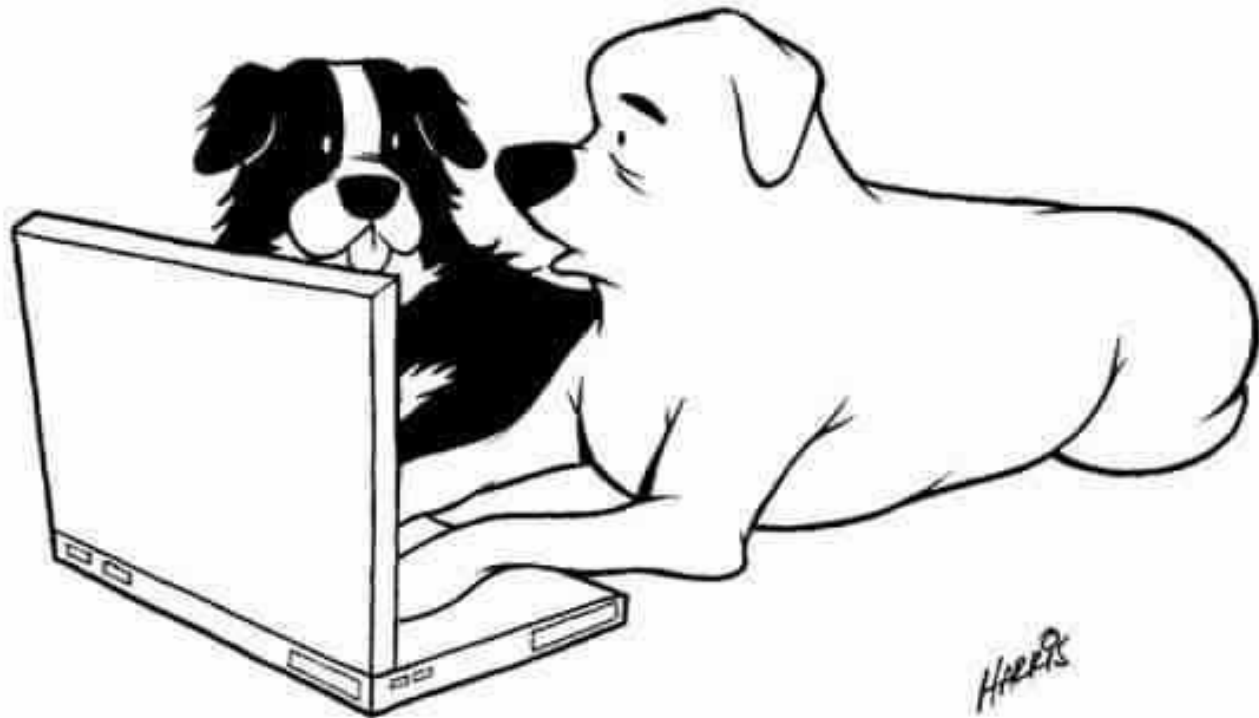


Study Skills and College Planning for Middle Schoolers



*"And then I just hit delete. I haven't actually eaten
any homework for years."*

Developing strong study skills is the number one way to plan for college.

Today we will discuss the most common and effective study skills for school success.

We will also look at actions you can take today to begin the process of college planning.



7 Study Skills for the College Bound Student



- ✓ Understand Your Learning Style
- ✓ Reading Comprehension
- ✓ Math Fundamentals
- ✓ Organization
- ✓ Note Taking
- ✓ Memorization
- ✓ Test Taking

Understand your learning style

How You Learn Best

- ✓ Visual (spatial) Learner. Visual learners are those who prefer learning by observing things.
- ✓ Aural (auditory) Learner
- ✓ Verbal (linguistic) Learner
- ✓ Physical (kinesthetic) Learner
- ✓ Logical (mathematical) Learner
- ✓ Social (interpersonal) Learner
- ✓ Solitary (intrapersonal) Learner



<http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles-quiz.shtml>

Reading Comprehension

Strong reading comprehension is critical.

- ✓ Reading to Understand
- ✓ Paraphrasing
- ✓ Identifying Signals in a Reading Selection
- ✓ Learning New Vocabulary
- ✓ SQ3R

Survey
Question
Read
Recite
Review



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Your math foundation needs to be solid!



whole numbers, counting, place value, rounding, exponents, negative numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, operations with fractions, decimals, percents, ratios, problem solving, basic concepts in geometry, measuring shapes, etc.

In addition to strengthening math facts, talk to your school's counselor and make sure you are taking the right level math for the college bound student.

Taking prealgebra and algebra in middle school is advantageous

Organization



- ✓ Organize your School Supplies
- ✓ Organize your Study Area
- ✓ Organize your Time
- ✓ Organize your Assignments
- ✓ Organize your Grades
- ✓ Organize your Long-Term Research Projects
- ✓ Prioritize Your Work

Note Taking



- ✓ Simple Outlining
- ✓ Mind Mapping
- ✓ Combo Notes
- ✓ Using Abbreviations for Speed Writing
- ✓ Using Recall Questions to Turn Your Notes into Super Study Sheets
- ✓ Improving Your Listening Power
- ✓ Taking Notes from Lectures
- ✓ Adding Textbook Notes to Lecture Notes

Memorization

Remembering Requires Understanding and Planning



Techniques	Auditory	Visual	Kinesthetic
Acrostics	X	X	X
Acronyms	X	X	X
Visual Emphasis		X	X
Visualization		X	
Association	X	X	
Work Linking	X	X	X
Story Linking	X	X	X
Rehearsal	X	X	X
Charting		X	X

Test Taking

❖ Read Directions Carefully



Objective Tests

Matching Tests

True-False Tests

Fill-In Tests

Multiple Choice Tests

Subjective Tests

Essay Tests

❖ Make old tests work for you.



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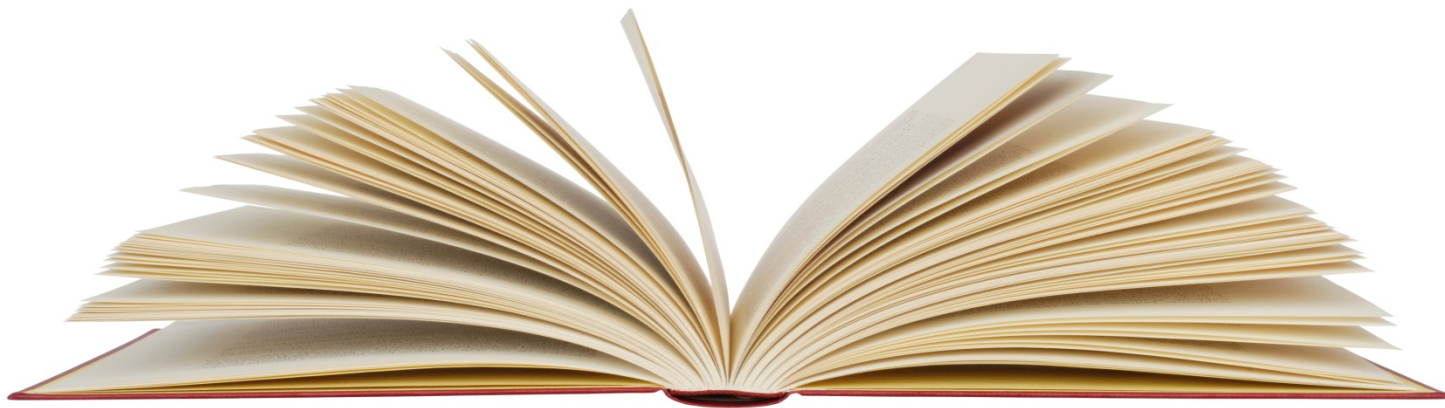
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Spend time getting to know yourself.

- ✓ What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- ✓ Where do you shine?
- ✓ What do you enjoy doing?
- ✓ Do you know what you want to do for a career?



Join up.

To help you learn more about yourself, join a group. It could be through the school or in the community.

Involvement in groups helps develop collaborative skills (working in a group) as well as leadership.

- ✓ Sports teams
- ✓ Coding classes
- ✓ Dance classes
- ✓ Playing a musical instrument in a band or orchestra
- ✓ Singing in a choir
- ✓ Theater groups
- ✓ Foreign language clubs
- ✓ Online courses in subjects such as robotics
- ✓ Ongoing volunteer activities for a charitable cause
- ✓ Chess club
- ✓ Debate club
- ✓ Improv comedy classes
- ✓ Art classes
- ✓ Photography club
- ✓ LEGO leagues





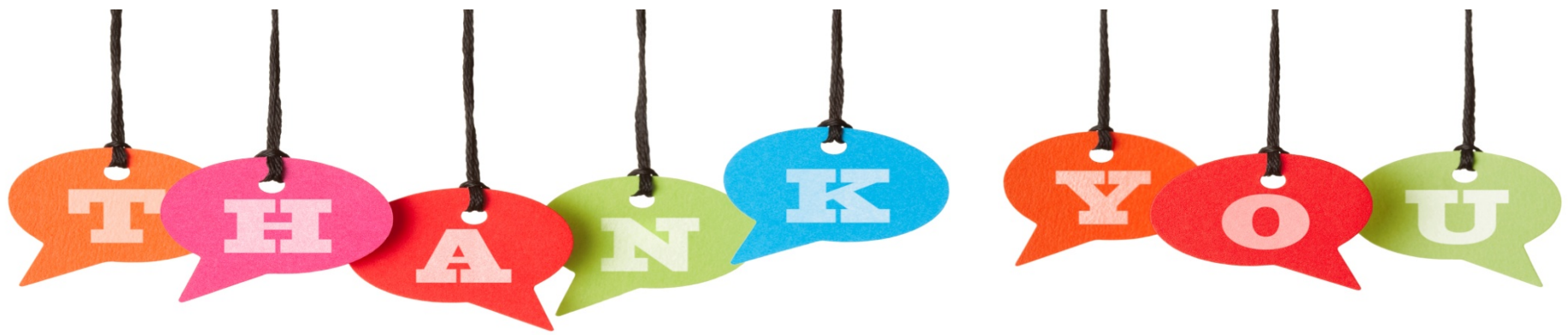
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