

# LearnDoEarn Posters for Middle School

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## Get Down to Business

- ★ Hard work and a commitment to academic success in early grades will help you be ready for high school, college or technical school, and work.
- ★ Only 20% of employers hire individuals who have nothing but high school diplomas; most employers insist that their employees have education beyond high school.
- ★ People with no education have few options and often get into serious trouble; over 80% of people in prison don't have high school diplomas.

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## Get Ready for Life!

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## Only YOU Are the Boss of You

- ★ Train your brain — learning something difficult or challenging every day will make your brain 'smarter.'
- ★ Expect to fail - but learn from failure.
- ★ A positive attitude and consistent effort will help you succeed in school, in work, and in life.
- ★ Take pride in completing challenging tasks, not easy tasks.
- ★ When it comes to learning, only YOU are the boss of you!

Use your time in middle school to get ready for high school!  
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## Be GREAT by Eight. Grade Eight!



- ★ Over 90% of new jobs created are 'middle skills' jobs that require more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year college degree.
- ★ Successfully completing one-year certification programs or graduating from community colleges requires strong high school skills.
- ★ Your future depends on acquiring strong high school skills, which in turn depends on how prepared you are, and how hard you work, in grades 6, 7 and 8.
- ★ Many experts think eighth grade is the most important year of school.

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- ★ Advancing technology is forcing people to change the way they think, act, and do their jobs.
  - As a result, between 70% and 80% of the jobs that will be available to you when you grow up have not even been invented yet.
  - Almost all the jobs that will be waiting for you will require levels of education beyond a high school diploma.
  - The only way to guarantee your future is to build a strong academic foundation in mathematics, language arts, and science.
- ★ Middle school counts - a lot - in shaping your future; your middle school transcript will follow you for years.
  - Use your time in middle school to get ready for high school - and college, work and life.

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## Choose the Right Course

- ★ Technology advances and changes society. Tomorrow's workers will need more knowledge and skills than ever before.
- ★ More than any other subject, high school math predicts success in college and work.
- ★ Completing rigorous courses in high school can significantly increase scores on college entrance examinations.
- ★ Rigorous high school courses reduce the need for, and expense of, remedial courses in college.
- ★ Over 84% of jobs available in the next decade will require education beyond high school.

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Ensure YOUR future. Complete these courses:

- ★ Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry
- ★ Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- ★ English I, II, III, IV
- ★ Two years of the same World Language
- ★ Three years of Social Studies
- ★ One semester of Economics

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## The Tassel Is Worth the Hassle



- ★ Lifetime Earnings with a high school diploma ..... **\$1.2 million**
- ★ Lifetime Earnings with an Associate's Degree ..... **\$1.6 million**
- ★ Lifetime Earnings with a Bachelor's Degree ..... **\$2.1 million**
- ★ Lifetime Earnings with a Master's Degree ..... **\$2.5 million**

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# The MATH Path



Students who have learned:	Have this chance of earning a college degree:
★ Algebra I	8%
★ Geometry	23%
★ Algebra II	40%
★ Trigonometry	62%
★ Pre-Calculus	74%
★ Calculus	80%


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# Hard Courses = Work Ready Work Ready = More Earnings



- ★ Students who are not planning to go to college need to take challenging courses, especially in math, to get the skills employers need.
- ★ Even without college, students who complete demanding courses can earn 13% more annually in the workplace than students who complete easy courses.
- ★ Even with a high school diploma, job candidates have to pass employment tests that measure ability to read and do math.
- ★ Almost all employers use math tests as gateways to good jobs because math is a good measure of critical thinking skills.
- ★ Skills learned in rigorous high school courses prepare students for entry-level positions, and for promotions and other advancements.
- ★ Studies show that students who learn social skills and discipline, and who practice timeliness and persistence, will eventually earn more than students who did not acquire these character traits in school.

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## Hard Courses = Less Spent on College

College is expensive. Students who start academic preparation for college early with challenging courses in middle and high school:


- ★ know the academic material colleges expect them to know,
- ★ get into college more often,
- ★ double or triple their chances of earning a college degree,
- ★ need little or no remediation (make-up courses) once they get into college, and
- ★ **SPEND LESS** on college tuition.

Students who do NOT learn challenging material in middle and high school:

- ★ must pay college tuition to learn material they could have learned in high school for **FREE**,
- ★ limit their college choices,
- ★ waste time taking make-up courses that do not count toward a college degree, and
- ★ **SPEND MORE** on college education.

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Make sure you are prepared for high school and college.  
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Academic preparation for college starts in middle school. Be present and on time every day, follow the rules, do your homework, and challenge yourself every day.

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## TAX Your Brain MAX Your Options




Learning demanding material in language arts, science, and math (especially in math) while you are in middle and high school:

- ★ builds your mind like exercise builds your body,
- ★ physically changes your brain and **MAKES YOU SMARTER**, and
- ★ gives you the critical thinking skills you will need to succeed in college or in all high-wage jobs.

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Use your time in middle school to get ready for high school. Be in school and on time every day, follow the rules, do your homework, and learn challenging academic material.


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## In Business, Time Is Money




Developing the self-discipline you need to be present and on time every day at work starts in grades 6, 7 and 8.

- ★ Most employers expect workers to be on the job and on time 95% of the time.
- ★ Translated into a school year, that would be equal to only nine days late and absent (for example, 4 days late plus 5 days sick).
- ★ Many employers allow only 3 sick days each year.
- ★ Some workers get only a one-week paid vacation - most get only two - in their first year on the job.
- ★ In some companies, three times late will result in job loss.
- ★ Highly paid management jobs require much more than forty hours a week.


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## Homework is Key


- ★ Students cannot learn everything they need to know in just five hours of school a day; homework extends opportunities for learning and for academic success.
- ★ Studies suggest that one hour of homework a week in math can improve student performance by one whole grade over the course of a school year.
- ★ Students who do 15 hours of homework each week in high school can earn 35% more when they are adults.
- ★ Students with lower grade averages benefit more from doing homework than students with good grades.
- ★ Students who do homework complete as much as 2.7 more years of college when compared to students who have not done homework.
- ★ The average college schedule requires five hours of homework each night. High-paying jobs require homework every night, too.



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## Hey . . . Eighth Graders!

**Earn Your *School Counts* Credential.**  
Practice behaviors you will need for future success.

**SCHOOL counts!** Grade 8 Certificate awarded to \_\_\_\_\_

for meeting all the requirements of the *School Counts!* program.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- ★ Earn your Eighth Grade *School Counts* Credential by meeting the following criteria:
  - ★ Maintain a 95% attendance and punctuality rate.
  - ★ Earn average grades of 'C' or better.
  - ★ Avoid serious disciplinary action.
- ★ Show a potential employer that you are responsible and punctual, and that you know that in business, time is money.

**Take the *School Counts* Credential to a job interview!**  
Show a potential employer that you will be a good worker.  
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# Middle School Students

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Congratulations to \_\_\_\_\_

for achieving the attendance and punctuality standards for the

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program at the \_\_\_\_\_

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## Get Your *School Counts* Credential

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**Make Sure School Counts for Your Future!**  
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Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz  
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