

Study Skills for Success in Algebra

Studying mathematics ?

- Not a spectator sport
- Review and practice very often
- Don't expect to understand new topics immediately
- Prepare before, during and after class
- Put forth the necessary effort. Give your self a fair chance. Keep a positive attitude.

Classroom- Attendance, Preparation, Note taking

- Attend class every day
- Prepare before, during and after class
- Possibly tape record class

Time management

- General guideline is to study at least 2 hours for every one hour of class time
- Study most difficult course first
- Be sure and take breaks
- Make a schedule

Doing homework

- Study in a quiet place
- Read notes before starting homework
- Write things down: definitions formulas etc.
- Don't "GIVE UP" if you get stuck
- Consider a study group or partner

Taking an exam

- DO NOT TRY TO "CRAM" THE NIGHT BEFORE A TEST !
- Sleep at least 8 hours
- Study right before the test
- Relax until the test is handed out
- When you get your test:
 - Write down useful formulas etc.
 - Look over test
 - READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY
 - Do easy problems first
 - Attempt every problem. NEVER leave a question blank !
 - Use all of class time. Check answers.
 - Finish what you can at the end.