10 Things to do to Succeed in the Grade 12 Examinations

1. The draft **NSC timetable** is out. Study it and start to plan now. There could be two exams on one day so you will have to be super sharp and alert. **Be sure to check the final timetable in case there are any changes.**
2. There are less than 300 days to the start of final exams. This includes weekends and holidays. Start today and work everyday. Set targets for achievement.
3. Do not miss **one day of school** between now and your exams. Keep healthy and alert. Listen to your teachers. They have done this before and will help you succeed.
4. **Reading** is a hot skill. Reading will change your life. Read at least 1000 words everyday. Read everything you can lay your hands on. Read accurately and quickly.
5. **Writing** is power, but it requires practice. We are all judged, every day, on our writing. We can inspire, impress, persuade, congratulate and express love in writing. Write at least 400 words every day carefully, accurately and beautifully.
6. **Textbooks** are an essential student companion. Have you got a textbook for each subject? Make sure you do and that you work systematically through your textbooks. Don't wait for your teacher to explain it all. Look at what you have to cover for the year and plan accordingly.
7. Your **BMI** can help you in matric. Your Body Mass Index (BMI) is an indication of how healthy you are. Calculate your BMI and then exercise and eat healthily throughout the year to keep an optimum BMI.
8. Academic work requires **concentration and focus**. Every day you should be engaged in intensive, focused, individual academic work. Turn off iPods, music centres, the TV, the cell phone and have an intensive and rewarding academic workout everyday. Build your brain cells and be the envy of all your friends.
9. Good vibes are good for success. Surround yourself with positive, happy people who want you to succeed. Your family and friends will be important in supporting you in the next 300 days. Be grateful for their support.
10. Success in Grade 12 requires **planning and hard work**. Start planning and working today. Attend school every day. Do homework everyday. Read every day. Write and calculate everyday. Stick to your year plan.

How many of the items above are you doing?

1 - 2:	Get help urgently.
3 - 4:	Start planning today.
5 - 6:	You are on your way. Intensify your efforts.
7 - 8:	You're well organised and nearly ready for success.
9 - 10:	You're doing great. Help someone else to get organised for success.

Want to Succeed?

Here are fool-proof tips for success

- In Grade 12 you will have a very full programme so you need to work consistently and not leave tasks for the last minute.
- Pay careful attention in class to ensure that you understand the work.
- Take your textbook to class every day and open it at the topic of discussion. Get to know your textbook really well. After a lesson in class read the relevant sections at home that afternoon or evening.
- Complete homework daily.
- Work neatly and accurately.
- When unsure or in doubt, ask your teacher or classmate.
- Attend any extra tuition offered to you.
- Start studying well in advance for examinations.
- Design a study roster and stick to it from Day 1.
- Refine your examination technique; when you revise, choose questions that will strengthen you in your weaker areas.
- Learn to plan and answer written questions clearly and systematically.
- Study hard for all your tests and internal examinations as if preparing for your final examinations.
- Use past examination papers for revision. Work through last year's examination papers as well as the exemplar papers produced to assist you in preparing for your examinations. This will give you a good idea of the types of questions you can expect in the final examination.
- Examination papers and suggested answers of previous years are available on the following website: **https://wcedeportal.co.za/past-papers**
- Ask your teachers and fellow learners to work through the questions and answers with you.