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The Seven Habits of Highly Successful High School Students

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As a teacher, I have seen students come and students go over the years. The most students in high school and in life have similar habits. Seven of the most common ones are:

1. Highly Successful High School Students Are Organized

The successful high school student's papers may be all over the place right now, but chances are that he has dated them and put on a heading that will help him easily identify the paper when he's ready to organize. A successful high school student should also have a place where she can keep track of daily assignments, test dates, and other extra curricular activities.

2. Highly Successful High School Students Ask Questions

Questions to clarify assignments...Questions about difficult concepts...Questions about how the material applies to life...Questions about where to get more answers...And more, and more, and more questions. Successful high school students use questions to create an education that is customized to what they need in life.

3. Highly Successful High School Students Have Support

Whether it is a parent, another trusted adult, or a friend that is a phone call away, successful high school students have someone they can turn to when they need help with an assignment or just need someone to talk to about the stresses of school life.

4. Highly Successful High School Students Focus on Learning, Not Grades

At the end of a homework assignment or study session, a highly successful high school student feels that she is successful if she understands the material. If the end goal of studying is solely to achieve a good grade

5. Highly Successful High School Students Read Independently

School doesn't teach everything you need to know. The most successful students read on their own, at least 30 minutes a day. Any type of reading works, whether it is a novel for fun, the articles in their favorite magazine, or an online news site.

6. Highly Successful High School Students Are Well-Mannered

Polite people get things done and win allies for the long term in their high school career and in life. From help on homework, to getting a letter of recommendation, to getting a foot in the door for a future career, successful high school students know that their good manners now will have people lining up to help them later on down the road.

7. Highly Successful High School Students Have Fun in School

There's more to school than class, homework, and lunch. The most successful high school students are involved in a few extra curricular-activities, including clubs, sports, community service, and student government.

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