

How do I deal with my academics?

- ✓ COMMUNCIATE everyday with your teachers! Don't wait until the final week of the six weeks.
- ✓ Turn in your homework everyday. Do not say, "I only missed one assignment." That's one too many.
- ✓ Develop a positive relationship with every teacher; even the ones you do not care for. If they know you care about their class, they will be much easier to work with.
- ✓ Follow the course syllabus and make sure you notate any changes.
- ✓ Keep a weekly and monthly calendar and plan accordingly. If you know you are going to have a late night with band, plan your homework accordingly.
- ✓ Find out when tutoring sessions are available and take advantage of them even if you are not in danger of failing. Show your teacher that passing is not good enough; an A average is your goal.
- ✓ Find other students in your classes who do well and sit by them. Ask them for help and surround yourself with positive people. Those who only hear and see positive tend to do very well.
- ✓ Always plan ahead if you know you are going to be absent. Get the assignments way in advance and never ask for an extension. Be the "Golden Child". No one likes a teachers pet, but everyone likes a well organized and mature student.
- ✓ If you begin to have trouble in a class, see the teacher right after class and alert them of your issue. If they know you are having trouble and they know you care, then they will go out of their way to help you.
- ✓ Answer questions during class when given the opportunity. In other words, PARTICIPATE!
- ✓ Be a team player. Don't be the last one to class and the first one to leave. Be early, stay late, and always be prepared.
- ✓ Attend help sessions on a weekly basis. This shows your teacher that you are making an effort.
- ✓ If you can handle it, take AP and Pre AP courses. Do not get pushed into these classes and then feel overwhelmed. If you do feel over your head, communicate with your teacher, counselor, and parents.
Always COMMUNICATE!
- ✓ C O M M U N I C A T I O N is the key to success!
- ✓ Always set a positive example. Be a leader every chance you get.