## Are you frazzled by your adolescent's lack of study skills?

# Review these Tips and Strategies with your Adolescent

### 1. Study in a Group:

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- o Limit the size of the group so everyone can participate.
- Schedule regular meetings instead of one cram session.
- Have one person act as the leader to keep the session focused.
- Be prepared! Study ahead of time so you can ask questions.

#### 2. Individual Study Sessions:

- o Don't wait until the last minute. Repetition is key!
- Set a goal for each study period.
- o Use study aides: flashcards, practice tests, timelines, outlines, etc.

### 3. Use a daily planner:

This will help you stay organized and will help you answer the question,
 What should I do first?

### 4. Review your Notes:

- After Class: Look over your notes to add details, emphasize key points, and correct mistakes.
- Before Class: Review homework and scan the notes from the previous day's lesson
- Before a Test: Several nights before a test review your notes, reread the textbook readings, and review old homework assignments. Continue to do so until you are confident about the material.
- o Nightly: Make reviewing notes part of your nightly homework routine.

#### Be Smart about your Study Time!

- 1. Use a planner to organize.
- 2. Use color-coded notebooks and/or folders for each subject.
- 3. Make sure your study space is neat, comfortable, quiet and well lit.
- 4. Avoid distractions including loud music or TV, instant messaging, people, ect.
  - 5. Take breaks-stretch, have a snack or take a short walk.
    - 6. Quiz yourself or have someone else quiz you.
  - 7. Know your learning style so that you can use it to your advantage.

These strategies will help ensure your adolescent's school success!

#### Online Resources:

www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/sq3r.html www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html www.infoplease.com/homework/studyskills1.html www.nasponline.org/publications/cq266study.html If you want more information consider investigating the SQ3R Method. This studying method teaches students to:
 survey the material, formulate
questions, read each section, recite the answers, and review.

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