in Groups

Most assignments go easier in groups, as long as you work as a group and don't copy. Take time to explain to each other how to do the problems. Find a whiteboard or chalkboard to write out problems. Explain to one another how to do problems or the material, when you teach someone else you will remember 80% of it compared to 15%.

10. Do the Easy Problems First

Start on easy problems first skipping the hard ones till last. Don't get stuck on one problem and frustrated. Read through the problem, diagram it out, write down what you know, and then let your brain think about the problem, coming back to it later.

11. Get Help on Problems You Don't Understand

Make a list of problems that you don't understand. Review through the book to see if the information is in it or even a sample problem. Do the sample problem on paper given in the book. If you are still stuck, or it is not in the book, use the internet and google the topic or look for a video on u-tube to help. There are many great websites out there with helpful information. **Come in early before school for help!**

12. Break Assignments into Chunks

Break assignments in to smaller pieces, over two days. Set a goal to finish small chunks during a homework period and then take a short break in between sections or switch classes.

13. Reward Yourself

When you have completed an assignment or worked hard for a period of time, give yourself a cookie, shoot a couple of hoops, watch a 2 minutes video on u-tube, etc... When you do well on a test or assignment, celebrate it with food, friends, or fun. When you solve a tough problem, give yourself credit and a pat on the back, maybe a treat. **You deserve it!**

14. Make It a Game

Turn homework into a game, race a friend to complete an assignment correctly and very well. Turn vocabulary into a family game, where the family member that uses the word the most during the day in conversation wins (this can help all members of the family learn more.) Turn review into a Jeopardy game, challenge your parents or guardians. Find a friend to ask questions to, to see who can answer the most questions, etc...

15. Use Learning Strategies

Make flash cards, hand gestures, color coding, songs, mnemonic devices, stories, etc... to learn information. Walk around while thinking about problems. Read while wandering. Find real world examples of what you're learning. Discuss homework with friends and family. Make diagrams of information (Venn Diagrams, Word Webs, Color Coding, etc...) Learn what works well for you, for help, talk to Mr. Lund

16. Review for Tests

Go over homework and worksheets before each test. Read through all notes. Any problems that were difficult, go back over and solve again on a separate sheet. Go through each objective and describe each one to somebody else, if you don't understand the objective, go research it.

17. Solve Extra Problems if Necessary

Find concept, problems, or material that you have difficulty with and do a little extra practice. If you need solve one or two extra problems, review a little more vocab, make flash cards, write a few extra paragraphs, keep a journal, etc... Do as much as you need to completely understand the subject.

18. Keep a Journal

A homework or class journal gives you a chance to write down information, in the process of writing you will remember more. If you struggle with english, keep a personal journal, it will have more value to you and give you a chance to practice. Later on you have something to review for tests, look for things you need to review or study, and practice important skills.

19. Find Practical Applications

Apply what you know to real world situations, change problems into something your interested in. Place your name in story problems. Change the problems to match you.

20. Stay Caught Up

It is easier to stay caught up then to catch up later. Make your life easier.

Date	Date	Date	Date
Period 1st	Period 5th	Period 1st	Period 5th
Period 2nd	Period 6th	Period 2nd	Period 6th
Period 3rd	Period 7th	Period 3rd	Period 7th
Period 4th	Period 8th	Period 4th	Period 8th

A Parent's Guide to Homework Help:
Strategies for Homework Success

As a parent, you can help your child improve his or her performance in classes by ensuring that homework is understood and completed. Some basic strategies for success are:

1. **Help your child find an appropriate and consistent environment for study.**
 - This place should be quiet, and have adequate lighting and a desk or writing surface. If possible, have your child use this place as a study area exclusively.
 - Minimize distractions such as TV, stereo, telephone, etc.

2. **Help your child set a routine .**
 - Set up a homework routine for the same time daily, if possible. This will let your child know that you have expectations of him or her with regards to homework. It will also help your child develop a habit of completing schoolwork at the same time and place daily.

3. **Help your child be prepared to do the work.**
 - Stock your homework center with the appropriate supplies, such as a dictionary, thesaurus, textbooks, pencils, paper, calculators, etc.

4. **Help your child set goals.**
 - Suggest that your child set short-range goals prior to beginning homework. For example, "1) Review the concept of slope. 2) Complete the assigned math homework. 3) Write a thesis statement for my essay."
 - Take short breaks between assignments for different classes.

5. **Help your child get organized.**
 - Encourage the use of a daily planner and demonstrate how to use it to organize assignments, extra curricular activities, and other commitments.
 - Suggest he or she keep three-ring notebooks for each subject taken.

6. **Monitor your child's progress occasionally.**
 - Touch base with your child while he or she is completing the work. Be aware of what needs to be accomplished each night and check to see that it is done, if necessary.
 - Avoid hovering over your child throughout the homework session.