

Successful Students ...

Are responsible for their education!
They take charge of their learning.

Attend classes regularly.

Moreover, academically successful students are on time. If they miss a class they feel obligated to let the teacher know why, and their excuses seem legitimate and reasonable. They make sure they get all assignments they missed and understand specifically what was covered in class.

Take advantage of bonus credit opportunities.

They care about their grades and are willing to work to improve them. They

often do the optional (and frequently challenging) assignments that many students pass up.

Speak in class

... even if their attempts are a bit clumsy and difficult. They ask the questions that the teacher know many in the class are bound to have, provided they are listening.

See the teacher before or after school about grades, comments made on their papers, and upcoming tests.

Sometimes they just want to ask a question or make a comment relative to the class discussion.

Turn in assignments that look neat

and are well organized.

They take the time to produce a final product that looks good, a reflection of a caring attitude and pride in their work.

Are attentive in class.

They don't chat, read, text, or stare out the window. In other words, they are polite and grateful, even if they get a little bored.

Turn in all work and assignments, even if every assignment is not brilliant.

Successful students are driven to complete all work.

Take risks.

True learning relies on experimentation and exploration. In turn, they require risk. Sometimes, being “wrong” involves risk taking.

Collaborate.

Connecting to other students who are involved in the same learning area is a great way to bounce ideas, share, and generally grasp a subject at a higher level.

Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate.

They break things apart to see how they work, put pieces back together to form new things, and evaluate how the ideas or learning fits into their world.

The most successful students are organized and make productive use of their resources and time.

Sample tools, methods and resources to help you get organized include: