

# The ABCs of being a good student

**A** **Academics.** Place a high priority on your studies. After all, your main job in school is to learn.

**B** **Behavior.** Behave responsibly. Some of your actions now can have a long-lasting impact on your life.

**C** **Concentrate.** Focus on your coursework; concentrate on those courses that are a little tough for you.

**D** **Determination.** Not everything comes easy but you can accomplish anything if you're determined.

**E** **Excellence.** Strive to be the best in everything you do.

**F** **Fun.** Include time in your schedule to relax and have fun.

**G** **Grades.** Earn good grades by taking your classes seriously and doing the work needed.

**H** **Honesty.** Maintain a high ethical standard by staying honest in your studies. Don't copy or share homework or cheat on tests.

**I** **Involvement.** Participate in school activities to get the full academic experience.

**J** **Joy.** Immerse yourself in your studies and experience the true joy of learning.

**K** **Kindness.** Be respectful to your fellow students and teachers.

**L** **Learning.** Create a good learning environment at home by creating quiet place to study away from television, music, or other distractions.

**M** **Motivation.** Develop rewards to motivate yourself if you find it difficult to study. For instance, after you study for two hours, take a walk or doing something fun outside.

**N** **News.** Pay attention to what's going on in the world around you. Read a daily newspaper either in print or online, even if it's just the headlines and the first couple of paragraphs of an article. You'll be amazed at how many daily events tie in with class discussions.

**O** **Opportunities.** Recognize class projects and assignments as opportunities to add to your knowledge and experience something new. You might find something you really enjoy to help with your career choice.

**P** **Positive.** Be a positive thinker. You can accomplish a lot if you believe in yourself.

**Q** **Quality.** Always turn in your best work. The quality of your work says a lot about you. It also establishes good habits that will serve you well in your career.

**R** **Rest.** Adequate rest is needed to take full advantage of your classes. Staying up late to cram for a test usually doesn't result in a higher grade.

**S** **Study.** Study a little each day for every course. When exam time rolls around, you won't be trying to catch up on all of the studying you missed.

**T** **Time.** Manage your time responsibly. Make sure you make time for each class and for each project or assignment.

**U** **Unusual.** Don't settle for always doing the usual thing. Use your creative abilities to try new things. Take new classes and explore new topics.

**V** **Valiant.** Make a valiant effort to do your best in your classes. You may not be rewarded with an A all subjects, but at least you will know you tried.

**W** **Want.** Always want to learn and to learn more about the subjects you study. A subject that may be boring on the surface may be very interesting as you learn more details.

**X** **X'ing.** When taking multiple choice tests and x'ing your answer, be sure to read the question and all the possible answers completely. Don't treat multiple choice tests as multiple guess tests.

**Y** **Youthful.** Establishing an interest in various subjects will keep you young throughout your life. Researchers have found that most of those people who enjoy life have a common, ongoing interest in learning new things.

**Z** **Zeal.** Approach all you do with zeal, a passion for learning, and accomplishing as much as possible in your life.