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## Scoring Guide

# Writing Topic

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## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERSUASIVE ESSAY

### Purpose

- To get the reader to accept the writer's point of view on the issue posed by the writing prompt
- To adopt the writer's way of thinking about the issue posed by the writing prompt

### Organizational Pattern

- Introduction
  - ✓ May have a hook or grabber to get the reader's attention
  - ✓ Clearly conveys the writer's opinion/position on the topic/thesis statement
- Body
  - ✓ Provides evidence to support the writer's opinion/purpose
  - ✓ Evidence will be in the form of facts, reasons, examples, details, etc.
  - ✓ Effective transitions show how ideas connect
  - ✓ May present pros and cons of an argument
  - ✓ Anticipates the reader's questions
- Conclusion
  - ✓ Restates the writer's opinion/position, thesis statement, or focus
  - ✓ May summarize the main point included in the body
  - ✓ May include a personal comment or call for action

# **Ideas / Content**

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With two and a half years of high-school experience under my belt, I am able to determine that the most necessary habit to maintain in order to be successful in high school is organization. As you move through high school it gets increasingly more difficult and stressful, so keeping assignments in order, remembering important dates, and leaving time for everything is crucial. Students are given planners right away, they can buy their own at the store, they can use the calendar or reminder app built into their smartphones, or, my personal method, just use a real or electronic note pad. With all of these options, students are completely capable of staying organized and achieving success in high school.

Most students take four core classes and two to three electives. Occasionally it can get to a point where you have important assignments in every class simultaneously. This means you could have a twenty-question math assignment, a three-page essay, a history project, a science lab, a reading assignment in Spanish, and an assignment in your elective class all due the next day. We have all been there at some point and have all made the mistake of thinking, "Oh yeah, I'll remember that. I don't need to write it down." Well, we were all very wrong. Then you stroll into math the next day and the teacher asks for the homework...and when you don't have it you realize that you probably should have written that down. A lot of people can learn from their mistakes and try out new organization techniques, however, some can be repeat offenders. It is important that we show incoming students, and even re-introduce the idea to current students, just how much organization can simplify your lives when it comes to keeping all assignments in order.

We also have to take into account the extra-curricular activities students are in. There is choir, theatre, speech, sports, slam poetry, all sorts of things, and they all have events outside of school hours. I can barely remember my best friend's birthday, so I definitely struggle in trying to remember the dates of my concerts and shows. However, I never miss an event because I always write it down. In my phone I have a notes section for all of my events, so I can just open it up whenever family or friends ask me for the dates of my performances, and it's all right there for me. If I were to not write it down and forget a date, I could potentially be letting down an entire team of people, which is why it is very important that I stay organized.

Organization is also extremely important for mental stability. A lot of students are involved in so many things, which can get incredibly stressful. If you write everything down, you are then able to prioritize and decide what comes first, how long you need for each assignment, and what you need help on, but the most important thing you are able to do is find time to relax. Everyone needs a time in their day to just "shut off" their minds and stop worrying. If I were to not write everything down and plan it out, I would most likely be in a frenzy at all times. I'd procrastinate even more than I already do and stress myself out to the point of exhaustion. I've been on the verge myself, and I've seen it happen to many friends. They do too much, never leave time for themselves, and eventually they break. Organization is very necessary to maintain sanity for those students who always do something.

Once you have organization, I think most of the other skills important for success will just fall into place. With organization you are able to know what needs to be done at all times in order to stay on track, which will help reduce procrastination and hopefully motivate students to attempt every assignment and know exactly what it is they need help on and be prepared for every quiz and test thrown their way. Coming from a student with experience, organization should be a high schooler's number one priority at all times.

Ideas/Content: 4

4-4-4-4

The writer conveys a clear opinion that the most necessary habit to maintain in order to be successful in high school is organization. The content is well-focused on the idea that organizing school work and extra-curricular activities will help the student be well prepared, more motivated, and less stressed. The reasoning is logical and somewhat compelling. The supporting examples are numerous and relevant.

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It was Robert Kennedy who once said "In the game of life, there's one valuable lesson to be learned, never give up, never give in, and always stay determined." Determination is vital to success, without it, very little is accomplished. Which is why, in a presentation for first-year high school students, determination needs to be taught as an essential behavior to have in order to succeed. Students with determination will be punctual, hard working, and create goals that they will want to achieve.

Students who are determined will be punctual. Being punctual would be considered being in attendance as well as being on time. The reason behind this is because once determined students set their mind on something they will achieve it, if they want to be on time to their first period of their day, and notice they have been cutting it close, they will set their alarm for five minutes earlier, or will just make themselves cereal instead of time consuming breakfast. The reason being punctual is important to success, is because students will be in the learning environment for the complete time of instruction and lecturing. If the student is either late or not in attendance at all, then they will be missing out on valuable learning, and will have to catch up. Catching up is quite difficult of students, because they are often overwhelmed. For example when my brother missed five weeks of school due to Medical Reasons, he fell behind in class and his grades suffered because catching up became to challenging and overwhelming. As we can see here, one reason determination needs to be in the presentation, is because determined students will be punctual, and being punctual is beneficial.

Not only will determined students be punctual, but they will also be incredibly hard working. Currently in our school system the formative grades are looked at as having little to no importance, when in fact they can be the difference factor in a grade. Students who are determined to get their work done, will not care if it's summative or if it's formative, they will just make sure that they are getting it done. This does not only apply to only to students and school work, but real life situations. For example if a determined individual has a job, and the superior gives the individual a task, even one they know they will not enjoy, they will still be determined to finish and do a good job.

The final benefit to teach students to be determined is that they will set up goals and will want to achieve them. If students are determined to get a good grade on a chemistry test, they will study their butts off. Or if someone's goal is to be the first of their family to attend and complete college, they will take the proper steps in accomplishing their goal. For example, my goal for the first two years of my high school career was to be a National Qualifying Debater. After many failed attempts, I got determined and put more work into that than anything I have ever done, and eventually succeeded in it. This can happen to many more students if we teach them that determination is vital to success.

In conclusion, I believe that we need to listen to the wise words spoken by Robert Kennedy, and include that determination is an important behavior to have in a presentation, because students with determination will be punctual, hard working, and create goals that they will want to achieve.

Ideas/Content: 4

4-4-4-4

The writer conveys a clear opinion regarding the importance of determination for achieving success in high school. The content is well focused on the topic of determination, and the writer thoroughly develops the idea that students with determination will be punctual, hard-working and create goals. The reasoning is logical and compelling with numerous relevant supporting examples that would convince guidance counselors to agree with their opinion on which behavior to include in the presentation.

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Everyone struggles throughout high school so we should help them to figure out what will make them successful. Someone does not want to go into high school having no clue what they are doing. It would be nice if they had some help getting started. Here are some tips to help students become successful. Behaviors and habits that are necessary to achieve in high school are always pay attention, do not get lazy, and get enough sleep at night.

When people pay attention in class it helps them to better understand what is being taught. Do not sit in class and talk to friends. This distracts other classmates and takes away from your own learning. A teacher is more likely to help someone that is paying attention rather than someone that is messing around the whole time. If a person pays attention in class, when it comes time for a test in class they may struggle a little bit but if they think back they will be able to remember what was taught because they were actually paying attention. Numerous teachers give grades just for participation during the class period and if someone is talking the whole time they will not get a good participation grade therefore bringing down their grade as a whole. Paying attention in class has been reported to give students better grades because they know what they are learning.

Kids must go to school, it is a law. If someone must be at school they should try not to make it completely miserable for themselves. Not turning papers in is a sign of being lazy. Do not get lazy and not do the work just being it is getting late or there are other "priorities." In all reality school work should be the number one priority for all students because that determines how good of a future people will have. Being to lazy to do the work is not an excuse for not getting it done, teachers will not except it and neither will parents. Turn stuff in on time and do it to the best ability .

High school students love to stay up late at night. Do not do that, that is bad for the body and bad for grades when there is school the next day. A body can not function correctly if it does not have enough sleep. Grades have been proven to be higher when the students gets eight to ten hours of sleep a night. If a person gets enough sleep at night then they will not being trying to fall asleep in class the next day and they will be able to pay attention better. A brain needs it's sleep at night so it can function properly the next day. If there is a test the next day a person will not be able to focus on it if the body did not get a full nights rest. Get enough sleep and you will be able to work better therefore leading to good grades.

Behaviors and that are necessary to achieve in high school are always pay attention, do not get lazy, and get enough sleep at night. All of these factors will help contribute to a better high school career. When a person is not so miserable at school they do not seem to hate it so bad. People with all of these factors tend to have a better attitude toward school and the future. If someone wants a bright future then they should develop these qualities while they are in high school.

Ideas/Content: 3

3-3-3

The writer conveys a general opinion about three different behaviors that are important for success in high school. While the content is generally focused on the need to pay attention, not being lazy and getting enough sleep at night, these ideas are not thoroughly developed. The reasoning is logical and somewhat convincing but is not compelling. The supporting examples are adequate and relevant, but a sharper focus on a single habit or behavior, which was more thoroughly developed, would achieve a higher score.

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For a student to be successful in high school, they should have a good attendance, get good grades, and be responsible. Every student in high school needs this three things to achieve success, if they wanna go to college and have a good career for their future. Because in college, they don't want a person with bad grades, bad attendance, and is not responsible.

First, you need to have a good attendace because if your late to your classes, you're missing out on what they did in class. And if your tardy a lot of times, they could call home or the time adds up on how many minutes your late. So you don't want any tardies. Colleges don't want someone that goes to school late and have a bad attendance. They want someone that shows up at school and really wants to learn something and thats the kind of person they want.

Second, you need to get good grades to have a success in high school because you're not going to graduate if have bad grades like D and Fs. You need to have grades like A's and B's to have a good GPA to go into college. So, to have a good grade you need to do work in class and just tried your best on it to get like a 4 on it. Take notes in class because that could help you study for a test and pass it. If you get a good grade on a test then your good because the tests are summatives.

Third, you need to be responsible. Being responsible in high school is a important thing beacause you need to bring your materials with you and be prepared. always bring a pen or pencil to class everyday and a notebook. If your not responsible to bring a pencil, then i don't know how your going to do your work with no materials. And if the teacher gives you homework, then you are responsible to bring it back finish for grade.

This are the things i think that a student needs to achieve success in high school. If they do this things, then there good in high school. They need a good attendance. show up on time everyday. You need to get good grades in every classes and do works that needs to be done. And be responsible for what you need to bring to school and for your classes. And this are the three things a first year high school student needs to know to achieve a success in high school.

Ideas/Content: 3

3-3-3-2

The writer conveys a general opinion about which behavior is most necessary to achieve success in high school. The content is generally focused on the three different habits of good attendance, good grades, and being responsible. The reasoning is logical and somewhat convincing, but not particularly compelling. Supporting examples for each of the three main ideas are adequate and relevant, but the development of a strong, convincing opinion for any one of the three ideas has not been accomplished.

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In high school there are many ways to be successful. There are lots of useful tips to get through your 4 years of high school smoothly. During my first year of high school i was really nervous and shy. I didn't think I was going to make it through a single day. After I got some helpful advice, high school was very easy.

To be successful in high school you have to remain focused. If you stay focused it will be a lot easier and go by quicker. Ignore all the distractions and interuptions in your class and you'll do just fine. When you remain focused in class it'll help you in the long run. Being focused is the key to success.

When you're focused in school you avoid lots of drama that comes with your first year. It also tells your teachers that you are there you learn. It shows you are ready to work hard and earn your education. It's one of the best characteristics to have in high schhol. Being focused tells someone that you're serious about school.

A good habit to have in school is completing all your work. Doing your work in school is very important. Also doing your homework is a major key in school. It tells your teacher you do your work and also shows what you know. Always do your class and home work.

High school can be really stressful if you don't do what you're suppose to. These simple tips can make your first year of high school very easy. All you have to do is stay focused and do your work.

Ideas/Content: 2

2-2-2-2

The writer conveys a limited opinion about the need to remain focused during high school. While the reasoning is somewhat logical, the writer has not adequately explained their opinions and supporting examples are somewhat lacking. Reasoning is often vague or somewhat lacking, leaving the reader with many unanswered questions. A new habit is introduced in the fourth paragraph about the need to complete all of your schoolwork, which seems to be a slight digression from the main topic of staying focused, as the writer has not adequately explained the connection between these two habits or behaviors. The central idea is not clear until the final sentence of the response.

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Highschool is a melting pot of habits and behaviors. Most teenagers in High school have a straight shot goal to graduate while others may not be as motivated. In this paper i will help you to know just the right habits and behaviros to be the most successful. I think that first priority is to stay focused on your school work and to make it a good routine to always turn in homework on time. Getting off track with your homework can cause you many problems and cause your grades to fall.

Making a good habit of balancing out time with Friends and Family is also another good way to be successful. With the right balance it will ensure i healthy strong path for school in between. Keeping a positive, and clear mind on Grades and Goals is a good behavior to also have. Being in High school , Freshman year was probably the hardest year not including of course Junior year. This was hardest for me because freshamn is the year where you make all the choices that will effect the rest of your high school career.

Choosing the right friends, the right classes, how to set goals, and completing work with a good grade. I think that you should keep in mind Focus, Goals, Balance family and friends, Positive mind and behavior towarsd new things are most important to show in your presentation when talking to First- year high school students.

Ideas/Content: 2

2-2-2-2

The writer conveys a limited opinion about which habit or behavior they think is most necessary to achieve success in high school. The writer presents a number of opinions on which habits would be important in school, but a clear central idea is lost. Reasoning and supporting examples are limited and vague, and the writer's opinion or position is only somewhat logical and not especially convincing. Focusing on a single habit or behavior and developing the reasoning for that habit alone would improve the score of this response.

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Walking into your new school for the first time can be scary. Not knowing where to go, but yet you have to find the auditorium so you can here a presintaion about what to be expected of freshmen and to meet the principle.

When you finally find the additorium and they you got to glance around so that you can find where your middleschool friends are, so that you have someone to sit with. You finally get to be with your friends and you talk about your summers and what you did. Then the music starts to die down and everyone slowly gets quiet. The princible walks onto the stage to introduce herself.

She trys to crack a joke, but I think maybe a total of five people laugh. After she is done talking about the school expectations she walks off. Then an administrator comes on the persuade the freshmen what he would expect from them. He say, "I see alot of fights in a school year, and some of them I have to break up. And trust me they are not fun. Kids try to nag them on, witch makes them worse to break up because you have a crowd. So if you have a problem with someone come to a adult to figure it out." I have personally saw a fight kinda like this. There was a fight of two boys and a administaor came into it to break it, but because of the crowed it was hard for him to break in it to even get to the fight.

In conclusion, dont fight in high school. It makes a big deal for nothing, and starts alot of drama. The adminstrator tryed to persuade the freshman not to fight.

Ideas/Content: 1

1-2-1-2

The writer conveys little opinion about not fighting in high school. This response has few if any supporting examples, as the writer's argument is vague and is not elaborated adequately. The opening narrative does not support the central idea, which only becomes apparent in the last few sentences of the response. A lack of any logical reasoning does not help to persuade the reader to agree with the writer's opinion in any way.

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To be successful in high school you'll need to: Stay in class, have good friends, be confident, dont be THAT kid, tell adults if there is a problem, pass all your classes, dont do drugs, help others, get all the credits needed, stay in school, dont try and do stupid things in your car like speed, dont skip school or class for no good reason, get involved.

If you do good in high school that makes you more likely to be picked by good colleges. Good collage equals a good degree, which means a good job and more money in the future.

Do your homework, if acutally counts in high school unlike middle school!!!

Unlike middle school, if you dont get all your credits you can possibly stay here til your 21. Dont be a bad kid that starts rumors and things like that, those ruin lives and hurt people.

Ideas/Content: 1

1-1-1-1

The writer conveys little opinion about which habit or behavior is most necessary to achieve success in high school. The content is an undeveloped list of many habits or behaviors that is lacking supporting ideas and the reasoning is unclear. The writer has failed to present a persuasive argument to the reader.

# Organization

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A transition from middle-school to high-school is a rough change for students. Bringing the studious habits developed in middle-school will assist greatly into having success in high school. Students that struggle with studying the material will have a hard time in high school, and will see the results of those habits from their report cards. Developing good study habits will lead students coming from middle-school to high-school to become successful in their high school environment. Three ways students can develop good study habits is that they can study with their classmates, go to the library and study, or focus during the class lectures.

Studying with classmates is a fundamental way for students to develop good study habits. Rather than studying by yourself, having classmates with you while you study is beneficial to both parties. If one student doesn't understand the material covered in class, that student could ask his peers to clarify and explain the material. Studying with others is also fun for everyone. The students could come up with study games that they can play with one another to learn the material in a joyous way. Initiating a fun time with classmates while studying can lead up to more group study sessions, thus creating better study habits for students to become successful in high school. If students can't seem to partner up with each other and create a study group, the students could go to the local library in the neighborhood or their school library and study there.

Some students would prefer to study alone. That is when the students could go to a library and study, where it has an environment that emits silence all around the location. The silence will provide less distraction for the student, making the student focus more on the material learned in class. A beneficial way to study in the library is to put cell phones, laptops, or any other type of distractions away so there would not be any thing to bother someone while studying. Studying alone in peace and quiet will lead students to focus better on the material learned in class, thus creating better study habits to be used to become successful in high school. Studying alone and not understanding the material can be resolved by focusing in class.

Listening to the instructor during class lectures will make the material studied in class easier to comprehend. If students don't understand something the instructor just explained, the students should just ask the instructor to explain the material again so there is a more in depth meaning to it. If one does not understand the material in class, then they won't understand it during study sessions. Not understanding material in study sessions is not how to be successful in high school. Students shouldn't be scared to ask questions during class. More than likely there is someone else in the class that has the same questions about the material.

An addition to good study habits will lead students coming in from middle school to become successful in high school. The students can develop good study habits by forming a study group with classmates, going to the library to study, or focusing in class to understand the material. These are the keys to becoming successful in high school. High school goes by in a flash, and college is around the corner from that. Developing good study habits now will lead you not only to be successful in high school, but future endeavors later in life.

Organization: 4

4-4-3-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is effective in this response about good study habits. Transitional phrases are used effectively to connect the ideas between paragraphs and strong internal transitional words and phrases effectively connect ideas within the body of each paragraph. Pacing is well-controlled and paragraphing is sound. An effective introduction and conclusion are evident.

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Most students want to be successful in high school so that they can go to college and get a good job. However, getting through high school successfully is not always easy. To be successful, students need to possess certain habits and behaviors. One of the most important habit they should have is responsibility. There are many reasons why students need to be successful. For one, being responsible will better prepare students for college. Being responsible will also make students more productive members of society. My final reason is that teachers no longer help students as much as they did in middle school in high school. After reading this essay, it should be clear why every high school student needs to be responsible.

My first point is that being responsible will better prepare students for college. Most well paying jobs in today's society now require a college degree. So in order to be successful, students not only have to finish high school, but they also have to get a degree in something. College is way more difficult than high school and in college, students are given a lot more freedom. It is up to the student what to do with all this new found freedom. That is where being responsible comes in. If a student learns responsibility in high school, college will be easier for them. Responsible students will have better time management so they will always get their homework done on time, because college professors will not give you class time to work on things like high school teachers did. College professors expect their students to be mature and responsible enough to do all that is required of them, without much help. Sometimes, college students even have to be responsible enough to teach themselves the class material just by reading the textbook. The professors will not even teach anything and they will give a quiz. Only the students who were responsible enough to do what is required of them would pass. Students that are not responsible would have a difficult time in college and fall behind quickly. That is why being responsible will not only get students through high school, but college as well.

My second point is that being responsible will make students more productive members of society. If students want to participate in a lot of activities, then they need to be responsible for everything that they do. For example, if a student wants to be in an after school sport, they not only have to be responsible for going to practices everyday, but keeping their grades up as well. Being active in school is a good thing because it teaches students responsibility. Students also need to be responsible to get a part time job during the school year. Getting a job not only earns students money to help pay for college, but it also makes them more productive members of society. They are making money, learning responsibility, and helping society all at the same time. Getting a part time job will also teach students how to be responsible with their money, which is a skill that they will need to know throughout their entire life. For example, when a student gets their pay check, they will learn that they should not just go spend it all on fast food and other unnecessary things. They will learn that you have to budget. The student can spend some of it on food, some of it on gas money, and put some of it in savings for college. Having a job teaches responsibility because it gives students an opportunity to spend their money wisely. That responsibility makes students more productive members of society.

My final point is that students need to be responsible because high school teachers are not going to help them as much as middle school teachers did. In middle school, teachers would not give homework very often, and when they did, it was not too bad. Also, everyone got it done because the teachers would always remind the students about it, or they would let them finish it in class. In my experience, in middle school we even got one free pass if we forgot to do an assignment. They do not do that in high school. Sometimes teachers will assign homework with just a few minutes left in class. Also, if a student does not do an assignment, or simply forgets, then they will most like just get a zero on that assignment. Even if that student makes it up, they will still get a late grade. So students need to be responsible in high school to get their work done so they do not fail. The successful students in high school are the responsible ones. High school students need to be responsible if they want to be successful because the teachers are no longer going to walk them through it like they did in middle school.

Which habit or behavior is most necessary for students to achieve success in high school? To summarize, students need to be responsible in high school to be successful not only in school, but in life. There are many reasons why students need to be responsible. The main ones for this are because being responsible will better prepare students for college, because being responsible will make students more productive members of society, and because teachers are not going to help students as much as they did in middle school. Success is not given, it is earned. Hopefully this essay has made it clear why students need to be responsible to be successful.

Organization: 4

4-4-4-4

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is effective in this response about responsibility. A strong and effective introduction clearly conveys the writer's opinion and sets up the main points of the essay. Pacing is well-controlled as the essay flows through each of the main points. Strong transitional phrases are used effectively and consistently within each paragraph, creating a strong progression of ideas. The introductory transitions at the beginning of each of the main body paragraphs are, however, somewhat functional. An effective summary conclusion restates the writer's position and opinion about the importance of responsibility, including the extension that "Success is not given, it is earned" to effectively sum up the response. Paragraphing is sound.

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When people get older they want a good job, friends and family who care about them, and they want to live a good life. To get there, it all starts at high school, and to become successful in life you have to be successful in high school so that you understand and adapt to certain situations.

One of the many things that you can do in high school to become successful is to do your homework. Many students think that because they understand the material, or that homework isn't a big part of your grade, that they don't need to do it. Well I believe that you should do your homework. I think that in the long run, homework will help you. While doing homework, you start to understand the material, you're grade will go up from doing better on tests, and it'll help you prepare for future chapters when you just apply something new to the things you already know. I can relate from personal experience. I always try and do my homework, and when I do, it makes what we're learning in the classroom so much easier. Homework also helps me do better on tests since I understand it, and it helps me with future chapters because usually we just apply something new. Homework can also help you with upcoming things in your life like you're job, calculating how much of something you need, how much money you can spend, and a whole lot more. Doing story problem in math can be a pain, but it helps you get an idea of what you need to do later in life in case you need it, and just about every job out there requires you to know a little math.

Another thing that you can do in high school to become successful is to get involved in clubs/sports. Getting involved can not only be fun, but it also builds skills like leadership skills, listening skills, and teamwork. Getting involved can also help you prepare for future things to come. It gets you ready for the real world and helps you become successful. I can relate from personal experience. I play sports and these sports have helped me build leadership, listening, and teamwork skills, and will help me become successful in life. Get involved early, so that way you know more, you're use to what goes on, and so that you're ready for the real world earlier.

Lastly, one last thing you can do in high school to become successful is to look into college. Looking into college helps you get prepared for whats to come. If you want a good job, the best decision you could make is to go to college. I can relate to this because while I am in high school, I'm still looking into what college I want to go to and what classes they offer. A college graduate is more likely to find a job than a high school dropout or someone with a high school diploma. Some jobs even require that you have a bachelor's or master's. If you're looking for a job, and it's between you and a person who went to college and got a diploma, 9 times out of 10, they're going to pick the person who went to college and worked hard to get their diploma. And if you're planning to go to college, it doesn't have to be a big, fancy, private college. It could possibly just be a community college. Even a community college isn't bad because it helps you get on your feet and helps you go find a job and live in the real world.

Overall, if you want to live a good life, find a good job, and have people who care about you, it starts in high school. Start early so that you're ready for whatever comes your way.

Organization: 3

3-3-3-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is functional in this response about the three separate habits of doing homework, being involved in sports, and looking into college. A somewhat weak introduction fails to clearly convey the writer's topic statement, and the three main ideas have not been clearly introduced. Functional introductory transitional phrases introduce each of the three main ideas in a generally logical order and the pacing is adequate as the writer attempts to build their argument. Paragraphing is generally successful; however a weak conclusion that does not restate or summarize the writer's position is not particularly effective.

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Think about which habit or behavior you think is most necessary to achieve success in high school.

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School guidance counselors are having a presentation they need ideas on habits and behaviors. The behaviors that counselors need to mention during their presentation is being positive. The reasons about being positive is to have fun, get work done and graduate on time.

One good reason to be positive is having fun. New students learn about interesting stuff about the high school. Students meet other students from different middle schools. Students can also participate in sports and activities. Not only that students can have fun, there are more reasons, there are more reasons that they can be positive.

Another good reason that students can be positive is getting work done. Some students tend to get stressed on homework. Teachers should do some fun activities to help the students out on their homework assignment. That way students can turn their homework on time. Although students get work done, they also need to think about graduation.

Last good reason about students being positive is graduating on time. Yes there are first year high school students but they need to be ready for graduation. With a positive behavior they can graduate on time. Without the positive behavior they would struggle and not graduate.

In conclusion, the behavior that counselors need to mention is being positive. The reasons were to have fun, to get work done and graduate on time. So guidance counselors make sure the first year high school students stay positive and be sure they are leaders of tomorrow.

Organization: 3

2-3-2-2

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is present in this response about being positive. The functional structure is generally controlled with an introduction that conveys the writer's opinion and introduces the three main points of the argument, and a somewhat weaker conclusion that simply summarizes the main points of the body. Basic functional transitions that connect the main ideas are evident. Pacing is generally controlled and paragraphing is generally successful.

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The behavior I believe that is necessary to be successful in high school is bravery. The reasons why I believe this is. First, when you get up in front of a class to speak. Next, taking a test. Lastly, asking for help from a teacher. The first reason I will talk about first is getting up in front of a class to speak.

We all dread times like these. Getting up in front of a crowded classroom, with people watching from the seats. Before its time to present the panic begins. Hands get clammy, knees start to shake like crazy. What if I stutter? Will my peers laugh at me? When will this be over? I, myself have dealt with this, and still deal with it. I panic everytime. Deep down though, this little voice I like to call 'bravery' tells me that if I go up there now, and get it over with it will all be over with and I will not feel bad, and anxious. My next last I will be talking about is asking for help from a teacher.

The reason why I decided on this said topic is because I believe we have all had this happen. I get scared, my anxiety kicks in. What if the teacher thinks my question is stupid? What if the teacher just laughs at me, and tells me I should know the answer? Then it happens. That little voice I like to call 'bravery' kicks back in and tell me. Why worry so much? This is why there's a teacher in the first place. The teacher is here to help. Ask as many questions. My last reason I will be talking about is taking a test.

Whenever I hear the word test I freak out. The freakouts always happens to me. No matter what kind of test it is. Even a quiz where we can use books, and notes on. I still end up freaking out. As always the little voice 'bravery' starts up again. Just take deep breaths, don't rush through the test. If its a open note test make sure to look through everything, maybe something was missed, just did not see it? Never give up, cannot figure out the answer come back to it. Just do not panic. Now to conclude this essay.

The behavior i believe is the most necessary to be successful in high school is bravery. The reasons I went through are getting up in front of a class. Taking a test. Asking help from a teacher. I hope you can agree with my reasons and enjoyed my essay. Thank you.

Organization: 2

3-2-3-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is limited in this response about the need for bravery at school. While an attempt to organize the structure of the response has been made, the main body of the essay is disorganized as it fails to follow the same order that has been set up in the introduction. The response is also lacking adequate transitions that introduce each of the three main ideas, and the attempts at connecting the paragraphs together at the end of each main idea are awkward and unsuccessful. Internal transitions within the paragraphs that would be needed to connect the ideas and to build a convincing argument are limited. Pacing is inconsistent. The conclusion simply mirrors the inconsistent introduction and is ineffective.

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In high school you should have a positive attitude. You should be on time and complete all work. If you don't have a positive attitude it will not get you anywhere. You will be stuck in the same position all the time. If you don't complete work then your grades will suck. If you aren't on time you will miss important information and not pass the class. If you want to graduate then you will have to do those three things.

Having a positive attitude, will get you far in high school. Your outlook about high school will be better with a positive attitude, leading to success. With a positive attitude you will go farther in school. With a positive attitude you will pass classes.

Without a positive attitude you will not get anywhere. You will be stuck in the same position.

Being on time is very important. To pass you need to be on time to get all the information. If you don't get all the information you it will be harder to pass. Being on time will also help the teacher. It will prevent you from disturbing class.

Completing work assigned will overall have you on track to graduate and pass the class. Completing assignments will help you on tests. If you don't do the practice you will not pass tests. If you don't study then you will not pass tests. Overall completing assignments will put you on track to pass.

In conclusion you should have a positive attitude. Be on time, and complete all assignments. Without those three things you will not have good high school years. You will not graduate on time.

Organization: 2

2-2-2-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is limited in this response about having a positive attitude, completing all assignments, and being on time in school. Pacing is inconsistent throughout as weak or missing transitions only somewhat connect the ideas together. While the ideas in the three main body paragraphs are grouped together, they have a list-like quality to them and the flow of writer's opinion or argument does not develop and is not well-supported. The attempted introduction to set up the three main points of the essay is somewhat unclear and ineffective, and a weak, brief conclusion is evident.

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The most important thing once you get to high school is just wanting to graduate. Everybody comes to school, but you don't know who actually cares and who doesn't. It all comes down to the person's mentality. If Life isn't going pretty well for them, they just feel like quitting everything and not even trying anymore.

Everybody should graduate no matter what. I use to not want to graduate and just drop out... but once you realize school is going to help you get a job faster and probably even get a higher salary. School has help me be more mature and responsible. It teaches you a lot of stuff even if youn don't want to say it does. School could be a lot more better and teach us classes that we actually need not the ones they think we should take, but over all school still helps out a lot.

You need to be espectral to everyone, starting with your teachers and administrator. They are the ones that are going to help you through out all your high school years. You need to be respectful even to the people you don't like, you might want to say something to them, but it's better to keep it to yourself.

Being honest is very, very importnat.

Organization: 1

1-1-2-1

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is lacking in this response. Ideas are somewhat randomly presented without transitions to connect the ideas together. The lack of an introduction or conclusion results in the reader being unclear as to which habit or behavior is being presented. Pacing is awkward and the paragraphing is ineffective.

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The behavior I think is the most necessary is to be on time no tardies, no missing school days, and getting your work done every time in class. That is the behavior that I think is most necessary from new students to be seen in the school. And at the end of the day everybody should be doing what they were told.

The habits they should be doing is they should be getting good grades by getting help from there teachers and friends that do understand the assignment; the tenth, eleventh, and twelveth graders should be setting a good example for the begining high schooler's and that they should be in great shape by staying clean, no missing school staying there for as long is in session, and not being bullys to the nineth graders. setting a very responsible clean safe enviroment to them so that they know that we welcome them in our school and I hope they will do the same for the next year students.

The idea for this is to let them know that they have the right to be them selves. The basic idea is that no one should be left behind even if they get thrown under the bus or being under alot of stress; So they get the idea to being the best for our school and I know how they act when they see the school a mess and the horse play that is going on in the school. our school has the basic needs you need to graduate the best classes the best food and the best grade scoring.

Organization: 1

1-1-2-2

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is lacking in this response. Pacing is awkward, transitions are missing, and connections are unclear. The lack of structure confuses the reader and the central idea is unclear. Paragraphing is ineffective.

# **Voice / Word Choice**

The school guidance counselors are seeking ideas for a presentation for first-year high-school students on the habits and behaviors that are necessary to be successful in high school.

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Highschool is an extremely important period of time for a teenager that truly can dictate how this person's life will occur. Many things can influence these four years of early life for a child such as, lack of self esteem, minimal work ethic, or simply unintelligence. Considering these, I believe that the most important trait to learn and follow during highschool is self discipline. This personal attribute is so important because one must use self discipline for time management, it can be used during a person's college years, and self discipline will be used throughout everyday of one's life. By the end of this essay, my purpose is to relay to you the utmost importance of acquiring the attribute of self discipline during highschool.

During the four wonderful years of highschool that every teen goes through, many habits can reflect success. These habits may be effecient money management, the ability to handle money well, or the one that I will focus on, time management. Time management is one of the most important ways to reach the end of senior year with a resounding number of achievements under one's belt. In highschool a fair amount of homework is distributed to students, a large amount of teenagers also have jobs, social events are an important factor in a young adults developement, and the list of priorities goes on and on. If a student cannot handle the amount of stress all of the commitments layed upon him, than correct time management can help resolve this issue. I beleive that to make schooling an enjoyable time you have to do the things you love. Some of the time it can be quite difficult and I will share a personal testimony concerning this subject. During my sophomore year, I went out for a number of fine arts events and was accepted in a few large roles. I also had a job and a couple bills to pay. If I hadn't managed my time wisely enough, I would not have been able to juggle all of the responsibilites that I obtained. Performing this task does take a lot of self discipline and is not easy, but it must be done for the busy lifestyle that most highschoolers live.

Secondly, a large percent of those that attend highschool, in the interest of personal success, attend some sort of university following those four years. College demands a much higher level of self discipline than a lot of things one may perform in life. It is said that one who goes to a four-year university, each hour that is spent in class must be quadrupled studying. That's a large amount of time for all of the school work that a college student must perform. On top of this many students are enrolled in campus activites such as a fraternity, sorority, or church group. All of these added up can be extremely daunting. This can not truly be done without the attribute of self discipline. Choices such as choosing not to procrastinate studying for exams, staying up later than most would to finish a paper, or simply just going to a morning class after a late night. One must battle through the tough times that life throws at us. If one is equipped with self discipline, than achieving the seemingly unatrainable is never the less quite possible. This all plays hand in hand with self discipline, and can be reachable if learned in highschool.

Lastly, not only will self discipline be used during highschool and college, but also after them. The real world, after all of this education that prepared one for it is the real test. It is the time that requires one to truly apply the self discipline learned in the young adult years. Adulthood can bring a lot of things in a person's life. These can be a job, a wife, children, a mortgage and other such bills to pay, etc. Life is truly difficult, but as I have said before these can all be tackled with the use of self discipline. For example, my grandfather lived a very hard life. Both of his parents died before he reached his teens, and had to take care of his three younger sisters with the minimal help of his aunt. Throughout highschool he learned as best he could, and worked very hard to support his family. He scrounged up the sufficient funds to attend a university and got himself a valuable education. I can say with raging confidence that he would not be any where near where he is today to without the self discipline and resilience he found early on in life. I believe that the principal of success and grasping it for one's personal gain, the american dream if you will, is lost in today's society. One must grasp hard work by the skin of their teeth and discipline themselves to obtain a life of success and happiness. It is just that simple. In today's world, hard work is vital and self discipline is the root of this spectrum

To contude, self discipline is easily the most important characteristic to have during highschool. It will help you achieve management of time well, one will need it to be succesful in college, and also throughout the days beyond that. Self discipline is the opposite of excuses and must be learned in today's societs. This generation is slowly deteriorating the idea of reaching one's goals through hard work and this starts with the basis of self discipline. Reaching personal dreams will not simply be handed to one, and I hope that this country and world realizes the extreme importance of this.

Voice/Word Choice: 4

4-4-4-4

The writer demonstrates a strong commitment to the idea that the need for self-discipline is the most necessary behavior in order to achieve success in high school. The language is precise, varied, and engaging throughout the essay. A strong, persuasive voice is well suited for the purpose of convincing the guidance counselors to include this habit in their presentation. The writer consistently anticipates the reader's questions and effectively relates the topic to how this habit or behavior will help achieve success.

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High School is like an arcade game, everyone gets different scores. In high school kids turn into young adults, and adults have responsibilities. Going into 9th grade, students start to find out who they want or are going to be. Students find who they are in high school, they like hanging out with their friends. Knowing when to crack open a book and when to go to bed are good habits to get into. Getting good grades are a nice reward and knowing how to get them is even better. Managing time, studying, and eating right are habits that are key to achieve success in high school.

First off, managing time helps people become more reliable in situations. Having an early band, a test, then a basketball game all in the same night could get frustrating. Having a planner or a calendar on hand is a great tool to get. Writing in a planner can remind students to get homework made up so they can go to the big game tomorrow. Writing down in a calendar can give a student a great look on what is happening a week ahead so they can make time for school work and hanging out with friends. If a student is looking to have a job after school a boss wants someone they can rely on, and having a calendar could be a student's best friend. A boss does not want an employee who is missing work because he/she has to miss because of a basketball game that "popped" out of nowhere. Indeed, a planner or a calendar can help a student manage time better.

Secondly, getting a good grade makes students happy and studying helps them get there. Studying may not be everyone's favorite activity to do but it is useful. Some students are naturally great at getting grades but for others it gets a little sticky. Cracking open a book every night or even using flash cards can increase grades. The more a person does something it gets stuck in their mind, like crazy cat videos. Instead of watching the same episode of *Full House* for the thousandth time, pick up that Chemistry book and put down the remote. Getting out of the laying in bed and watching Netflix habit, (even though it is fun to do), will be a good change. When that A+ is on the report card instead of a D-, skipping a few episodes a *Full House* seems like a better choice. Honestly, studying increased the chance of good grades.

Finally, eating right will help give a student power to become more successful. Although a triple bacon cheeseburger seems way better than an apple, an apple is the better choice. Eating greasy fast food can make a person feel sluggish and tired. Getting into a healthy habit is a great way to stay on top of things. An apple can start the day off right because it turns on the brain and tells it that its time to be productive. To change a person's eating habits entirely is insane, but changing it up a little is not. Putting down that third chocolate bar and cracking open a book to study is being a more productive student. Clearly, eating health will give a student a boost on their school work.

In conclusion, managing time, studying, and eating healthy are great habits are key to achieve success in school. Having a planner or calendar is a great way of managing time. Studying helps improve grades to make students happier. Eating health gives a student a boost that is helpful. High school is like an arcade game, you just need to know the right cheat codes.

Voice/Word Choice: 4

3-3-4-3

The writer demonstrates a strong commitment to the topics of managing time, studying, and healthy eating. The voice is well-suited for the purpose and audience, and the language is precise, varied, specific and engaging throughout. The writer consistently anticipates the reader's questions and effectively uses colorful language and interesting analogies to engage the reader.

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Everybody everywhere almost everyday barks at students or youth about how they should be prepared for their high school careers. High school can really make or break a person and teachers and adults ususally just want to help the younger generation do well. Teaching students that responsibility is key would allow the student to get better grades, it would provide others to see them as a well groomed young adult, and could make themselves feel better as students and people.

High school, first of all, is about having an education that will help them further in life. Being responsible would reinforce the idea of getting things done and getting them done on time. If somebody doesn't do their homework or study, it is very likely for that person to do poorly on a test or assesment. Having responsibility requires the students to feel obligated that they must at least attempt the assignment and come in for help if they don't understand. Many teachers also don't accept late work nowadays. It has been a common rule that teachers are allowed to not put in a grade for missing homework, giving irresponsible students zeros. Getting zeros on classwork can really build up and drop the student's grade by a significant ammount, so if students practice reponsible habits, they will not have to worry about the unwanted stress of getting zeros for incomplete homework.

Responsibility is also necessary because it give students a reliable reputation. Others will see them as good workers with a will to learn. High school is a really tough place anyways and the last thing anybody needs is an unhappy teacher on their case. If one can get along with the instructor of the class, it will provide a happier learning enviorment for both parties. Teachers love students that are involved and care about their work. Being responsible shows the dedication and commitment to a class. It may also come in handy when looking for letters of recomendation. It's also not only teachers that see responsibility as a good thing. Peers and future underclassmen may see the responsible students as role models and leaders. People like to be around leaders that have a strong desire to do well in the hopes of being like them someday. So, being responsible not only helps the person practicing it, but also the people around them.

Whenever someone accomplishes something towards a goal, it is bound to leave a positive mark on the person. Being responsible and getting things done can make one have more self esteem and confidence. Once people realise that they can accomplish things and do them well, they feel on top of the world. Responsibility sets the bar high to make people stay on task and get every piece of the puzzle exactly where it needs to be. Not being responsible can make setting goals almost impossible. How can somebody reach their dream if the person can't make enough time to do it?

Voice/Word Choice: 3

3-3-3

The writer demonstrates a general commitment to the belief that being responsible is the behavior needed to achieve success in high school. While the voice is generally appropriate for the purpose, it is not particularly persuasive or convincing in tone. The language is generally specific, varied and occasionally engaging. The writer has generally anticipated the reader's questions, and has chosen some specific examples and a vocabulary that is appropriate for convincing an audience of guidance counselors to agree with their position.

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Highschool is a very difficult place to be. You have your bullies, mean teachers, nerds, jocks, and even band club. They all are totally different, but the same in many ways. They all share some habits.

A very common habit that people have in highschool is being a follower. If a crowd of people starts making fun of someone; more people will start joining in because they think that its the right things to do. Thats a bad habit. People (Teens) should strive to be a leader. Not be a jerk and rude. We all can help eachother out if we all show respect to one another and show graditude towards eachother.

I think another flaw in the schools are that people just really dont show compassion anymore. We all stick to our technology to communicate instead of looking up from the screens and enjoying life. All of our problems are cause by emotionless robots walikng around connected to wires saying that they're happy. They arent happy. Theyre satisfied. Being alone is everyones worse fear. They keep being rude and make bad habits to fit in with one another. Be different! We need more people in this world to be leaders.

In the next generations, early on in the childrens lives we should teach them respect and to be their own person. To set yourself to someone else's standards. But dont just tell them to be themselves. You have to enforce that to them. Make sure it sticks in their heads. They are amazing people, everyone is amazing. If we can all view the world like this then we can destroy those habits.

Habits can be good or bad. People make habits of being nice and caring. But unfortunately we live in a world where there are more people being mean and showing so much hatred. All this anger and rudness is only tainting the world and countless more generations with a venom of pure evil and madness. If we have to choose habits to kepp, it would have to be getting rid of all rudness and anger towards one another to make the best learning environment for our children and highschools around the globe.

Those are the habits I think would be most necessary to achieve success in Highschools.

Voice/Word Choice: 3

2-2-3-2

The writer demonstrates a general commitment to the idea that high school students need to eliminate many of the bad habits that the writer believes are disrupting the learning environment in the schools today. The voice is passionate, and generally appropriate, but is not particularly suited for persuading or convincing a guidance counselor about a particular habit. The language is generally specific, with a variety of precise and engaging word choices. The writer has anticipated few of the reader's questions, as the central theme is somewhat unclear; and the reasoning, while persuasive and passionate in tone, somewhat confuses the audience.

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People was are asking how can new high school students get good grades all through high school. Parents are always trying to pressure their student into getting good grade or they won't be able to do something they want to do. Some ways to help students get good grades would be helping them study, try not pressure them, and make sure they know they can ask question if they need help.

One of the ways we could help students is try to give them knew ideas on how to study for a big test or quiz. Some students may not study because they don't know how to or don't want to do it alone. Students now don't have the option to take a class about studying like some of the people did before them. Teachers also need to understand that and not just except the student or students to know how to study on their own. Ways to help a study prepare for a test or quiz would to do it in the class the day before and make sure that student can take the way the class studied in class home with them.

A second chioce of helping them get good grades all through high school is trying to figure what way is best for them and not pressure them into studying if they don't need to. Some students can go all through high school without having to study for a test and still get the good grades that they need. Parents play a big factor is students being pressured into getting that good grade on an assignment, test, or quiz. Parents need to understand that each child will learn at their own pace and they don't need their parents always in their ears telling them they need to do this they need to that.

The final way that might help a child get better grades all through high school is to make sure that the students know that it is okay to ask for help rather than not asking. Students may not be asking for help because they are scared to annoy or bug the teacher. Teachers also need to rememeber that if they come across that they are annoyed or don't want to help the students are more likely to not ask.

After reading this I hope people see that its not all about the students and why they won't study. Students will test at the best of their abilitiy and not anything more or less than that.

Voice/Word Choice: 2

3-3-2-3

The writer demonstrates a limited commitment to the topic of how to help students achieve good grades. The language is only occasionally specific, precise and engaging. The somewhat bland voice is not particularly persuasive and is occasionally inappropriate for the purpose and audience. The writer anticipates few of the reader's questions and has somewhat failed to produce a persuasive, convincing argument or opinion.

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There are many habits that can be very useful throughout your high school years. Being successful is important in life. Great habits are necessary to graduate from high school. Being responsible and having rational problem solving ability are helpful. These are two habits that should be included in the guidance counselor's presentation.

Responsibility is one habit you should always carry throughout life. It is useful for high school if you really want to graduate. It is also useful with jobs that you want to get. Getting to school and classes on time should be your first steps in high school. If you are there on time, then your work will be completed on time.

Rational problem solving is another habit that is helpful. If you can not get to school on time, then you should plan ahead of time. Work that is not completed should be done at home. If your schedule is busy, then organize it to where you have time for everything.

Responsibility and rational problem solving are two habits needed to graduate high school. In addition these two habits are useful in life. Being on time for school prepares you for being on time for a future job. In case you can not make it to work on time, being able to problem solve will prevent you from getting fired because you will know to call when you will be late.

Voice/Word Choice: 2

2-2-2-3

The writer demonstrates a limited commitment to the idea that being responsible and having rational problem solving skills are two habits that all high school students need to be successful. The voice is not persuasive or engaging and the language is only occasionally varied and specific. The writer has anticipated few of the reader's questions and would need to have further developed the essay with more ideas and audience awareness to receive a higher score.

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To be on time to anywhere is a big thing in my mind it shows that you care. So when a student is alway late they dont care about the class they are in. When a student go up to a teacher can I turn that in know it is a sigh that they care but they dont care when it was done. In you life you need to be on time to work and also to big events. If you kid has something you have to be to you need to be there.

To be liked and to be popualar are two way diffrent things. To be liked by you peers you have a good amount of friends. You also dont start stuff with your peers and you like to lisen to them. To be liked by a teacher you care and also you should want to want to do the homework if you give it them.

If your student respect you or on time to class they like you.

hi my name is what is yours.

Voice/Word Choice: 1

2-1-1-1

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Voice/Word Choice: 1

1-1-1-1

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Standards for success of an individual may be different from another. Some students need exceptional grades to feel successful, others might feel successful only on stage during a performance. The journey to success however, is nearly the same. Putting in hard work, time, and being efficient are three ways to gain success. These can be summed up in one behavior- work ethic. Work ethic is the key to accomplishing any dream, including high school.

In order to achieve anything, work is required. Every day in high school homework is assigned, practices are held, and students can get themselves into a hole. Digging yourself the hole is a lot easier than getting out of it. Being proactive about anything and everything is necessary. With the goal of success in mind, students can find the strength to keep on working hard, and maybe even push harder. Homework will be accomplished each night, practice will get easier with each day, and stress levels may go down, if students choose to work hard. Keeping a close eye on their goals will ensure them that they are working for a reason. But, one might argue that these goals can be achieved by not putting in so much work. If at least one person does the homework assigned for the night, why would you have to waste your energy on it too? Well, the answer is simple. High school is a stepping stone for your life, and skipping a step can leave you floundering around, searching for your next step. By cheating on your homework, you can be potentially cheating yourself. Learning is not all about the grades, as much as it is there for you to become successful, smart, and renown. Cheating is not simply an option for those who want true success. Putting in work can be hard, and finding time to put in an adequate amount of it may be difficult.

Time management is another key role for a work ethic bound for success. Finding time to balance all of the activities high school has to offer is difficult- but not impossible. If students want to be successful, time will be found. Staying up until the clock says a.m. is not required to fit everything in. Now, many things cannot be rushed in order to be perfect, so managing time is imperative. Spending time on the things that really matter is what is important. Cutting out a social life would surely add some more time to a student's day, but that is just not realistic. Students need to remember that success takes time, and learning how to manage it can be very useful. With time management and work comes efficiency.

Being efficient is how well time and work are used together. Getting quality work in the least amount of time possible will help students in all aspects of the future. Due dates always seem to come up fairly quick. In order to not be panicked about them, students will need to work as much on a project as time allows. If they manage their time well, this will not be a problem. Thinking past high school, efficiency is necessary in college too. Without the luxury of your teachers being aware of another's lesson plans, homework can really hit you hard. Staying on top of it quickly, and still producing quality work will definitely be good thing. When all goes well in college, maintaining a job will be the next step. For any future job, a boss expects work to be done on time, and of course well done. Learning early how important this is will help students in their future jobs.

Work ethic is the most necessary behavior to achieve success in high school. It is very important for ever student to be aware of the downfalls to high school, and how to work through them. From mathletes to athletes, providing them with insight on a positive work ethic will help students in every way. Maintaining a proper balance of work, time, and ultimately efficiency, students will be destined for a successful future

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Although the athletic department only lets students take part in one sport during a season, it is still easy for a student to overestimate themselves. Many students overestimate what they are capable of taking on during the school year, and often become involved in too many activities for one to handle. It is important for new high school students to learn their limits and understand that it is alright to turn down activities if they cannot handle another task. Students who do not learn this habit could end up letting others down, creating excess stress for themselves, and their grades could suffer.

If students take part in too many activities, they will first start noticing that they are beginning to let their peers down. Students who over-involve themselves often do not have enough time for much else. For example, if a student is assigned a group project, but does not have time outside of class to help his or her group, this could disappoint their partners and make the project much harder for their group. A student would also not have much time for friends, which creates tension in friendships. Also, if a student is involved in two groups that have important activities scheduled for the same day, one of the clubs would have to find a way to handle the student's absence, which is extremely difficult for events such as plays or sports games.

Once a student realizes that the many activities are taking up all of his or her time, the student will start developing excess stress. Not only will the tension between friends, peers, or teams start becoming more stressful, the task of keeping all of the dates, meetings, and practices straight is sure to cause anxiety. The stress caused by a student's exertion can be harmful for their health. If one becomes too stressed, this can result in a lack of sleep, illness, and many other symptoms that will only lead to more stress. High school is supposed to be one of the best times in a person's life, and stress will only ruin the high school experience for students.

After a student runs out of time for other priorities and becomes too stressed out, their grades will begin to suffer. If a student does not have time outside of class to study or do their homework, they will not learn what they need to know in order to do well on important assessments. Also, if during class or a test a student cannot stop thinking about what they are doing tonight, they will not be able to concentrate enough to do well. If a student's grades are no longer priority compared to the many activities they are involved in, then the student is involved in too many activities.

Obviously, there are many harmful side effects to a student pushing their limits and becoming involved in too many extra curriculars. Letting down one's peers, creating extra stress, and suffering grades are not any fun for students. That is why students need to be taught that it is alright to learn their limits and refuse plans that would exceed them. If the school cannot keep the students from signing up for too many activities, then the school needs to teach the students how to keep themselves from doing so.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 4

3-3-3-4

Sentences vary in length and structure throughout this response about limiting the amount of time spent on extra-curricular activities. Phrasing consistently sounds natural and conveys meaning. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are consistently correct.

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Making that final buzzer shot and winning the state championship, you look around and realize you're in study hall. High-school, for some it is the best and others the worst time of their lives but everyone has to endure it. Being a first-year high-school student is scary and can make anyone want to leave, but being in high-school is an important part of life. One of the key behaviors that any successful high-school student is preparedness, even in life this skill is important but this good habit all starts in high-school. There are many reasons preparedness is helpful but I think that the three main reasons are, first getting good grades, second dealing with stress, and lastly being prepared for sports or other events. Everyone is scared in high-school but with these helpful tips you can compensate almost anything. By placing this good habit point into your presentation the students can be more prepared for high-school.

First thing is first, nobody likes getting bad grades and having to tell your parents is even worse, they yell, tell you that you should have studied more, try to find ways to make it the teacher's fault, and all around embarrass you, trust me, you do not want that to happen. Implementing this good habit into the first-year student's presentation can help them avoid this trauma with being prepared, studying is the first part of getting good grades. Preparing students for high-school all starts with studying, teaching students to study leads them to get better grades, and improves the school's standards. Having students prepare themselves for classes will cause an increase in self-reliance, and therefore make the students more independent. Students lead the school into a better place when more prepared, and in turn lead themselves into better lives than they might have had before. Being prepared is a major life skill, but if someone is prepared they may not get the job they want, may not get into a decent college, and there on out have trouble with being a successful in the real world. Anyone can learn preparedness it just takes practice, but that will pay off in the future.

Moving from getting good grades to dealing with stress, stress is a big part in society today. The average high-schooler is under more stress than previous generations, with standardized tests, getting a job, making sure to get good grades, and finding a way to do extra-curricular activities. There is no doubt stress is an ever present entity, but being prepared can help anyone calm down and not only deal with, but control their stress. Picture this, two people are going to take a science test, the first student, John, has to sit there rattling his brain looking for the answers, whilst the second student, Alex, simply remembers all the answers with no hesitation at all. Who is more prepared? Obviously Alex, he was preparing for this test by studying and going to bed early to get more sleep, whilst John was playing video games and stayed up way too late, therefore John gets a bad grade and Alex gets a good one. John must be stressed when taking the test, while Alex, who may be a little stressed, soon calms down because he knows the answers. Alex will have less stress and a better grade, while John will be more stressed and a worse grade. Simply preparing for anything will help accomplish that task with more ease and less worry. It is clear to see how teaching first-year students to prepare would leave them with less stress in their lives.

Now that we are stress free we can have some fun, by playing a ball game, but there is preparing in this side of high-school as well. We all know that the athletes who try harder get more playing time, so preparing for a big game is important. Think of your favorite athlete, do they work hard to accomplish their goals? Of course they do or else they wouldn't be your favorite, high-school athletes need the same preparing these professionals do. Practice, whether it be at basketball, football, speech, any activity, is important. Without practice the student with the most drive to accomplish their goal will not be able to, and may miss their golden opportunity. Preparing for any competition is important, all students should know this, and teaching them while they are young is important, teach them the right tools to accomplish their goals. I had to work hard to make it to All-State Choir, yes it took many hours of singing trying to hit every note spot on, but I made it, all because I was prepared for it. When I went to audition I stood there thinking of how each note was supposed to sound, each beat had to be spot on. Being prepared for this made my hard work pay off. Teaching first-year students the importance of preparing is the best habit you can teach them.

From getting good grades, dealing with stress, and working hard to achieve their extra-curricular goals, teaching students to prepare for school is one of the best tools they can acquire. Including this good habit into your presentation will improve the school and teach kids life skill that will be needed after they graduate. All students need to learn this, I need to learn this, if this was included it would improve the lives of these scared high-schoolers, and maybe get them the push to be outstanding. Being prepared can have many doors opened that otherwise would be closed to anyone, who knows a student that could see this may be the next Albert Einstein, but may not have the tools to complete their work. Give the students this tool and it will pay off in the long run.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 3

4-4-3

Sentences generally vary in length and structure in this response about being prepared. Phrasing generally sounds natural. A pattern of unintended run-on sentences is evident throughout the essay, but where present they do not confuse the reader. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are usually correct and the few errors do not distract the reader.

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#### Skills to Excel

School is like a job, one must try as hard as they can to do well. School is a very important thing for everyone. One must be educated if he or she wants to be successful. School can be hard, but one must keep on working hard because long term it is worth it. Great presentation ideas for first-year high-school students would be organization, completion, and attitude.

First, organization is a great skill for students to learn. If students are organized, it is easier for them to complete things. It is good for them to have a locker organizer. A locker organizer will help them keep their books separated for each period. It is also good to have a clean and organized book bag. This will make it easy to find homework and items need through out the day. It is also good for students to use the planners given to them at the beginning of the year; they help you know what classes you need to take home to study for. At the end of the school day, it is good to organize your locker for the next day to make it easier to get started. Students could also use their phones as an organization tool; they could put their schedules in it. In conclusion, organization is a great skill to teach first-year high-school students.

Next, completion is a good skill to teach first-year high-school students. It is always good for students to finish their homework on time. If they finish their homework on time, they won't get a late grade for it. Late grade automatically drop the assignment to a 65 percent tops. With that being said, it really hurts your grades not turning homework in on time. I think it would be good to teach them that not turning your homework in is not cool. It is cool to complete it though and get good grades. Students just need to work hard on their homework, and they need get it done and turned in on time. It should also be taught to complete homework alone because if someone else does it then the students will not be learning anything. Students should also complete their homework because it will help them score better on tests. Hence, completion is a great skill to teach first-year high-school students.

Finally, attitude should be focused on and taught to the first-year high-school students. If students have good attitudes, it will be easier for them to succeed. A good attitude will also help students in completing their homework on time. A good attitude will help them get a lot farther than they probably even know. Teachers also like students with good attitudes, and they will tend to help them out more if a situation comes up. Students also need a good attitude about attendance and making it to school on time. It is hard to succeed in school if a student is missing multiple days of school in is showing up to class late. That is not a winning attitude, and that person will have a hard time in life if that is how they act about things. Students should also have great attitudes when taking tests as well. Thus, attitude is a great thing that should be taught to first-year high-school students.

Summing up, organization, completion, and attitude are all skills that should be taught to first-year high-school students. Organization is a great skill that will help students now and in their everyday life. A great attitude can help students be successful. Completion will also help students do well in school.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 3

3-3-3

Sentences generally vary in length and structure in this response about organization, completion, and attitude. While most sentences are constructed correctly and phrasing generally sounds natural, the consistent fluency and variety that is required throughout the response for a higher score is missing. Grammar, usage and punctuation are usually correct, and a few errors do not distract the reader.

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How you ever wonder how to be successful in high school? Well I have and I think everyone should be successful during their high school because, if the chance were you can be someone in life. High school can be pretty easy if you make the right decision and actually try. Couple things to achieve success in high school is doing all your homework and assessment, don't skip, and get involved at your school.

First thing to being successful in high school is to do all the homework and assessment. Never try to do your assignment the very last minute especially when it gets real close to finals and you have to do finals for every class. Please don't ever do this! All your homework builds up and you start worrying if your going to pass your classes. Trust me I have done this before and I regreted because it got me stress and I started worrying about my grades. Do your effort to get good grades in your homework because everything count for passing all your classes. This is one of the most important thing your suppose to do to be successful in your high school years. Talk to your teacher if you don't understand a problem or the homework assignment. Don't be quiet because they won't come up to you, you have to go up to them. Take some responsibility for your action.

Other than doing all you assignments, don't skip. Never skip just because a friend or someone told you to. Don't be afraid to tell your friends that you don't want to skip. Many students skip because they don't want their friends to know that they're scare or that they are lame. Students worry about what other people have to say than what they think about themselves. Who knows if that class you skip had a great lesson to teach. Don't miss a class because teacher teach different lesson everyday and if you just miss one class than you will get behind. Try going to every class even if you don't like that subject because every subject has it's reason.

Lastly, get invovled at your school. You can only be a teen for so long and can have memories about your high school years one time only. There is no going back. Get involved in activites like joining a favorite sport you like or joining a club that you can make a difference. Have fun in high school because only you can make it fun if you try. Try new experience, meet new friends in high school. Have some spirit for your school. Talk to your teachers if you need anything. Communicate with others because in your life time your going to have to talk with other people around you.

In conclusion, there is many way for being successful in your high school years. In my opinion doing all your assignment is the most important thing ever. My second one is not skipping and my last one is getting involved at your school. Make your high school a great experience because in the future you will look back and see what were your mistake and what were your achievements that made you proud and made you who you are now. Following this behaviors will make you successful in high school.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 2

3-3-3-2

While sentences generally vary in length and structure in this response about the need to complete assignments, not skipping, and getting involved in school, a pattern of grammar, usage, and punctuation errors distract the reader. Some awkward phrasing is evident that occasionally sounds unnatural.

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People say that highschool is scary. It really isnt , its just another school. Just find your knack or your group of friends and do activities. Get involved in clubs, there are many different clubs in highschool. One of the worst things you can do is not care, or focus only on school. you need to be diverse hang out with friends, get involved, but remember to do your school work. Dont be that one person that does nothing but schoolwork.

With schoolwork it doesnt all count but some of it does. Just because it doesnt count doesnt mean you cant do it. You should still do it because it can help you get practice for that big test or even the next assignment. All work that you do is essential. Sometime you just get a teacher that doesnt care. So what if they dont care, deal with it prove them wrong. You will have teachers you love and some you absolutley hate.

**GET INVOLVED !!!!!** In highschool no matter what it is just go and get involved. It could be a sport or science club. There are many sports for you to get involved in during highschool. Its a great way to make new friends and learn team work. If you like music then go and get involved in choir drama or band. There a blast ive been in some and there fun.

Friends are alot of fun. There people just like you. But dont get in the wrong crowd or you could mess your life up. You will gain and lose friends, some will be lifelong friends others wont. Highschool is a place for opprotunities. It can make or break your future. Highschool is when you truly figureout who you are and what you want to do for life or just for a little bit. Just dont forget that in highschool make friends get involved and do your schoolwork it really isnt scary.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 2

2-2-2

Sentences occasionally vary in length and structure in this response about making friends and being involved in school. A number of run-on sentences sometimes confuse the reader. Phrasing sounds awkward. Grammar, usage, spelling, and missing punctuation errors are distracting to the reader.

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I think the way you should be coming into high school is very prepared because once you start high school it will start to get harder and harder for example when I first came into school I came in here thinking it was going to be really easy and teachers wanting to pass you like in middle school I was wrong they dont care if you decide to sleep in class skip etc. i messed up by skipping my freshman and sophmore year now that i look back to it i regret if my gpa is not the best and weighted gpa is really low because of my mistakes in the first two years of school. if you want to achieve in high school what i would tell you is to pay attention in school always listen to what the teachers have to tell you if they tell you something you dont like they dont say it because they hate you or dont like you but more for that they want you to succeed.

If theirs any way i can tell people to come in this school i would tell them to come with a good attitude always knowing that these teachers are helping you for example my brother came in to with the best attitude always came here on time if he would ever miss a day then go and get your work the day before you leave or will be gone that day and he left this school with a 3.00 GPA with scholarships thats the kind of attitude you need to have when you are coming to high school.

A habbit that incoming freshman should really get use to is doing their home work because i know not alot of people dont like to their home work but once you come into high school it will be a whole another story because it will be thirty five percent of your grade and mainly what are in your work sheets are on the quizzes and tests which are sixty five percent of your grade so if i could ever tell freshman something that would be to do your homework because it will not be a fun ride for them and their grade. I have learned that the hard way by me not turning it in that caused me to fail that class and got sent to summer school as much as everybody loves their summer break would they want to sped in school for the first month of their vacation then staying at home and sleeping in that was my mistake was not taking school seriously i thought it was the biggest joke ever i didnt ever show up to any of my classes always went in late and what did that do to me was send me to summer scholl where i regreted everything wishing iwould have taken care of that credit in regular school.

another habbit incoming freshman should get really used to i belive is that they should move around in the halls quick because it is nothing like in middle school where you can talk to your friends and still be late to class and nothing will happen while in high school if you dont show up on time to class without a pass your teacher will kick you out to go get a pass. because it is really hard to move around these hall when their is like one thousand students in one whole section of the school.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 1

2-2-2-1

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1-1-1-1

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