

Remington Middle School- 20 Study Strategies

The following list contains many strategies, which may help you learn material. Not all strategies work for every student. The key is to find the one(s) that do work for you.

1. **Create Flash Cards**- Create cards for all of the vocabulary, but also do so for the key questions, ideas, and thoughts. Flip through the cards and set aside the ones you don't know easily. Then focus on only those cards.
2. **Teach the Material**- Reteach the information to a family member, a friend, a study group. You remember 95% of what you teach!
3. **Create a quiz**- Create an assessment for a peer or group of peers. Don't forget to correct it for them!
4. **Rewrite or Type your Notes**- Rewrite your notes, graphic organizers, other assessments onto clean paper using colors for key words and phrases. The brain remembers color better than black and white. Typing makes it easier to read and helps your brain remember them.
5. **Repeatedly and regularly review notes**- Do this for 10-15 minutes a night as the brain remembers the first and last information best. Begin this process as soon as the notes are given.
6. **Draw Pictures**- at times simple, funny pictures are helpful in remembering key information.
7. **Create a Mind-Map** – these can include all key information all on one sheet of paper. They use different colors, swerving lines and at times could look like a tree. For more information on mind-maps go to the following:

<http://learningfundamentals.com.au/blog/how-to-mind-map/>
8. **Use mnemonics (strategies to improve memory)**- examples: *acronyms* such as PEMDAS (please excuse my dear aunt sally: for order of operations) .
9. **Make an Acrostic Poem** – use as much of the key information that you were learning.
10. **Write a Song**-Take one of your favorite songs and rewrite the lyrics by using your notes/study guide.
11. **Create 15-20 Questions**-Develop a set of questions that could be asked on the test and then write out an answer for each question. Include lots of details. Should you use the ANSWER strategy?

12. **Write an Outline of All Key Concepts**-Use 2-column notes to create an outline of key concepts. On the left include the key concept and on the right include all the information you need to know.
 13. **Create a Web/Graphic Organizer**-Create a visual representation of the information you are learning. Organize the information in a way that makes sense to you.
 14. **Act Out**- Add a motion to what you have learned. (i.e. SPRING!! Tides vs neaps)
 15. **Attend Extra Help Sessions**-Teachers stay after school all the time. Take advantage of an opportunity to sit with your teacher in a small setting.
 16. **Seek Out a Teacher for Extra Help**-Spend time after school with your teacher to ask questions and get clarification about topics you don't understand. This may also occur during X period.
 17. **Create a Study Guide**-Use your notes, handouts, graphic organizers, etc. to condense all your information needed for the test.
 18. **Review old quizzes and HW assignments**; be sure you know how to correct any mistakes so that they are not repeated.
 19. **Review the Objectives and the Essential Questions**-The objectives and essential questions guide your teachers' instruction. Look over these to have a better understanding of what you are expected to be learning and mastering.
 20. **Highlight Your Notes/Color Code**- Go through your notes and highlight the absolute key information. When possible, color code by section (i.e. people, places, events, concepts). Be careful not to highlight too much – less is best.
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