



## Mrs. Esquivel's Prescription for Academic Success

Follow our Prescription for Academic Success and you will reach your full potential in your current college prep courses and later in your advanced placement courses and college courses.

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- Get to know your teacher's website. It is a vital source of important information.  
[www.oeisd.org](http://www.oeisd.org) →school staff→ Alicia Esquivel
- Print out the marking period calendar and rubrics for current projects posted on our websites.
- Use your planner, calendar, and rubrics.
- "Ballpark" the number of hours it will take to complete a project then map it out in your planner.
- Help each other streamline your studying by forming a study group.
- Read the captions and look at the pictures and illustrations before you start reading.
- Make a list of all new vocabulary before you start reading.
- READ each assignment critically taking notes or summarizing salient points IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
- When you believe you understand the main concepts, then and only then, use the Study Guide pages to test yourself. If you don't know the answers, go back and study.
- Jot down questions you have for your teacher or study group.
- Ask your questions.
- Take lecture notes IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
- **Briefly** study notes from lectures and previously assigned reading nightly until you're tested on the material.
- Remember if you've read it or it has been in a lecture, it's testable. Your teacher doesn't lecture from your textbook, s/he clarifies difficult concepts and takes you to the next level in his/her lectures. You're on your own with the simple stuff; ask questions if you need help.
- Take notes when we debrief quizzes or tests in class.
- Use quizzes to study during tutorials with your study group. Make sure you understand why you missed questions. If in doubt, ask your teacher to explain.
- Attend tutorials if you don't understand major concepts after the lecture.
- Attend tutorials and master any concepts you missed if you fail a quiz or test. When you take the Marking Period Assessment, your failing grade and your MPA grade will be averaged for a maximum of 70.