

Returning Student Orientation, Elementary School: How to Get Good Grades

Ready to learn the secret to how to get good grades in your courses? Great news! There is no secret! It takes time and hard work to get good grades, but it's worth it! As an elementary school student, you can even work toward [the Honor Roll or Scholar's List!](#)

Completing Lessons

Take hand-written notes

Taking hand-written notes is one of the best things you can do to get better grades. Enlightium even allows you to use all hand-written notes while working on quizzes and tests.

School Hack: Want more notetaking tips? Read Enlightenment's blog [Better Course Notes. Better Grades. 5 Strategies that Work.](#)

Use Livebinder

Livebinder is an online library of extra material for your classes. For example, if you're stuck on the first lesson of your English assignment, you can find in Livebinder more tools to help you. Please note that not every course will have Livebinder material.

[Watch Livebinder video](#)

School Hack: [Bookmark Livebinder](#) right now.

Ask your teacher or parent/guardian for help



Elwood the Lion, an Enlightium Student



Professor Albert the Owl, an Enlightium Teacher

If you are in the [Silver](#), [Silver+](#), [Gold](#), [Diamond](#), or [Sapphire Live packages](#), you have help from Enlightium teachers! Your teachers want to help you, but you will need to reach out to them via the chat box in Ignitia to tell them when you're stuck.



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Eleanor the Eagle, an Enlightium Parent

If you're in the **Bronze package**, your parent/guardian agreed to help you out when you have questions about what you are learning. Ask them for help, and they should be able to help you understand the material.

Are you not sure which support package you have? Click [here](#) to find out.

Completing Projects

If you don't plan ahead for projects, you can find that they spring out of nowhere and throw a wrench into your schedule.

So what can you do? As each class is assigned:

- **Look to see if it has any projects using Enlightium's [Project Forecasts](#).**
These will tell you when a project will be assigned, how hard it will be, and much time it will take to complete.
- **Look to see if it has any [required supplies](#).** Your family can buy the supplies ahead of time so that when the project is assigned, you're ready to go. If you will be unable to get some supplies, send your teacher a direct message with details and request a workaround.

Taking Quizzes

When working on a quiz:

- Take your time
- Use your hand-written notes

If you score below a 73% on a quiz, you can take it a second time to earn a higher score. To retake it:

1. Remember any information on the quiz that was more challenging for you.
2. Go into your previous lesson and look at your notes to review this material.
3. Once you are ready, you can begin your second attempt at the quiz. Since you will not know which questions you got correct or incorrect, it is important to go through every question as if it was the first time completing the quiz.
4. Retake the quiz. The most recent score between the two attempts will be your final score for that quiz. However, you can message your teacher to request that the higher score is used instead.

Don't just retake the quiz without going back to learn. Remember that you have a test coming up and it will probably ask the same questions.

[Accessing Previous Assignments video](#)

Taking Tests

How can you do well on a test? There are several tips that will help. The tips can be broken down into the following two categories:

- Things to do before taking the test.

- Things to do during the test.
- Things to do after the test.

Before taking the test

- Reread your notes.
- Rewrite key ideas from your notes.
- Skim your daily lessons.
- Practice before taking the actual test. You can make "your own test" by taking questions directly out of the lessons and quizzes you already finished. You can also ask a parent, sibling, or friend to quiz you by asking the questions and checking your answers.
- Before you start the test, make sure you're not hungry or need to use the bathroom.

During the test

- Use your hand-written notes.
- Look through all of the questions to see what kind of questions they will ask.
- Remember that once you start the test, you need to finish it. You cannot stop or pause the test.
- Answer the questions you know well first, then go back to the harder questions.
- Be sure to click "next question" after each question so that your answers are saved.
- When answering a question, make sure you read and understand all of the directions. Use scratch paper if it helps.
- Double-check all of the questions before submitting the test. Make sure you follow directions and don't make any simple mistakes.
- Take a moment to think about how you might answer essay questions before you start them.

- Re-read your answers to essay questions at least once before submitting them so you don't lose credit for spelling mistakes.
- You **may NOT open any other tabs** on your computer **while working on a quiz or a test**.

After the test

- Sometimes an alternate test is available. If you score below 60% the first time you take a test, then you can send a message to your teacher in Ignitia requesting to take the alternate test.
- Your teacher may ask you to look up some things in Ignitia before saying, “yes, you can take the alternative test.” This is to help you study!
- The teacher may also say, “no, you will not be able to take an alternative test.” He or she will have a good reason, so make sure you listen to why they tell you that.

Extra Credit

Provided by Teachers

Enlightium's extra credit policy is simple: Teachers can assign extra credit, but it's their choice. Look out for messages from teachers about extra credit!

You can also ask for a chance at extra credit. Teachers want to see you working hard in your courses, so if you don't put in much time or effort on assignments typically, they may not give you the chance at extra credit.



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Reading Program

You can also get extra credit with Enlightium's [reading program](#). You can choose any book from Enlightium's Recommended Reading List to start working on for the extra credit, which you can get from a store, a thrift store, or your local library.

To earn extra credit:

1. Check with your teacher if he or she will accept book reports for extra credit for their course.
2. Read one or more books in your grade level from the Recommended Reading List. Note that each book has a point value assigned to it. Read books totaling 5+ points per quarter for an opportunity to earn extra credit for that quarter.
3. Submit the required form and essay.

If you submit a book report each quarter, the combined increase can be up to 3% for your final grade.