

talk nerdy to me

Three perspectives on different techniques students use to take notes

JULIANNA HINTON, 11

Do you remember your first bad grade?
"It's funny, I think I remember in third grade, it was a science test or something and I did really bad on it. I think it was probably because I missed a day and I didn't get the notes back and I was so distraught and thought I was never going to do anything good again. I was just so down on myself and I realized it's okay."

What is your favorite subject? Why?
"Any science type subject. It's just something I've always been interested in from a young age. I've always loved animal sciences: paleontology, that sort of thing."

How do you go about creating such elaborate notes?
"A lot of the notes I take, other than the maps, which I did in class, are done at home. As far as the other notes, I went home and summarized or condensed all of the material in a more artistic form just to help me. Instead of reading over all the notes, it helps me study by writing it down and reviewing the material."

Neat vs. Chaotic

KEEPS IT NICE AND NEAT

"I try to write my notes down almost exactly like how I see it on the board, that way I won't get anything mixed up. I also like to keep everything in the right place. It helps me understand it better when I study."

John Riley, 10

PREFERS ORGANIZED CHAOS

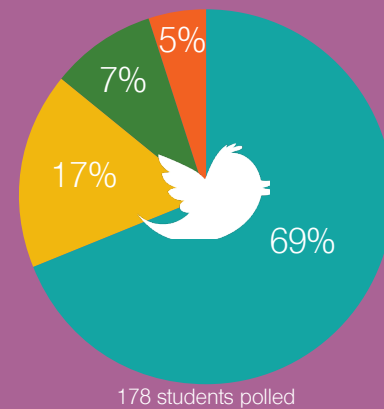
"My notes are messy because I write them down in a hurry to get it over with. I look at the board and write down the important things I see. I don't write down everything because my hand gets tired."

Justin Arroyo, 9

where do you STUDY?

From coffee shops to book stores, students find unique nooks all over town to study or to complete homework. "I study at Books-A-Million because it's a really great place to think," Logan Lambert, 9, said. "If I ever need a book or something, they will just let me go in the store and get the book I need for homework."

KITCHEN TABLE
LIVING ROOM
BEDROOM
OUTSIDE



what's in your BACKPACK?

Students give an inside look at what tools they use day in and day out

SOUL SOOTHING

"I listen to music while I study because it helps me focus and stay in a calm mood."
-Laurel Hataway, 12

TAKE NOTES

"Using notecards helps me focus on each question individually."
-Tucker Motter, 10

ORGANIZE MY STUFF

"I pick my binders based on the subject that I'm in; the geometric binder is based off of Algebra 2 and geometric shapes. Also, my chemistry binder looks like hydrogen and nitrogen."
-Greta Thorderson, 11

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS

"I wouldn't be able to make it through Burdine or Holcomb without my graphing calculator."
-Dejuana Oscar, 11

PICK ME UP!!!

Students dish on what drinks help energize them for the day

green goodness

"The Green Goodness gets you full and just ready to go for the morning."



Graham Gustafson, 9

gatorade

"I drink Gatorade because it helps wake me up and replenishes my electrolytes."



Tristan Saucier, 10

au lait

"I drink coffee because I am in difficult classes that require me to stay up late and get up early."



Carlee Blakeney, 11

spinach smoothie

"I like that it has a kick to it. It helps me to focus in class, especially in college English."



Kyla Burger, 12