

## The ABC's of being a good student

**A=Academics.** Place a high priority on your studies. After all, your main job in school is to learn.

**B=Behavior.** Behave responsibly. Some of your actions now can have a long-lasting impact on your life.

**C=Concentrate.** Focus on your coursework; concentrate on those courses that are a little tough for you.

**D=Determination.** Not everything comes easy but you can accomplish anything if you're determined.

**E=Excellence.** Strive to be the best in everything you do.

**F=Fun.** Include time in your schedule to relax and have fun.

**G=Grades.** Earn high grades by studying each of your courses every day.

**H=Honesty.** Maintain a high ethical standard by staying honest in your studies. Don't copy or share homework or cheat on tests.

**I=Involvement.** Participate in school activities to get the full academic experience.

**J=Joy.** Immerse yourself in your studies and experience the true joy of learning.

**K=Kindness.** Be respectful to your fellow students and teachers.

**L=Learning.** Create a good learning environment at home by creating quiet place to study away from television, music, or other distractions.

**M=Motivation.** Develop rewards to motivate yourself if you find it difficult to study. For instance, if you study for two hours today, you can watch your favorite television program.

**N=News.** Pay attention to what's going on in the world around you. Read a daily newspaper, even if it's just the headlines and the first couple of paragraphs of an article. You'll be amazed at how many daily events tie in with class discussions.

**O=Opportunities.** Recognize class projects and assignments as opportunities to add to your knowledge and experience something new. You might find something that you really enjoy and will make a good career choice.

**P=Positive.** Be a positive thinker. You can accomplish a lot if you believe in yourself.

**Q=Quality.** Always turn in your best work. The quality of your work says a lot about you. It also establishes good habits that will serve you well in your career.

**R=Rest.** Adequate rest is needed to take full advantage of your classes. Staying up late to cram for a test usually doesn't result in a higher grade.

**S=Study.** Study a little each day for every course. When exam time rolls around, you won't be trying to catch up on all your studying.

**T=Time.** Manage your time responsibly. Make sure you make time for each class and for each project or assignment.

**U=Unusual.** Don't settle for always doing the usual thing. Use your creative abilities to try new things. Take new classes and explore new topics.

**V=Valiant.** Make a valiant effort to do your best in your classes. You may not be successful at all subjects, but at least you will know you tried.

**W=Want.** Always want to learn and to learn more about the subjects you study. A subject that may be boring on the surface may be very interesting as you learn more details.

**X=X'ing.** When taking multiple choice tests and x'ing your answer, be sure to read the question and all the possible answers completely. Don't treat multiple choice tests as multiple guess tests.

**Y=Youthful.** Establishing an interest in various subjects will keep you young throughout your life. Researchers have found that most of those people who enjoy life have a common, ongoing interest in learning new things.

**Z=Zeal.** Approach all you do with zeal, a passion for learning and accomplishing as much as possible in your life.