

Tips and Tools for Academic Success



If you are struggling in a class, these tips are for you. They're tried, true and virtually guaranteed to work if applied continually and consistently.

1. **Go to School.** Coming to school is half the battle. The more you're here, the more you'll learn. In the process, you will know more, make better grades, and pass more classes.
2. **Get Organized.** Keep track of homework assignments, due dates and tests by using a planner. Many CHHS students find it helpful to organize class notes and handouts in two large binders: one for the morning (periods 1 - 4) and one for the afternoon (periods 5 - 7).
3. **PowerSchool is Powerful.** Stay on top of the game with a PowerSchool account. With PowerSchool, you can check your grades at any time. See your counselor if you need your login information.
4. **Make it Up.** Be sure to ask for the work that you missed after you return from an absence. Ask your teacher about deadlines, and be sure to get all of your makeup work done. There's no quicker way to lower your grade than to have a zero, so replace those zeroes ASAP!
5. **Do it Over.** Some teachers offer the opportunity for test corrections or to retake a quiz or assignment. Check with your teacher to make sure you are aware of these extra chances to learn the material and know your stuff, and possibly earn some extra points along the way.
6. **Ask for Help.** Who's your best ally at school? You are! If you know you are struggling, ask for help. Here are some suggestions:
 - a) **Stay for Lunch.** Take advantage of the long lunch period by going to see your teacher during this time ask for an appointment. Ask your teacher for their availability.
 - b) **Talk to Your Teacher** –Make an appointment to talk with your teacher. The best time to ask for a meeting is before class, after class, during lunch, or through an email – not in the middle of the period.
 - c) **Go to Afterschool Tutoring** – peer tutors are available in the Media Center on Tuesdays and Thursday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Bus transportation is available.
7. **Use Online Resources.** Online tutorials and study aids are available:
 - a) **Teacher Websites.** Some CHHS teachers utilize a class webpage to share assignments, tutorials and other news with students related to their courses.
 - b) **Khan Academy.** This site has an extensive video library, interactive challenges, and assessments. Most subjects available! www.khanacademy.org