



TSIC REMINDERS

YOUR STATUS WILL DROP IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

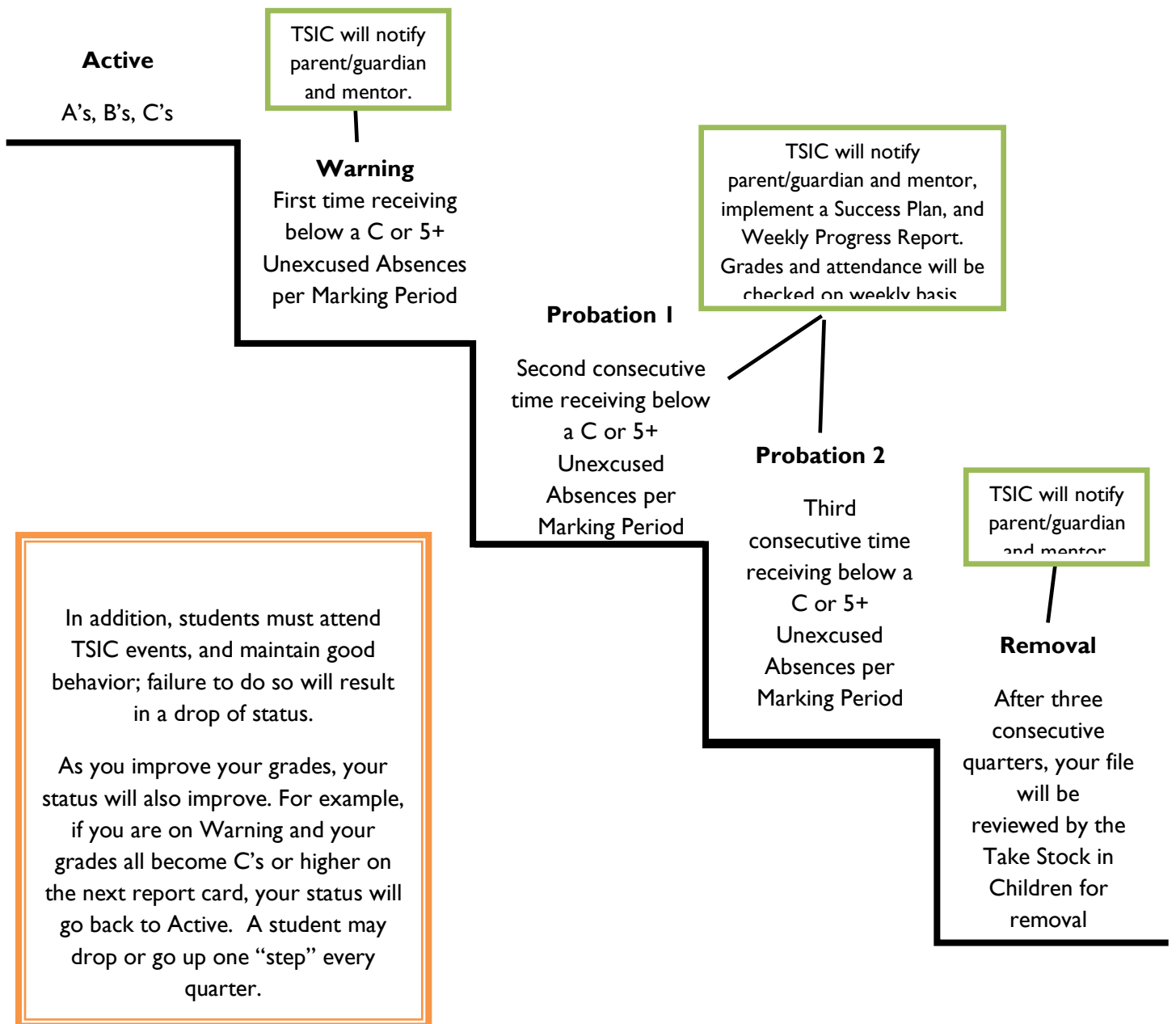
- If you receive a D or F on your quarter grades
- If you have 5 or more unexcused absences in a quarter
- If you receive more than 1 in school suspension in a quarter
- If you receive any out of school suspensions in a quarter
- If you are not meeting your required number of individual mentor sessions and required group mentor sessions
- If you fail to attend any of the MANDATORY TSIC workshops during the school year

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING TSIC KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION (FOR YOU AND YOUR PARENTS) SUCH AS PHONE NUMBERS, EMAIL ADDRESSES, HOME ADDRESSES AND SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING- IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT TSIC IMMEDIATELY.
- FAILURE TO REMAIN CRIME AND DRUG FREE WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC REMOVAL FROM THE TSIC PROGRAM



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10 High School Study Tips for Students

The Best Way to Get Ready for Your Exams

From [Holly Ashworth](#), former About.com Guide

Having trouble getting serious about studying for a test? These high school study tips will get you in the right mindset to get prepped for your final exams, or just for your average, everyday quiz.

1. Study Alone

Unless you've got a couple of friends who are super-serious about getting down to business, stay away from group study sessions because they tend to get off-topic pretty quickly. Save the social time till after you've handed in your test.

2. Create Your Perfect Study Area

The place where you study should be quiet, comfortable and free from distractions. Go to your room, close the door and kill as many distractions as possible - like music, television, and even the internet and your phone. If you don't have your own room that you can sneak away to, consider studying at the library instead.

3. Get it All Out

Your study materials, that is. Before you dig in, make sure you have all your books, notes, study guides and writing utensils in front of you. Don't give yourself another excuse to get up and rummage around.

4. Turn Your Notes into Flash Cards

Now that you've got all your notes in front of you, open up a pack of index cards. As you read through the important facts, rewrite them in Q&A form on the cards. For instance: to study historical facts, write the historical fact on one side of the card and the key details on the other side. To study geometry formulas, write the name of the formula on one side and the formula itself on the other side.

5. Snack Healthy While You Study

If you want to stay sharp while you study, stay away from junk food. Instead, snack on studying-friendly foods like dark leafy greens, whole grains, peanut butter, milk and seafood. Feeling sluggish? Caffeine or energy drinks won't help you in the long run. Get your energy boost instead by eating a banana or an apple.

6. Narrow it Down

If you try to study every single thing your teacher's ever said, you'll go crazy. Instead, focus on the most important topics. If you're not sure what those are, read the study guide (if there is one), or ask your classmates. Once you've nailed down the important stuff, if there's still time left before the test, you can move onto the finer details.

7. Take a Break

Your brain can only take so much hard work at one time. For every hour that you study, take about 15 minutes to do something mindless, like taking a walk, listening to music or playing a computer game. (You can even take a 15-minute nap, if you're confident you can wake yourself up at the end of it.) It'll keep your stress level down and give your brain a chance to let all that information sink in.

8. Put Yourself to the Test

Once you've got your set of flash cards, test yourself with them. If you don't trust yourself not to cheat, give the cards to your parents and have them test you. Don't stop till you've made it through the whole stack without any mistakes. And be sure to bring your flash cards to school with you on the day of the test: you'll be amazed at how much more you can retain if you run through the cards right before your teacher hands out the test packet.

9. Get Some Sleep

You might be tempted to pull an all-nighter, but if you do, you'll only be hurting your chances of getting an A. Get a full 8 hours of sleep so your brain is in good shape on test day.

10. Study All Semester Long

It's tempting to hold off on studying till the last minute, especially if you tell yourself that anything you try to memorize earlier on won't really stay in your brain. That's not true. Take some time throughout the semester to review all of your notes and re-read important passages in your text book. It might seem tedious, but it'll really keep all those facts in your brain on test day.

Other Options for Gaining College Credits

Dual Enrollment:

The Dual Enrollment Program at Broward College (BC) is an accelerated program that allows eligible public/charter, private high school and home school education students to earn high school and college credits at the same time, saving both time and money!

Tuition, laboratory and student fees are waived for program participants. Textbook fees are also waived for public school students.

*****9TH AND 10TH GRADERS ARE NOW LIMITED TO ONE DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASS A SEMESTER, WHICH MUST BE TAKEN AT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL**

*****11TH AND 12TH GRADERS ARE NOW LIMITED TO TWO DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES A SEMESTER, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE TAKEN AT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL**

Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Must be enrolled as a Broward County Public School student
- Minimum 3.0 unweighted high school grade point average (GPA)
- Qualifying scores on SAT, ACT, or PERT exam ******(in lieu of SAT, ACT, or PERT exam scores, qualifying scores on the PSAT, FSA, or EOC may be used until December 31, 2020)**

Once you are already dual enrolled you must maintain the following requirements:

- Completed Dual Enrollment Recommendation form for each term (signed by parent/legal guardian, student, school counselor, and principal)
- Maintain a 3.0 unweighted GPA in high school academic work
- Maintain a 2.0 Broward College GPA
- Earn a grade of a "C" or better in each college-level course
- Dual Enrolled students who receive a "D" or "F" grade are no longer eligible to participate in the program

Early Admission:

Early Admission, a form of dual enrollment, allows eligible high school senior students to enroll in at least 12 credits per term, Fall and Spring, and maintain a college GPA of 2.0 or greater. The difference between Dual Enrollment and Early Admission is that for early admission you are exclusively taking classes at the college. Early admission students wishing to matriculate to BC will need to submit their final high school transcript showing their graduation date.

SEE YOU GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION, DEADLINES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

College Academy:

The [College Academy at BC](#), located at the Central Campus in Davie and the North Campus in Coconut Creek, offers high school juniors enrolled as full-time in the program, the opportunity to receive a high school diploma from the School Board of Broward County, Florida and an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree from Broward College. Visit the College Academy website below for more information, eligibility requirements and application information.

Eligibility Criteria

Application Criteria - Part I: Initial Screening (must meet all criteria)

- Must be a Broward County Resident at time of application.
- Must be registered as a 10th grader at time of application.
- Have earned a minimum cumulative unweighted 3.25 GPA.
- Record of excellent attendance and excellent citizenship.

Application Criteria: Part 2: Testing Requirements

- Testing scores on three sections of the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) or SAT/ACT that will result in placement for College level courses. Scores must be within two years.

PERT SCORES	Reading Comprehension	106 - 150
	Writing	103 - 150
	Math	123 - 150
ACT SCORES	Math 21+ Reading 19+	
	English 17+	
SAT SCORES	Math 26.5 Reading 24+	
	Writing 25+	

- Minimum test scores are established by the Florida Department of Education and are subject to change without notice.

Final Eligibility Criteria: Part 3 - Continue to Meet Admissions Criteria

- The offer of admission is contingent upon students maintaining academic, attendance, and behavioral qualifications throughout the admission process.

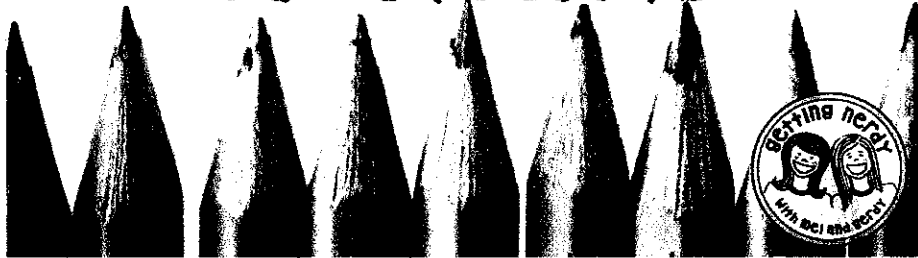
Final Transcripts must reflect Geometry, World History, HOPE or HS PE/Fitness Lifestyle Design (equivalent) prior to fall admissions. Students must complete any missing required course work (such as FLVS/BVS) prior to fall admissions.

For more information visit: <http://collegeacademy.browardschools.com/>

Top Ten Test Taking Tips for Students



Prepare: Mark test dates on a calendar that you see daily. Don't let a test creep up on you. Study well in advance by breaking up your material over



several weeks or days. Review nightly and don't cram.



Take Care: Make sure you go to bed early and get plenty of rest during test days. Wake up a little bit earlier than usual to ensure you can get out the door on time. Eat a healthy breakfast – nothing too sugary or heavy which may cause you to crash mid-test. And NO caffeinated drinks! Dress appropriately – bring a sweater in case the classroom is too cold. Store a mint in your pocket and if allowed, eat it when you begin to get sleepy or right before the test- it's a proven pick me up!



Scan the Test: Get a feel for the types of questions you will have to answer. Are they multiple choice? short answer? essay? Also scan to find out what material is being covered- this is helpful so you can anticipate certain questions and allot the appropriate amount of time for each section of the test. This will also insure that you are taking the correct test (this is especially helpful for tests that come with several subjects in one booklet).



Take your Time: Students often feel the need to rush through a test just to get it over with or because they want to dry heave their knowledge as quickly as possible onto paper. However, the best bet is to use every minute you have to take your test, reading questions over carefully and thinking over all answers before picking the best option.



Eliminate Wrong Answers: It may sound counter intuitive to seek out wrong answers while looking for the right one, but this tip is perfect for students who feel overwhelmed with too many choices. If you can eliminate just two answers you have a 50/50 chance of choosing correctly.



Use Context Clues: You probably have learned how to use clues within the text to determine the meaning of unknown words, but have you thought of using the test itself to help you answer questions you're unsure of. Use other questions and their answer choices to help you with questions you are stuck on. Sometimes the answers in other questions may not be the right answer for the question it pertains to but could be a helpful clue for another question.



If You Don't Know it, Skip it: If you find yourself unable to answer a question even after eliminating wrong answers and using context clues, skip it. Make a light mark on your test so you can make sure to come back to it. Still don't know which answer is best? Some say that the longest and most detailed answer is often the correct one, so if you're absolutely stuck and need to guess, choose that answer.



Check your Work: We all make mistakes so save some time at the end of the test to check your work. Erase stray marks, make sure bubbles are nice and dark, and most importantly, double check that the bubble you filled in matches the answer you choose in your test booklet! If you skipped a question, go back and answer it. This is also the time to consider tip #9. Lastly, make sure you answer ALL questions! Don't leave anything blank.



Your First Choice is the Best Choice: Your first answer choice is often the BEST answer choice. Students that go back through questions and begin to second guess themselves often find that they chose correctly the first time. So only change answers if absolutely necessary.

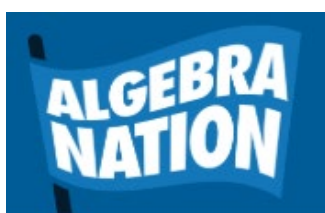


Relax: It's easier said than done, but if you follow the tips above, you shouldn't feel stressed. Remember to breathe deeply, get yourself comfortable, and rest assured that you've done everything possible to be prepared and you're going to do your very best!

Please visit our store, [Getting Nerdy \(https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Getting-Nerdy-With-Mel-And-Gerdy\)](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Getting-Nerdy-With-Mel-And-Gerdy), for adaptable and engaging science lessons for your classroom!

Tutoring Resources

- ❖ Khan Academy is an online tool that provides free tutoring for a variety of subjects. It also has a prep course **preparing for SAT testing**. Visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- ❖ Algebra Nation is another on-line resource service for TSIC students only. Use **ALGEBRA NATION** to help in math subjects: 6th-8th Grade Mathematics, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. Log in to <https://www.algebranation.com/fl/>. Once you log in, you will be prompted to enter your high school name and will then log in through your pinnacle account.



- ❖ Broward County Public Libraries <http://www.broward.org/library/mylibraryonline/pages/tutoringprograms.aspx>
- ❖ The Urban League of Broward County <http://www.ulbroward.org/>
- ❖ Broward College offers free tutoring services for BC students doing dual enrollment and Early Admissions. <http://www.broward.edu/studentresources/lrc/Pages/default.aspx>
- ❖ ALEKS- <https://www.aleks.com> (check if your school offers this resource)
- ❖ Be sure to check with your school resources regarding tutoring offered at your school

Local Volunteer Opportunities- You NEED Service Hours

- **Broward County Library** <http://www.broward.org/Library/Organizations/Volunteers/Pages/Default.aspx>

If you're interested in honing your leadership skills, you can join our Teen Advisory Board. Almost every Broward County Library location has one, and they provide valuable input on teen programs and events as well as the selection of books and other materials.

To fast track your involvement, just stop by any branch library and see a Youth Services Librarian for details. For more information: LibraryVolunteers@browardlibrary.org

- **HandsOn Broward**
http://www.handsonbroward.org/special_events

HandsOn Broward inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action to positively affect change in Broward County. We connect individuals and groups to meaningful hands-on service opportunities at over 600 nonprofit organizations in Broward County, Florida. Call us at **(954) 233-1300** or send an email to contactus@handsonbroward.org and we will be happy to refer you to one of our new volunteer orientations. There is no limit to the variety of volunteer openings available.

- **Broward Center for the Performing Arts**
www.browardcenter.org

Join the Broward Center's volunteer team and meet exciting people who share your passion for live theater. Welcome our guests as an usher, or share your skills in the administration offices. We offer positions for all ages and interests. New volunteer ushers attend an orientation session and commit to a shift for the entire season. Please contact the Volunteer Department for upcoming orientation dates and times. For more information, email volunteer@browardcenter.org or call 954.468.2684.

Other opportunities to earn hours:

- After school clubs or programs
- Assisting teachers/ school personnel
- Community volunteering:
 - Animal shelters
 - Senior citizen centers
 - Community centers
 - Churches
 - Blood banks
 - Shelters
 - Food banks
 - Parks and Recreation Department
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Crisis hotlines

Other sites to check out for opportunities:

- <http://www.volunteens.com/>
- <http://www.broward.org/volunteer/pages/default.aspx>
- www.Voa.org/volunteer
- www.volunteermatch.org