

"Seven Habits" for Responsible Students

Responsible students do not always have any one secret for success...but they do practice some good habits that will help them become responsible students.

1. **SET GOALS** - Goals help students focus on what's important and what's not important. Students with goals will find it easier to say "no" to irresponsible behaviors because they are saying "yes" to their vision of the future.
2. **THEY PLAN THEIR TIME** - Use a big calendar to help teach your child to organize his/her time.
3. **THEY STUDY EVERY DAY** - Responsible students set aside time for homework or studying every day.
4. **THEY TAKE NOTES IN CLASS** - Teach your child to take notes when the teacher is talking. They will learn that teachers will almost spell out what they think is important.
5. **THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED** - A responsible student will go to their class with all the materials he/she will need. Be prepared!!!
6. **THEY KEEP THEIR COMMITMENTS** - Responsible students and adults honor their commitments to others and to themselves. They will succeed in school by doing their assignments and on time. Parents can teach about commitments by example!
7. **THEY GET READY AHEAD OF TIME** - Responsible students have learned that being late, or being early, is not something that just happens. It is a choice WE make happen. Plan ahead and don't start out your morning in a crisis.