COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK

The main purpose of your composition book is to help you to successfully complete assignments and assist you in studying for tests. Therefore, it is extremely important that you take excellent class notes. In addition, you must read the lesson from the textbook and include notes from the reading as well. If you are careful in class to write down important points, concepts, and examples, then you won't have to worry when it comes time to study. Good class notes are incredibly important if your review materials are going to be effective at all. By keeping detailed class notes you can avoid surprises on test day!

Class notes can make a big difference in how well you do in class. If you are not doing as well as you'd like, then consider the quality of your class notes. Try harder to write down the important points and work on your listening skills. Remember, an investment of effort in writing good class notes will pay great dividends when it comes to test time!

The following is a check list of items that should be included in your composition book:

☑ Cover sheet with your name, class, and period.
☑ Before every new chapter, fold one page in a triangular form.
☑ Must be neat. Good (legible) handwriting.
☑ Pencil only.
☑ New sections begin on a new page (front).
☑ Section number and objectives (or title) to be highlighted.
☑ Highlighting should be limited to section title and/or subtitles.
☑ All drawings done with a ruler.
☑ All class notes written on the board including all drawings.
☑ Your own notes from the textbook lesson as evidence of your reading.
☑ All other directions given in class.

Students with the best composition books, take quick notes in class and from the book on a separate sheet of paper and then carefully rewrite them on their composition book, paying attention to the details and adding information if necessary.

If you invest your time on the composition book, it will become a great study source for SAT, ACT, and CPT assessments in the years to come.