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TEN HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE STUDENTS

“Success isn’t just luck.”

- 1. Attend class.** College lectures supplement the material in the text, so it is important to attend class.
- 2. Read the textbook.** Start early and read a little at a time. If you have a text with 400 pages, read 25 pages a week rather than trying to read it all at once.
- 3. Have an educational plan.** Counselors can assist you in making an educational plan, so that you take the right classes and accomplish your educational goal as soon as possible.
- 4. Use college services.** Colleges offer valuable free services that help you to be successful. Take advantage of tutoring, counseling, financial aid, the Educational Resource Center (Library) and many other services.
- 5. Get to know the faculty.** You can get to know the faculty by asking questions in class or meeting with your instructor during office hours. Your instructor can provide extra assistance and write letters of recommendation for scholarships, future employment, or for graduate school.
- 6. Don’t work too much.** Research has shown that full-time students should have no more than 20 hours of outside employment a week to be successful in college. If you have to work more than 20 hours a week, reduce your college load. If you are working 40 hours a week or more, take only one or two classes.
- 7. Take one step at a time.** If you are anxious about going to college, remember that each class you attend takes you another step toward your goal.
- 8. Have a goal for the future.** Know why you are in college and what you hope to accomplish. What career will you have in the future?
- 9. Visualize your success.** See yourself walking across the stage and receiving your college diploma. See yourself working at a job you enjoy.
- 10. Think positively about your success in college.** Begin with the idea that you can be successful, and then take the steps necessary for success.

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