

# Study Block



## What is Study Block?

Study Block is a 30 minute period built into every afternoon that will provide you with time to get some homework done, read, or study for an upcoming test. Students are randomly assigned rooms for three-week cycles, where they can work independently in a quiet and supervised setting. Eventually, this time will also be used for enrichment, tutoring, and extra help sessions.

## Why do we have Study Block?

Many students are busy with work, sport, family and extra-curricular commitments. Therefore, we wanted to create a block of time for all students to get a start on homework and assignments. Other schools that have implemented this period have seen an increase in success in all of their classes, and we want to give that chance to James M. Hill students, as well. In addition, it will provide a block of time for planned enrichment, interventions, tutoring, and various other activities that will take place throughout the school year.

## How do I know what room to go to for this period?

Your homeroom teacher will have access to the master schedule; as well, it will be posted at specified areas in the school. Names are listed alphabetically, so just find yours and it will tell you the room number.

## What do we do during Study Block?

It is your responsibility to be prepared for this period, which will be Period 5 in the afternoon. By this point, you should have some homework to do, and this is the main reason for the period. An alternative could be reading a textbook, book or magazine, studying your notes from earlier that day, preparing for a test, or writing in a journal. **The supervising teacher must see you either reading or writing, and it must be done independently without a bit of conversation or disturbance to others.**

## What is expected of me during Study Block?

In order to guarantee that all students will be able to make efficient use of Study Block, **you are expected to:**

- ⇒ be on time for class
- ⇒ be prepared for this class with work or reading material to ensure that you will not need to leave for any reason
- ⇒ be continuously engaged in work
- ⇒ remain quiet and work independently

## What if I just choose to sit there quietly, without disturbing anyone?

This is not a choice, since sitting there does nothing to increase success; every student must be prepared with something to do.