

Tips From Current Carson Grade 8 Students

1. Be prepared: Obtain general school supplies during the summer. Teachers will let you know if you need specific course supplies on the first day of classes.
 - Purchase two large binders, 8 dividers and paper. Label one binder DAY 1, the other DAY 2. Place four dividers in each binder and be sure to add lined paper. After you receive your schedule, label your DAY 1 classes in your DAY 1 binder and do the same for your DAY 2 binder.
 - If you are absent be sure to check your teacher's website so you can get a jump start on missed work.
 - Optional Technology, students are welcome to bring their own devices for class use.
2. Getting Good Grades: You don't have to be a rocket scientist to get good grades; it's pretty easy if you follow these steps.
 - Attend and participate in all classes, attendance is key to getting good grades.
 - Plan a regular time to study/review each evening for 1hr minimum.
 - Come to class with all necessary supplies
 - Leave your cell phone in your bag!
 - Balance recreational activities with schoolwork, don't over commit.
3. Locks/Lockers and books
 - Keep your lock combo a secret to protect your belongings. Buy a lock to use for PE class.
 - You don't need to carry all your textbooks for the day at all times. Store some in your locker and return at break & lunch to exchange books.
 - Use locker organizers to create more space in your locker and keep it neat.
 - Don't even tell your best friend your locker combo, best friends can change!
4. Schedule
 - Always keep a copy of your timetable in your agenda, locker and Day 1 & Day 2 binders so that you always know where you are going next. It's confusing at first but you will catch on quickly.
 - If you get lost ask an older student, teacher or counsellor for help
5. Relationships
 - Building positive relationships with your teachers and classmates will make school a great place, one that is more than just books and classes. Making new friendships is all part of the experience, just be sure that these friends are the right fit for you and that they will be a positive influence.
 - Build new friendships by joining clubs and teams, smile, say hello, it all helps!
 - Find out when teachers offer extra tutorials or ask for help in class when needed. Don't avoid the fact that you need help, the problem will only get bigger.
 - Visit your school counsellor if you need support – we are here to help!