

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. Attending school is half the battle. The more you attend, the more you'll learn. In the process, you will know more, make better grades, and pass more classes.

2. Get Organized. Use a binder or online file system to organize all notes and assignments. Keep track of due dates and tests by using a planner or an online calendar like Google Calendar or another calendar app on your phone.

3. PowerSchool is Powerful. Stay on top of the game with checking PowerSchool. With PowerSchool, you can check your grades at any time. You will access PowerSchool through your WakeID portal. Not sure where to find it? Here is a sheet on [How to Access PowerSchool](#).

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, let your teachers and counselor know. That way, you can get your work ahead of time when possible.

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.

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) **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, or through an email – not in the middle of the period. Review your teacher's websites/Google Classrooms/Canvas to see deadlines and view class materials. You can find a listing of our teachers' email addresses and virtual classrooms here: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/2612>

b) **Go to Tutoring** – Honor society students provide peer tutoring. For Math, tutoring is available during both lunches on Mondays (room TR-10) and Wednesdays (room 2208). For Science, [fill out this form](#) to connect you with a SNHS tutor. All levels academic through AP!

8. Manage your Time. Keep track of [how you spend your time](#) during the day. How much of it do you spend studying, communicating with friends, on social media/internet (look at your app time usage on your phone: [iPhone](#) [Android](#)), helping out at home, working, and doing activities you enjoy? Make sure you are dedicating enough time each day to your schoolwork.

9. Opportunities Online. Online tutorials, study aids, and subject-area help websites are available on the LRHS Student Services website. Go to the link directly here: [Studying/Tutoring](#) or go the LRHS website: <https://www.wcpss.net/leesvilleroadhs>. Click on **Students**, then **Student Services**. Under **Resources**, select [Studying/Tutoring](#). Some of the many links available include:

- a) [Khan Academy](#). This site has an extensive video library, interactive challenges, and assessments. Most subjects available! www.khanacademy.org
- b) [Getting Good Grades](#). Get help on how to study more effectively, eliminate distractions, work virtually with your peers, and preparing for online exams. <https://getschooled.com/journey/succeed-in-college/getting-good-grades/>
- c) [UNC Learning Center](#). Many tips and tools on how to study smarter, be more productive, read better, and ace your tests. Includes support on time management, test taking, and more! <https://learningcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/>