

ORGANIZING STUDY SPACE

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Where students study and do homework is almost as important as how they study, especially for students who are easily distracted. Your child should have an identified study space in the home. Preferably, the space should be used solely for school work. It can be in your child's room, a quiet area of the living room, or even a walk-in closet.

A good study space should include these elements:

- A good light
- A comfortable yet supporting chair
- A clear work space free of visual distractions (such as posters or toys) and auditory distractions (such as TV, radio, conversations, or the sound of other children playing)
- A consistent place where the student always studies and, if possible, uses only for studying
- All necessary tools and supplies, such as pencils, a pencil sharpener, ruler, paper, calculator, and dictionary

Depending on how long they are working, students should plan to take appropriate breaks to avoid becoming fatigued. They should work one assignment at a time; all other work should be removed from the work surface so they do not become distracted or feel overwhelmed by what they need to accomplish.

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