8 Brilliant Ways to Beat the Bell

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Being on time is super important. When you get to class on time, it shows you respect your teachers and classmates. It also helps you start your class off right. If you are late to class often, it's time to change how you do things.

Here are eight great ideas to help you beat the clock and be in your seat when class starts.

- **1. Know Your Way Around -** Figure out the fastest way to get to each of your classes. Look for shortcuts and hallways that aren't too crowded. This can save you a lot of time.
- **2. Stay Focused** Make getting to class on time *Priority #1*. Don't let things distract you. Don't look at your phone or stop to talk to friends in the hallway. Just keep walking at a steady pace.
- **3. Use a Timer -** Set an alarm on your phone or watch for one minute before you need to be in class. This will remind you to finish up what you're doing and start heading to your next class.
- **4. Watch the Clock -** Pay attention to the time. Get in the habit of leaving class as soon as it's over. Keep checking the clock so you know how much time you have left.
- **5. Talk Less in the Halls -** Save long talks with friends for lunch or after school. In the hallways, keep conversations short. This way, you won't lose track of time and be late.
- **6. Go to Class First -** Walk straight to your next class before stopping to chat with friends. If you make getting to class your top priority, you'll be more likely to get there on time.
- **7. Team Up with a Friend -** Find a friend who's good at being on time. Agree to help each other get to class without being late. Having someone to remind you can really help you be on time more often.
- **8. Ask for Help -** If you're having trouble being on time, talk to a teacher or counselor. They can give you advice that fits your specific needs and challenges.

Being on time is a skill that will help you not just in middle school, but for the rest of your life. Whether it's for a job, a meeting with friends, or any other important event, knowing how to manage your time well will always be useful. So, start practicing now, and you'll be amazed at how much easier and less stressful your school days become!

Remember, small changes in how you do things every day can make a big difference in how well you do in school. So try out some or all of these tips and see how being on time will help you do better and will set a good example for other students to follow. (472)