

Examples of Study Strategies

It is important for studying to be as ACTIVE as possible! Simply reading over notes is not an active or effective study strategy. Studying is not “one size fits all.” Just as everyone learns in different ways, everyone also has different study strategies that are effective as well. You may have a period of trial and error before discovering the most effective study strategies for you!

Studying Tips

- Create a studying routine for each night so that students are not cramming before each test or quiz.
- Use an agenda or calendar to schedule in time for extracurricular activities, homework, free time, etc.
- Study in the same location (i.e. kitchen table, desk) if possible.
- Create a homework/studying station for a desk that is equipped with all the materials that students will need (pens, pencils, paper, highlighters, flashcards) so that it can be easily accessed.
- Set a timer and take a 5 minute break if studying becomes overwhelming.

Studying Strategies

- Flashcards for vocabulary:
 - In addition to writing the definition, draw a border around the card with pictures or symbols that correspond with the meaning of the word
 - Instead of (or in addition to) the definition, use the word in a sentence that helps portray the meaning of the word
- Make a chart to lists synonyms and/or antonyms of vocabulary words
- Have the student make up a quiz or test. A parent, sibling, or friend can take it, and the student can grade it. (Or they can take it themselves and use their notes to grade it)
- Summarize/Rewrite notes.
- “Sing” the notes.
- Parent creates skeletal notes by copying notes and leaving out key words. Student fills in blanks to complete notes.
- Write riddles for vocabulary words.
- Write a song or chant about the information.
- Create a PowerPoint on Google Slides about the information. Can also use the Board Builder feature on Discovery Education.
- Create a dance or movement to symbolize words/concepts. Parent calls out the word and student performs the dance/movement.
- Make graphic organizers for ideas or information (See <https://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/> for examples of graphic organizers)
- Make up a mnemonic device (Ex. ROYGBIV; Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally - Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction)

- Write an acrostic poem about the word or concept. (Write the word vertically, each line of the poem must begin with a word that starts with the corresponding letter and explain something about the word)
- Find student friendly study videos online (parent approval)
 - Ex: go on Youtube to find related videos for 13 Colonies, American Revolution, Civil War, or etc., and for other classes and content before a test or quiz.
 - Studyjams.scholastic.com
 - Sources for practice problems/tutorial videos for math: Khanacademy.org, Learnzillion.com, IXL.com, wolframalpha.com, mathisfun.com
 - Brain Pop (email Mrs. Stancil for username and password)
 - www.discoveryeducation.com
- Student plays the role of teacher and “teaches” the information to parents, siblings, stuffed animals, etc. Students love using white boards!