

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL

**Welcome to high school.
This is a very exciting time
in your life! New people. New
opportunities. New challenges.
And a lot more responsibility.
If you develop good habits and
work hard in your classes,
you're sure to have
a great year!**

**Here's why
it's important to
get off to a good
start in high
school.**

Everything counts

In high school, your courses earn credits that count toward graduation, your grades will be used to calculate your grade point average—and your courses, grades, and credits will all be on your permanent high school record. Colleges and employers will use this record to help them decide what kind of student or employee you will be, so doing well in high school is very important.

Put yourself on the path to success

Your freshman year is when you develop habits that will help you succeed in high school and beyond. The smart thing to do is to establish good habits now so that you get high school off to a great start. Do all of your assignments, pay attention in class, and do your best—right from day one.

**For the top 10 habits of successful
high schoolers, watch this short video!**



VIDEO

GET OFF TO A GREAT START

Developing the following habits will help you succeed in your classes and have a great high school experience.

Do all of your homework

Doing your homework helps you stay on track in your classes, and homework is often a big part of your final grade. Make it a habit to get all of your homework done before you watch TV, go online, or hang out with your friends.

Have a system for organizing your papers

Whether you use folders, binders, or notebooks, the important thing is that you have a specific place for every paper—class notes, handouts, returned tests, homework.

Use a planner

A planner helps keep you organized and on top of things. Use it to record assignments, tests, quizzes, activities, appointments, and anything else you need to remember.

Develop good time-management skills

Use free time in school wisely, control time wasters, make to-do lists, and look for chunks of time during the day that are wasted.

Ask teachers for help

If you don't understand something in class, talk to your teacher. Don't risk falling behind! Most teachers are happy to help, but you have to ask.

Try new things

Try lots of activities and different kinds of classes. This is how you find out what you enjoy, what you're good at, and what interests you want to pursue.