

Things to do if You want to Do Better in Science

- ◇ Do all of your homework the day it is assigned and check your answers.
- ◇ Schedule help at lunch to go over problems/questions that you couldn't do.
- ◇ If you think you understand everything before a test and still don't do as well as you like, come in for extra help on occasion even when you don't think you need it.
- ◇ Study regularly – not just a day or two before the test. More study advice is available on the “How to study for a science test” sheet.
- ◇ Correct your tests & quizzes. Go over your solutions and try to find out where you went wrong. Oftentimes, the types of errors you make will be repeated on future tests.
- ◇ Review your past tests/quizzes periodically. Very often, skills acquired in one unit are also essential in future units. Also – this will make studying for your final exam a lot less strenuous.
- ◇ Participate in class. If you do, your teacher will more often have an idea as to how well you are understanding the lessons.
- ◇ If you think you understand things in class but have trouble putting it all together on a test, try the following: Go over your notes for a given unit and copy down a typical question from each lesson but don't make a note of which lesson it comes from. When you have made a list of these questions, write them out in a random order. Now try to answer these questions. Keep your copy of these questions for each unit and use this as a final exam study tool as well.
- ◇ Make real flashcards: key term on one side and definition/diagram/drawing on the other.
- ◇ You may want to look into getting a tutor.

How to Study for a Science Test

- ◇ Read over your class notes and make study notes of key concepts, definitions and examples.
- ◇ Read through the chapters in the text for other examples and ways of phrasing certain ideas.
- ◇ Make a list of all homework from this unit and re-do random questions from it
- ◇ Look for other text questions that cover the same material but were not assigned. Always check your answers.
- ◇ Make note of all questions you do not get correct. This forms a new list.
- ◇ Re-do the questions from your new list and if you still can't get the questions correct – come in for extra help well in advance of the test.
- ◇ This process takes a few days so waiting until the night before a test to start studying will not work!
- ◇ Always correct your tests and keep them in an easy-to-locate place. This will create a good exam studying file. If you are someone who struggles in science – re-do each test periodically.