Share strategies to help your high schooler get organized.

Your teen has a big test tomorrow and she can’t find her notes. She may have left them somewhere. Or, did she accidentally throw them away? Either way, she doesn’t have them—and she needs to use them to study. Being organized is vital to your teen’s school success. To promote organization, teach her to:

• Schedule a Friday clear out. She should throw away trash and file school papers.

• Organize her study space. If she can’t find her math book, she’ll have to waste time looking for it.

• Use sticky notes. She can place one on the spine of each book she needs to bring home. She can also use them to jot down important reminders.

• Prepare for tomorrow tonight! Have your teen take time each night to prepare for the next day. She can make her lunch, replenish her supplies and place her gym shoes by the door.

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Students Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

1) Help your teen think about what she’s learned this year.
2) Discuss a controversial issue with your teen. Ask, “What do you think?”
3) Ask your teen to estimate the sales tax on a purchase.
4) Bring up a sticky situation before it occurs. Rehearse how your teen might handle it.
5) Learn about community events in your area. Ask your teen to choose one for you to attend together.
6) Talk with your teen about ways your family can do something for others this month.
7) The best solutions to problems between you and your teen are ones that work for you both.
8) Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.
9) Compliment your teen on something responsible he did today.
10) Learn about upcoming events or programs for families at school. Make plans to participate (in person or online) in at least one.
11) Suggest that your teen keep a journal.
12) Play a game with your teen—cards, charades, a board game—whatever she’d like.
13) Ask to see your teen’s homework. Have him explain what he did.
14) Talk with your teen about what makes her happy and what causes stress in her life.
15) Help your teen set up a “college and career” file. He can include a list of references, samples of schoolwork and his résumé.

16) Post a meaningful quotation you love where your teen will see it.
17) Read a book your teen is reading for English. Talk about it together.
18) Try to have an entire conversation with your teen in rhyme.
19) When you’re driving, challenge your teen to point out “rules of the road” she sees you following. 0.
20) Teens often say as much through behavior as through words. “Listen” to your teen’s body language.
21) 1. Have your teen solve silly math problems, such as, “How many hours are there until graduation?”
22) 2. Discuss the connection between rights and responsibility. Rights are earned by responsible behavior.
23) If your teen is interested in a job that doesn’t require a college degree, help him find out what it does require.
24) Ask your teen: “If you could trade lives with somebody you know, who would it be? Why?”
25) At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.
26) Take advantage of time in the car with your teen. You can talk privately without interruption.
27) Sit down to a special snack with your teen.
28) Help your teen develop abbreviations to use when taking notes. For example, w/ stands for with, C. for century.
29) Discuss the qualities you each look for in a good friend.
30) Do you have a home project to do? Let your teen help. m31. When your teen is making a decision, help her identify all the possible options. There are often more than two.

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Parents and Families, Don’t forget to check out our 2021-2022 Parent Resource Page to access fun and educational activities to do with your child. Activity Calendars and Parents Make a Difference are ready! https://nhs.newtoncountyschools.org/ Contact Kimberly Pullen, Pullen.kimberly@newton.k12.ga.us