



Shaker Junior High School Tips for Academic Success

Supplies and Organization

- ◆ Follow your teachers' directions for getting the proper supplies for each class (i.e. notebook, folder, or binder). Be sure to see the supply list for your hall teachers and purchase only the supplies you need for each class.
- ◆ Teachers will give you a specific organizational system to follow for their particular class. Be sure to use your supplies to follow this system exactly as explained by the teacher.
- ◆ Clean out your backpack everyday by placing all papers in their proper location.
- ◆ Have a set of permanent folders at home. You will need a folder or box to file class work for each subject once units have been completed. These materials can later be used to study for midterms and final exams.

The Planner

- ◆ Write all homework assignments and projects in your SJHS planner at the beginning or end of each class. Include details of exactly what you have to complete along with due dates.
- ◆ For long-term projects, remember to write the assignment each day in your planner until the assignment is due.
- ◆ If there is no homework in a given class, write "no homework" instead of leaving your planner blank.

Homework

- ◆ Do your homework everyday!
- ◆ Schedule a regular time to do homework and have a regular place to study. Find a quiet place with few distractions.
- ◆ SJHS students are expected to do 1 _ to 2 hours of homework each night. If you finish your homework early, be sure to spend the rest of your time studying for tests, reading, or working on long-term assignments.
- ◆ Check with your teachers to see which textbooks can be kept at home. They will let you know when you need to bring them to school. This will really lighten your load!
- ◆ Remember that your homework is not complete until your backpack has been packed in an organized manner.

Staying After School for Help

- ◆ Ask your teachers for help whenever you have a question.
- ◆ Teachers are available for extra help from 2:15 until 3:00 several days after school.
- ◆ Take advantage of this!

Locker

- ◆ Use your locker!
- ◆ Plan when you will use your locker each day based on your own individual schedule.
- ◆ Develop a routine for using your locker. Plan when you will go to your locker and what notebooks, folders, and books will be exchanged. Follow this same routine each day!
- ◆ Remember to check your backpack for unnecessary materials that can be left in your locker.