

Tips For Student Success

- Note-taking
 - Taking notes while studying is an important skill for students to practice
 - Actively taking notes during class can help you focus and better understand main concepts
 - Good note-taking will improve your active listening, comprehension of material, and retention
 - When studying, take notes of key points, vocabulary, and practice problems so you can look back and review later
 - Notes can be taken in a notebook or digitally, find what works best for you
 - Review your notes frequently
 - There are lots of great resources for note-taking tips. Search Google or reach out to the teacher for some additional tips if needed

- Active communication
 - It is important to stay in contact with the teacher, even if you are working from home
 - Ask for help!
 - Write down areas that you are struggling with and need more help with so you can let the teacher know either through email or in person
 - Feel free to reach out as often as needed. We will get back to you ASAP but typically only respond M-F from 9:00-3:00
 - Check your email frequently to stay up to date with class news and teacher communications

- Set a schedule
 - Schedule your schoolwork into your day like you would with a job
 - Find what time works best for YOU. Some students work best in the daytime, some students work best at nighttime
 - Try to stay as consistent as possible with this schedule
 - The more you work on schoolwork the faster it will go. Students who work 5 days a week will make a lot more progress than students who work 1 day a week

- Find a calm and relaxing study space
 - Where are you going to do your homework?
 - Find what works best for you, whether that is at home, the library, or the classroom
 - Your study space should be quiet and ideally private to avoid distractions
 - Studying in the living room while your kids watch tv probably is not the most relaxing place to study

- Set goals
 - Find your reason for completing this program, WHY do you want to do this?
 - This is key for motivation
 - Revisit this WHY anytime you are struggling and feeling unmotivated
 - Follow the SMART goals model
 - S - specific. Be specific and detailed with what your goal is
 - M - measurable. Measurable goals means that you identify exactly what it is you will see, hear and feel when you reach your goal. It means breaking your goal down into measurable elements. How will you know when this goal has been met?
 - A - attainable/achievable. Is this goal possible to achieve?
 - R - realistic. Similar to achievable, but this is more specific. Some goals may technically be achievable but not necessarily realistic. Traveling to the moon is technically possible, but probably not realistic
 - T - time-bound. Set a timeframe/deadline for you to achieve this goal. Make sure this timeline is realistic. Work with the teacher to figure out an appropriate deadline for your goal
 - Communicate these goals to the teacher and/or friends or family for extra accountability
 - Writing down goals is key. You are statistically more likely to reach your goals simply by writing them down and revisiting them

- Don't multitask
 - Study time should be just that, study time
 - Do not try to watch tv, cook a meal, talk to a friend while studying
 - Focus is important for understanding and retaining information

- Stay positive
 - Avoid negative self talk
 - This can be one of the most difficult parts of studying and reaching your goals
 - Everyone learns differently and at their own pace
 - Remember where you started and WHY you started

- If you're not understanding something, DO NOT move on (especially in math)
 - A lot of math builds upon each other so if you don't understand something, you will have a harder time understanding what comes next
 - If you're working on a mastery test in Edmentum and score under 75%, do not move onto the next section until you fully understand
 - Try redoing the lesson
 - Reach out to the teacher for additional help and resources
 - Search it on YouTube