

# Study & Homework Strategy: Understanding Teachers' Expectations

(adapted and revised from *Study Strategies Made Easy*)

Directions: Beneath each class period heading, write the course and teacher for each hour of your school day. Then, go down the list of descriptions and check the corresponding space next to every statement that applies to that class period.

Teacher/Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	4 <sup>th</sup> Hour	5 <sup>th</sup> Hour
<b>Presentation of Information</b>					
1. Information written on board or overhead	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Information presented in lecture and students take notes	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Homework Assignments</b>					
3. Assigned for practice only and no grade is given	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Assigned and graded	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Checked to see if done	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Questions on Tests Come From</b>					
6. Textbook chapters	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Textbook questions	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Teacher's lectures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Outside information	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Worksheets/homework	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. Videos/labs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Test Preparation</b>					
12. No review given	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. Study sheets handed out	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. Review is done orally in class	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Types of Tests Given</b>					
15. Multiple choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
16. True/false	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
17. Matching	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
18. Fill-in-the-blank	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
19. Essays	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
20. Tests vary	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
21. Tests written by publisher	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
22. Tests written by teacher	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Now look over what you have checked. By looking at this chart, you can learn how to study for each teacher's unique needs. For instance,

- If the teacher lectures, use your notes to study because the information in your notes will be important.
- If homework is assigned and graded, do it well and on time in order to add points to your grade.
- Even if homework is not graded but meant for practice, do it because that information will likely come up again.
- If you know from where teachers get their test questions, concentrate more on those materials. For example, if a teacher always uses tests generated by the textbook company and never adds anything class-specific to the test, the test will be focused on the textbook.
- If a teacher doesn't review, you will have to conduct your own review. Pay close attention in class because daily lessons may include hints. If a teacher does review, study on your own anyway, but use the teacher's review to narrow down your final studying.