

# Top 10 Ways to Improve Your Grades

To help you zero in on how you can improve your grades, go through the list below and put a check mark by the things you could do better.

## 1 Be more engaged in your classes.

Being engaged in your classes pays off in lots of ways. When you ask and answer questions and participate in discussions, you learn more (which means you have less to learn on your own), your teachers see that you're trying, and the time goes a lot faster.

## 2 Improve your attendance.

Attendance is the number one success factor. You can't succeed in your classes and get good grades if you're often absent.

## 3 Complete homework assignments.

When you do your homework, you get more out of your classes, do better on tests, and get higher grades.

## 4 Have a more positive attitude.

Having a positive, can-do attitude can make all the difference. Use positive self-talk and believe in your ability to succeed.

## 5 Take better notes.

Since most test items come from material that's been presented in class, it's important to have good class notes to study from. Take organized notes, and underline or highlight the most important information.



## 6 Study more for tests.

To do well on tests, start studying early, have good notes to study from, and ask for help if there's something you don't understand.



## 7 Be more organized.

Being organized saves you time and makes you feel like you're more on top of things. Keep your backpack, locker, and study area neat, clean, and organized.



## 8 Manage your time better.

Use any extra time during the day to start on your homework, look for chunks of time that are wasted, and limit the time you spend on social media and video games.



## 9 Make your education a priority.

A good education will provide you with many more opportunities in life. Don't let anything get in the way of your schoolwork.



## 10 Ask for help.

If you're having a problem in a particular class, talk to the teacher. If you're having problems in several classes, or if there's a problem that's making it difficult for you to succeed, see your counselor/advisor.

Look over the items you checked and choose one to work on. Which one did you choose? What will you do differently?

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