



Help Wanted!



Basic Tips to Increase Academic Success -

-Come to school - Attend school and all of your classes each and every day. If you know you will be absent, notify your teachers to find out ahead of time what work you will miss. If you don't know, talk to your teacher immediately when you return.

Extended Absences - If you are very sick and know that you are going to be out of school for three days or more, **call the Student Services office at 570-5620 and request your assignments.** Give the office 24-48 hours to collect your assignments and have a parent come and pick them up.

-Get organized - Use a three ring binder to organize all of your notes and assignments. Keep folders for both homework & class work. A planner can help you to keep track of due dates and exam dates. Ask your teachers how you can best organize for each class.

-Prioritize -Organize all of your assignments, divide them into parts, decide which tasks take priority (based on importance, weight, and due dates) and complete the work accordingly. The way, all the work you have will feel much more manageable.

-Keep track of your grades - Know your Powerschool login and password! Check your grades weekly to make sure you are on track. If you don't know your PS account and password, stop by Student Services.

-Ask for help! - Communication with your teacher, counselors, and parents is the key to success in school. You are your own ally. Don't let yourself fall behind in your classes without asking for help!

Additional Tips to Increase Academic Success

1. Talk to your teacher - This works best when you set up an appointment to talk with your teacher about your grade in his or her class. Before or after class, or via email, ask your teacher when it would be a good time to talk with him or her (before school, during lunch, after school, etc). Let them know why you would like to meet so that they can prepare.

Some questions to ask your teacher:

- What is my grade? Why is it so low? (homework missing, test scores, etc.)?
- What do you think I can do to bring my grade up (in class and outside of class)?
- What kind of help would you recommend for me (Husky Help, teacher tutoring, peer tutoring, outside tutoring)?
- Are there any tutors that you recommend?
- How do you post notes and assignments (i.e. Blackboard, Edmodo, etc.)?
- Where can I find resources to help me study for your class?

2. Get extra help - This can come from tutoring sessions with your teacher (before school, during lunch, or after school—remember to always make an appointment with your teacher to find out the best time), help from a parent or sibling, or help from a recommended tutor (outside tutor or recommended peer tutor).

Extra help here at Heritage HS:



-Husky Help 2.0 – a new remediation schedule has been incorporated into the regular schedule. If you have a D or an F in any of your classes, you are required to attend an extra help session for that class during this time. If you do not have a D or F and would like to stay during HH 2.0, ask your teacher for permission. If not, set up an appointment with them during their office hours.

-After School Help -Heritage HS has an Activity Bus that can take you home if you need to stay for extra help. Check in Student Services or the Front Office for an activity bus schedule and bus routes. You must set up a session with your teacher ahead of time (a day or two in advance) and get a pass from Mr. Riedel or your teacher to ride the bus. It's a great time to get the help that you need and still have a way home. If you have a way home, you are welcome to stay too. Always ask teachers when they are available

-Before School or During Lunch – ask your teacher if they are available during these times as well. Do what you can to maximize your time here at school – take every opportunity to get help until you can pull your grade up. This year, Study Buddies and math teachers are available every lunch for help.

Extra help outside of Heritage HS:



-Tutors –ask your teacher if he or she recommends any particular outside tutors for your subject. You can also ask your school counselor if they have any tutor recommendations, too. HHS Study Buddies and other peer tutors are available upon request.

-HHS Freshman Website – visit <http://hhsclassof2017.weebly.com/index.html> to keep up to date with important information pertaining to Freshmen and a list of resources that can help you throughout the year.

-WCPSS Online Tutorials - *The Success Series* is an individualized approach to curriculum review created by The Wake County Public School System to help all students reach their academic potential. *The Success Series* segments are posted so students can review at their own pace from home, their school's media center or anywhere they have internet access. For more information, visit: <http://www.wcpss.net/success-series/>

3. Keep your eye on the goal!-

-Will I Graduate? Stay aware of the current graduation requirements by talking to your counselor. We will go over these frequently during classroom guidance activities and information nights.

-Colleges are watching – Remember that every year counts! Work hard on being successful now so that can get into a school of your choice and possibly qualify for academic scholarship money in the future.

-Calling all Athletes - If you are an athlete or want to be on a Heritage HS athletic team, you need to pass 3 out of your 4 classes each semester and be on track for promotion. Remember, you are not only an athlete, you're a student athlete – academics come first.

