Special Education Parent Newsletter



What are Study Skills?

School work has become increasingly digital in this day and age. Technology can be a valuable tool for students to find success in accessing and interacting with curriculum. It is important for students to develop appropriate study skills habits to increase independence and maximize learning.

The term "study skills" refers to the management and organization of time, materials, and information. Instruction of these skills can incorporate the physical organization of materials as well as the organization of information. Study skills are an essential component of academic proficiency. Students have the ability to find strategies that fit their learning needs and use them to understand, organize, and prepare materials while managing their time.

Managing Time

Calendars: Online calendars allow students to sync events and manage assignments and personal lives.

Homework Apps: Programs and applications allow students to track and prioritize short and long term assignments. Reminders and alerts can be set through these programs.

Timers: Many variations of online timers exist to support students in the understanding of time and time on task. Timers can help promote productivity for a specific duration of time. This will help students remain on task.

Managing Materials

Checklists: Electronic checklists are a great way to keep track of materials and assignments. Many checklists can be used on different platforms, synced with other devices, and shared with other people.

Google Drive: Google Drive is an organizational system that allows for the creation of unlimited color-coded folders and documents.

Dropbox: Dropbox allows for the storing, syncing, editing, and sharing of documents that were created using a variety of programs.

Organizing and Comprehending Information

Graphic Organizers: Graphic organizer programs allow students to organize their ideas electronically on a variety of platforms and with a range of outlines.

Note-taking Templates: Tables can be created in Google Docs, Microsoft Word, and Excel. These allow for note-taking in a two column format electronically.

Evernote: Evernote is an electronic resource designed to aid in the research process. Students can "clip" articles, highlight information, save articles with tags, and organize a variety of articles to be referenced later.

Resources:

Occupational Therapists: Document
Physical Therapists: Document
School Social Workers: Document
Vision Consultants: Link
Emotional Impairment Consultants: Document 1 Document 2
Autism Spectrum Disorder Consultants:

START (Statewide Autism Training and Resources) is a Michigan Department of Education (MDE) grant funded project working to train educators in Autism and research supported (evidenced-based) practices including behavior support, Peer to Peer programming, and other strategies promoting success for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs). START appreciates the family's role in a child's education and development and emphasizes the family's importance as members of their child's educational and transition teams. Please visit the START website, taking the time to explore the Parent Information Portal and the START Self Advocacy page.

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