

Tips for Students with Smoke-Ups

1. **The single most important thing you can do to improve your grade is do your homework.** It is free points (the answers are right there in the book). Every time you do your homework you are preparing for the test. Repetition is what makes us learn. Your homework is your practice.
2. **Talk with your respective teachers.** They can tell you how to get caught up. Some will allow you to turn in late work while others will not. Some will allow you to do extra credit work to bring up your grade and others will not. Talk with them – **ask for help.** That is what they are there for – to help you. Also get the phone of one good student from each class so if you need help at night you have someone responsible to contact.
3. **Use your assignment book** so you do not forget what you have to do. Complete all of your homework work every night. Organize your notebook and keep all of your completed homework in the respective areas (notebook tabs). Do not keep homework inside your book.
4. **Organize your locker and your notebook** so you can find things quickly some students even put books in the same order as their classes (clean it out frequently).
5. **Repetition is what makes us learn – copy important material on index cards and see how many times a day you can look at them.** Get notebooks for specific classes. Most science classes require you to have a notebook. Get one and keep it organized with dated material. Always keep all science worksheets and vocabulary sheets in the notebook. Do not put them other places put them away every time then you always know where they are.
6. **Social studies teachers give study guides** most all of the test questions come from the study guide) **memorize them.**
7. **Take class notes** in class and when you read it helps you to pay attention and keeps you on task. It also gives you another avenue to study for tests.
8. Even if the teacher does not assign the questions at the end of the chapter or the words to know, study them – the test questions have to come from somewhere. **Ask the teacher point blank what will be on the test** and write it down so you can remember what items to study. Start preparing for the test several nights ahead of time (do not wait until the night before).
9. Try to get someone at home to quiz you over words and definitions. **Use your textbook to help you study** - look over the discussion questions at the end of the chapter sections and at the end of the chapter review.
10. **Turn in all projects.** These are usually weighted with a lot of points and can really damage your total points if they are not completed.
11. **When you are absent always ask for missed assignments or work** and get right on it. Especially if you missed a test.
12. **Do every assignment and test to the best of your ability** (never hurry through something just to get it done). If you are going to take the time to do it do it right.
13. **Make sure you study after you finish your written work.** Study a little each day it is repetition that helps us learn and remember.
14. **READ all assigned material.** You can't answer questions about something that you have never read.
15. **Homework is the single most important learning task** do it all and do it very night – no exceptions!