

## STUDYING STRATEGIES:



*A Brief Story:* The HFCS graduating class of '09 was asked, "What would you have changed in your high school career?" Of those responding, 50% said, "I wish I had worked harder and got better grades".

*The Moral:* Work hard now so you don't regret it later!

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**RULE #1:** YOU MUST BE TRULY WILLING AND WANTING TO DO WELL ON YOUR QUIZ / TEST.

**RULE #2:** YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR HELP IS YOUR TEACHER. IF YOUR TEACHER OFFERS A REVIEW SESSION BEFORE A TEST, GO TO IT. THE TEACHER MOST ALWAYS GOES OVER THE VERY THINGS THAT WILL BE ON THE TEST.

**RULE #3:** LEARN WHAT YOUR STUDY STYLE IS. A STUDY STYLE THAT WORKS FOR YOUR FRIEND MAY NOT WORK FOR YOU.

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*"Energy and persistence conquer all things."*

- Benjamin Franklin

## **General Strategies:**

*Don't study everything at once. Break down the material into smaller groups and study each group separately. It's also better to study for a test over a couple days, not everything the night before.*

*Try using various "mnemonic" (memorizing) techniques, for example:*

- *with a group of related terms, take the first letter of each and turn them into a word or sentence that's easy to remember. (We all remember learning the lines of a music staff as EGBDF by learning "Every Good Boy Deserves Favor".)*

## **Flashcards:**

*This is a standard study tool. Try flashcards with this variation: Put the term on one card and the definition on another (nothing on the backs). Then mix and match correctly.*

*If you have a lot of terms, practice them in small groups, perhaps five at a time.*

## **Notetaking:**

*Put the day's date on top of each day's notes. This will help you keep your notes organized.*

*Highlight the important parts of you notes / review books. Don't highlight too many things. This will just confuse you.*

*Make use of a hand-held voice-recorder in classes where the teacher does a lot of lecturing. Then listen to those "notes" during your leisure time.*

