



## Steps to Success



As an elementary or junior high student, you're at an exciting point in your life. Your mind is like a sponge and is looking to soak up lots of new and exciting information. Your teacher knows that is excited to be the person who's giving new material and helping you put it together. Remember, teachers are people, too, and they feel great if you're open to what they're teaching you. That's why they wanted to be teachers in the first place - to teach!

Your teachers want you to:

- pay attention
- be respectful and polite
- try your best to learn

You want a teacher who is:

- respectful to you
- answers your questions
- tries to help you learn

It is important to realize that if you treat your teachers in the way that they want, they will in turn treat you in the ways listed above.

Tips to Remember:

- A teacher who's called tough may actually be someone who feels strongly about doing his or her job, which is teaching you the subject you are supposed to learn.
- Making mistakes is a part of learning. By pointing out your errors and helping you correct them, a teacher is **teaching** you.

Your Responsibilities to Ensure Success:

As a student, you have some basic responsibilities to fulfill in order to have a success school year. Here are some of those responsibilities:

- Attend class ready to learn.
- Be prepared for class with the right pencils, books, and completed assignments.
- Listen when your teacher is talking.
- Do your best, whether it's a classroom assignment, homework or a test

Remember, doing your best now, will make things better for you as you journey through your school years.

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