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## Homework Tips

Encourage your mentee to do as many of these as possible.

### 7 Basic Homework Tips for Students

#### 1. Locate a Regular Study Area

- Create a good study area with all the materials (dictionary, pens, papers, rulers) that you need to do your work.
- Make sure the area is quiet.
- Find a comfortable chair (hard chairs make studying less enjoyable).

#### 2. List Activities in Order

- Make a prioritized list of everything you need to do.
- Don't use "I don't know where to start" as an excuse.
- Do the hard stuff first when you have more energy.

#### 3. Establish Your Study Time

- Reserving a regular study time is very important.
- Students who work at the same time every day do their work everyday!
- Late night studying can be less productive because you have less energy.

#### 4. Use Free Time During School

- If you have free periods during school, use them to get your homework done.
- If you have a long bus ride, try to do some homework on the way home.

#### 5. Avoid Procrastination

- If you only do homework when you "feel" like doing it, it will never get done.
- Get homework done ahead of time in order to prepare for tests.

#### 6. Take Your Time and Do It Right

- Don't rush just to get finished.
- Try to understand how the material relates to future tests.

#### 7. Write Down Instructions Carefully

- Write down instructions in a step-by-step manner, if possible.
- Make certain you understand what the teacher wants.
- Ask questions of the teacher if you don't understand.