

Tips and Tools for Academic Success

If you are struggling in a class, these tips are for you. They're tried, true, and virtually guaranteed to work if applied successfully.



1. Go to School. Coming to school is half the battle. The more you're here, the more you'll learn. In the process, you will know more, make better grades, and pass more classes.

2. Get Organized. Use one binder to organize all notes and assignments. Keep track of due dates and tests by using a planner.

3. PowerSchool is Powerful. Stay on top of the game with a PowerSchool account. With PowerSchool, you can check your grades at any time. Ask your counselor if you need your login information.

4. Make it Up. Be sure to ask for the work that you missed after you return from an absence. Ask your teacher about deadlines, and be sure to get all of your makeup work done. There's no quicker way to lower your grade than to have a zero, so replace those zeroes ASAP!

5. Plan for Absences. If you know that you are going to be out of school for three (3) or more days, call Student Services at 919-870-4250 (then press 1) and ask them to collect your assignments. Then, have a parent pick them up in a day or two.

6. Do it Over. Some teachers offer the opportunity for test corrections or to retake a quiz or assignment. Check with your teacher to make sure you know of these extra chances to learn the material and know your stuff, and possibly earn some extra points along the way. Many CTE classes have a Canvas site that lets you take the online assignments over again.

7. Ask for Help. Who's your best ally at school? You are! If you know you are struggling, ask for help. Here are some suggestions:



- a) **Stay for SMART Lunch.** Take advantage of SMART Lunch by going to see your teacher during their tutorial time. You can also ask your teacher if they have additional times that they may be available.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Tutorials	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	4 th Period	All Classes

- b) **Talk to Your Teacher** –Make an appointment to talk with your teacher. The best time to ask for a meeting is before class, after class, during SMART lunch, or through an email – not in the middle of the period.

- c) **Go to NHS Tutoring** –NHS students are providing tutoring in room 233 (Mr. Swann's room) on Fridays during all of SMART lunch. Your teacher can also request an NHS student to tutor you during SMART lunch tutorials.

- d) **Take the After-School Advantage**– Teachers may have times after school for help. Some teachers are also available before school for extra help. Find out when they are available and make plans to visit.

8. Opportunities Online. Online tutorials and study aids are available on the LRHS Student Services website. Go to the LRHS website at www.wcpss.net/leesvilleroadhs. Click on **Students**, then **Student Services**. Under **Resources**, select **Studying/Tutoring**. Some of the links available are:

- a) **Success Series Online.** Review mini-lesson on academic subjects. It's an excellent way to catch up after an absence or to extend the classroom experience. www.wcpss.net/Page/1872
- b) **The Khan Academy.** This site has an extensive video library, interactive challenges, and assessments. Most subjects available! www.khanacademy.org
- c) **Grammar Bytes.** Grammar Bytes offers practice grammar quizzes, with explanations. <http://chompchomp.com/handouts.htm>