

How to Be a Great Student



at School

Circle the words that describe what kind of student you are when you're at school.

hard worker

good attitude

responsible

try my best

always raise my hand

good reader

good writer

take my time

neat and tidy

work well with others

organized

good listener

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In this booklet, you will learn what you can do to help you become a better, more confident student. Doing these things will also help you enjoy school more and get the best grades possible.

To be a great student, you need to...

- ▶ be in school every day.
- ▶ work well with others.
- ▶ be organized.
- ▶ use class time wisely.
- ▶ participate in class.
- ▶ be prepared every day.

Be in school every day

When you are in school every day, you're able to keep up with your classmates, you can be part of class projects and activities, and you learn a lot more.

Check "yes" or "no" to each of the following.

1. I have a way to get to school every day. yes no
2. I get to school on time. yes no
3. I have very good attendance. yes no

If you miss too much school, is there anything you can do to improve your attendance?

Be organized

Being organized means:

- ▶ having a place for all of your stuff.
- ▶ keeping everything neat and tidy.
- ▶ knowing what you have to do and where you have to go every day.



When you're organized, you know what you have to do and you have the things you need. You are also more on top of things and you have less stress.

Circle the areas below that you do a good job of organizing. Draw an X on the areas that are not as organized.



your papers



your backpack



your desk/cubby



your day

Choose one thing you drew an X on. Write two ways you can make it more organized.

1. _____

2. _____

Participate in class

When you are engaged in what's happening in class, you learn more. You have more fun, too! Here are a few ways you can get more involved in class.

- ▶ Keep your eyes and ears on your teacher.
- ▶ Be a good listener.
- ▶ Ask and answer lots of questions.
- ▶ Ask for help when you don't understand something.

How is this student doing a good job of participating in class?
Write your ideas below.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Work well with others

You work with other people a lot in elementary school.
Working well with others means:

- ▶ doing your part during group work.
- ▶ listening when others talk.
- ▶ being helpful to your classmates.
- ▶ working together to solve problems.



What does it mean to be a good team or group member?
Write one answer in each square below.

A good team member is...	A good team member has...
A good team member says...	A good team member does...

Use class time wisely

There are times in your school day when you have free time. Here are some things you can do to get more out of your free class time.

- ▶ Get started on your homework.
- ▶ Study for a test.
- ▶ Ask your teacher for help if you need it.
- ▶ Read a book or do some extra math problems.



What do you think?

Circle the answer that shows the best use of free class time.

1. You finish your spelling test before time is up. You should:
 - a. double-check your answers.
 - b. draw a picture in your notebook.
 - c. play a game on the computer/tablet.

Why is this the best way to use your free time? _____

2. You are done with your class work for the day, but the bell won't ring for 15 more minutes. You should:

- a. talk to your classmates.
- b. start reading your social studies homework.
- c. do nothing and just wait for the bell.

Why is this the best way to use your free time? _____

Be prepared every day

Being prepared means having everything you need for school.

This includes:

- ▶ your homework.
- ▶ books and workbooks.
- ▶ school supplies, such as notebooks and pencils.
- ▶ your computer or tablet if your school uses them.



List what your teacher expects you to have each day in class.

How can you make sure you are prepared each day? Write two ways below. For example: *Get everything ready for the next day before I go to bed.*

1. _____

2. _____

Know how to use the library

Your school library is an amazing place! Knowing how to use the library can make doing projects and reports a lot easier.

Libraries are also great because:

- ▶ you can find information on lots of topics.
- ▶ they have quiet places to sit and read.
- ▶ you can check out any book for free.



Suppose you have to do research for a report. Answer the questions to tell how you can find information in your library.

How do you search for books in your library? _____

How long are you allowed to check out books? _____

Where are the nonfiction books in your library? _____

How are books in your library organized? _____

Can you use the internet in the library? yes no