

Middle School Academic Routines 101

Every night your student will have homework. They will have math, and perhaps homework in their other classes as well. If they have completed their homework whether in class or on the bus 😊, they will have at least 40-60 minutes a night of reading. Your student should be reading every evening.

- **Check gradebook every week and more often if your student is struggling (D's or F's).** Through your cell phone, tablet or computer, download the EPS app, email LMS at lms@everettsd.org, request your guardian account for your student(s), once you receive the email from LMS, change your password and you are all set!

Use the app or go online to check your students grades in gradebook, see missing assignments, set grade drop notifications, check attendance and much more. When your student tells you they have no homework or that it was completed, and you might not believe them, go online and check gradebook. Insist that your student complete missing work and turn assignments in before accessing cell phone, video games, sports, activities with friends and entertainment— establish the routine that your student complete missing work before any of these activities.

- **Check your student's planner or graphic organizer.** In order to be prepared for tests, aware of what assignments are due and keep track of long term projects, your student should be writing in their planner, every day. When your student gets home, ask to see their planner and notice if they have written down their daily assignments and future tests._
- **Organization. Check your student's binder every week.** Daily and weekly, look at your student's binder and set aside time in the evening for them to organize their binder. If your student's binder is disorganized with papers shoved into their binder, they likely have missing assignments and are struggling academically.
- **Studying for tests should happen every week.** *You should see* your student studying for tests and exams 2-4 days before the test or exam. At home you should be seeing your student reviewing homework, reading over class notes, practicing examples of potential test questions, days before hand.
- **Attendance. Your student needs to attend school every day.** When students miss more than 2-3 days a month of school, their grades are impacted and your student will likely struggle academically.

These are the routines, activities and daily practices of students who perform well academically, likely receiving A's and B's in their classes. In addition to practicing assertive communication with teachers, taking notes, following along in class and being engaged, these are the activities that will enable your students to do well academically. If you and your student learns to use their planner, monitors their assignments and grades through gradebook, has an organized binder, studies for tests days beforehand and attends school every day, they will perform very well in middle school and beyond.