

# 7 STEPS OF HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

## Fostering Academic Success



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### THEY SET GOALS

Goals keep kids focused on the future. That's why they are the foundation of responsible behavior--and success in school. Goals help students focus on what's important and what's not. If they have a vision of where they want to go, they're more likely to get there. And students with goals find it easier to say "no" to irresponsible behaviors...because they are saying "yes" to their vision of the future.



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### THEY PLAN THEIR TIME

Responsible people meet their obligations--whether it's turning in a paper on the day it's due or having a report on the boss's desk when it's needed. But it takes planning. Use a big calendar or an iPad app to help teach your child how to organize his/her time. Write down all commitments and use the calendar to plan time for homework each day.



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### THEY STUDY EVERY DAY

Learning any subject is like building a brick wall--you do it steadily, one step at a time. Responsible students set aside time for homework or studying every day. On the days when their teacher assigns no homework, these students "assign themselves." That may be the day they review vocabulary words. Or, they may take a few minutes to review notes.



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### THEY TAKE NOTES IN CLASS

Students who earn all "A"s seem to have one thing in common: they take notes in class. They have learned that teachers will almost always spell out what they think is important. Teach your child to take notes when the teacher is talking. Spend time reviewing them before a test---and watch grades go up.



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### THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED

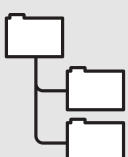
A carpenter wouldn't think of showing up without a hammer. A nurse always has a stethoscope. But, some students seem to think they can go to class without the pencils, paper, iPad, and other tools they need. The unprepared student makes it difficult for teachers to educate them.



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### THEY KEEP THEIR COMMITMENTS

Responsible students succeed in school by doing their assignments well and on time. They do their share of the group project. Parents can teach about commitments by example. Talk with your children about commitments you have made.



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### THEY GET READY AHEAD OF TIME

Responsible students have learned that being late, or being early, is not something that simply happens to them. It is a choice they can make. Teach your child to take 10 or 15 minutes before bedtime to get ready for the next day.