

Making Good Use of Your Student Planner

Ellet High Freshman Seminar

What does it mean to be successful?

- Success means being involved.
- Success means being responsible.
- Success means meeting deadlines.
- Success means being organized.
- Success means managing your time well.

There are lots of other definitions for success, but in high school, success means achieving good grades, and being actively engaged in school. So, how can a student be successful in high school?

Probably the best tool you have is your student planner. If used wisely, you will be able to meet all the definitions of success. You will know when assignments are due, and what is due. You will know when clubs meet, and when there are practices. You will be organized. Most students who fail say they “forgot” about certain assignments or deadlines. Using your student planner will help you avoid this.

Use your planner to remind you about meetings and important responsibilities you have, in addition to just recording homework assignments.

Invitation to Membership: Key Club is an excellent service organization students can join. It is a way to begin building service (something that will help build character for you and something you can add to your resume or college or scholarship applications.) Mark your planners NOW for Fridays, 7:30 AM in the LRC and become part of this international organization.

Also, listen to the PA Announcements for Freshmen Steering Committee meetings. These students help plan and decorate for the Pep Assemblies during the year. Ellet High School has competition between the classes for the Spirit Stick. Help the “Baby Orangemen” win the pep assembly competition by becoming a part of this group.

Start now by filling in your planner: Below is listed a potential “Calendar for the School Year 2005-2006.” Take some time to copy the dates into your planner. This will serve as a reminder of activities and events you will want to plan to attend. Now is the time to consider joining a club, sport, or extra curricular activity. Find out when the clubs meet, and mark it on your calendar.