



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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9th Grade

Grades Matter

Getting good grades in challenging classes throughout your high school experience is important in college admissions decisions. Good grades also show that you understand the material and are ready for the next step, whether that be the next semester, the next grade level, or college or training after high school.

Share these four tips with your teen:

1. **Get organized.** Stay on top of assignments and tests with a planner or calendar and keep loose papers in a folder or binder so nothing gets lost.
2. **Get help.** Ask your teachers, classmates, parents, and siblings for support if there's something you don't understand.
3. **Sit front and center.** Students who sit in the front and center of the classroom have been shown to achieve higher average test scores.
4. **Hang out with friends who work hard in school.** Research shows that good (and bad) grades are contagious, so choose your friends wisely.

Source: [Oregon GEAR UP](#)



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Did You Know?

No one's potential is fixed at birth. "Maria is a quick learner." "I'm bad at math." We speak of these traits as if they are unchangeable. Scientists who study the brain have discovered that all of us can grow strong and meet challenges if we work hard and stick with it. Natural talent and predispositions are just the beginning.

Source: [What Kids Can Do](#)