

# How to Be a Success in Middle School

The middle school years are said to be the toughest of your life.

## **Steps:**

- Check what you have for **homework** from the teacher or a reliable friend.
  - [Making friends is also good](#)
  - Make sure you have the assignment and any needed materials to be used in getting the homework done. Such as pencils, pens, papers, etc.
  - Try to **pay attention**.
  - [Take notes while listening at the same time.](#)
1. Carefully listening while your teacher is going over information is a bonus and guaranteed to have a nice outcome.
  2. Take the *best notes you can*, because you will need them for tests.
  3. Good notes consist of: readable penmanship, descriptive details, formulas (if you're in a math or science class), and dates and location of where important events happened.
  4. Most of the time, if you outline your notes they'll be easier to understand when you go home to study them.
  5. Make sure they're neat and legible.
  6. Presentation of your notes on the paper should be clean and perfect. Notes should be legible and organized so you can study them later.
- Learn to **learn from all types of teaching**.
  - Decorate your locker to fit you. It's your little estate that you use as a **vacation between** classes.
  - Don't be afraid to **ask questions** when you don't understand a concept or directions. Teachers like kids who do this.
  - Stay after school for tutoring if needed. Take advantage of all the help you can get!
  - **DON'T FORGET TO MAKE FRIENDS AND TRY NOT TO BE AKWARD! :)**

## **Tips:**

- Be honest. If you don't have your homework, immediately tell your teacher. It'll be less embarrassing than telling him/her in front of the whole class.
- [Be nice to every kid, and they'll be nice back.](#) Don't go out making trouble for yourself. Just be yourself! It'll work out better that way.
- **Don't skip class.**
- You shouldn't care what other people think (much) so shrug it off.
- If you have trouble finishing your homework or focusing, then reward yourself when you get it all done and put away.
- Your homework is never complete until it is checked and put away ready for tomorrow.
- Every fifteen minutes take a three to five minute break. A human only has a fifteen to twenty minute attention span.

## **Warnings!**

- If you do get caught skipping class or cheating on a test, don't try to lie your way out of it. Tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
- Do not put tape or glue on your locker. After a year, that stuff will not come off!