

School News & Notes

Upgrading your Back-to-School Experience This Year

(NAPSA)—If you're among the 37 million the Census Bureau says has a family member in school or the roughly 6 million with one in college, these tips could help improve your student's chances of making the grade:

Be smart...

High school and college students should:

1. Make a To-Do List Every Day. Put things that are most important at the top, do them first and check them off.

2. Use Spare Minutes Wisely. Get some reading done while you're standing in a line, commuting on a bus or train or waiting for something to start.

3. Find the Right Time to Study. You'll work more efficiently if you figure out when you do your best work.

4. Review Your Notes Nightly. This reinforces what you've learned, so you'll need less time and effort right before a test. You'll also be ready if you get called on in class or have to take a pop quiz.

5. Get Homework Help. There are many apps out there that can help students solve the toughest homework problems. Available assistance includes Encyclopedia Smithsonian at www.si.edu/Encyclopedia and Encyclopedia Britannica Online at www.britannica.com. Apps for tablets and smartphones include National Geographic's World Atlas at www.natgeomaps.com/mobile_atlas.html and Merriam-Webster Dictionary at www.merriam-webster.com/promos/mobile-app-promo.htm are also great resources. An app to help you keep track of due dates is iStudiez Pro at http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/istudiez_pro/id310636441?mt=8.

6. Maximize Current Programs: Many computers come with online safety programs. Parents can use Parental Controls in



The right attitude and technology can help students unlock their true potential.

Windows and Mac Operating Systems and the like for monitoring and managing what children view online.

...and save

Students can upgrade their school experience by making sure they have the right gear to study and play with this year—especially school and campus staples like laptops, tablets and smartphones. Better yet, families can shop for these new back to school necessities for a lot less money than they might think.

One way is to shop online or at a store that can also save you time and trouble. For example, you can select what you want at a Best Buy store or website and not have to worry about hauling the stuff to school; instead, just pick up your purchases at a store near campus.

Best Buy is a resource for Back to School tech and one of the few electronics chains with real, knowledgeable people. Best Buy Blue Shirts and Geek Squad Agents can help match you with the right tech for your student's needs while offering a "tech security blanket" of unlimited support to get and keep it all up and running.

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