\*Create a home filing box. Place your over flow papers from your binder into this box divided by subject manilla folders. **DO NOT THROW AWAY ANY OF THESE PAPERS UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR FINAL GRADE.** These papers may be used to study for final exams.

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**Organize Your Study Area**



\*Find a place to study and do your homework with as **few distractions as possible.**

\*Lighting and temperature of the room should be adequate to keep you focused.

\*Keep a small bucket handy with **study supplies**like pencils, erasers, pens, highlighters, post it notes, etc.

**\*Turn off your cell phone and the t.v. Your brain can only do one task at a time. Research shows that texting and using social media while doing homework or studying interferes with learning and memory.**

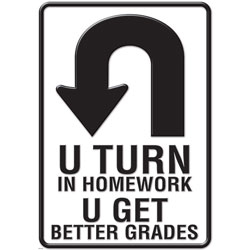


**\*Stay on task if you are using your Chromebook for homework or studying. Do not surf the internet, engage in playing games, or use social media while doing your homework or studying with your Chromebook.**



\*If you listen to music, make sure that it is the type of music that does not interfere with concentration.

**Homework Tips**

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\*Give yourself a **little break**(no more than 45 minutes) after school to relax and eat a snack. The sooner you start your homework, the quicker you will finish.

\*Do the homework you consider the **hardest first.**

**\*Use a timer** to help you stay focused while working on homework. Set the timer for the amount of time that you think the homework should take, and then work to beat the clock. This doesn't mean to rush through your work- just stay focused.

**\*Use tutorials** from your digital textbooks or from websites like [Khan Academy](http://www.khanacademy.org/) to help you understand any concepts causing confusion.

\*Use live **homework help** tutors available online with [Homework Alabama.](http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/homework/)

\***Always turn in your homework.**Believe it or not, this is a step that some students forget.



Source: SOAR Study Skills by Susan Kruger