Stress is something that all people feel. It's okay.



- -But it's important to do things to help our bodies and minds feel content again.
- -You have the *power* to help control your body and mind. You can make choices to help yourself feel content.

Strategies for School Stress Management

These are the choices that are based on preparing yourself to be an organized and thoughtful learner.

To help yourself feel content, you can try:

- -Creating a list of things to do before going to bed at night that can help you be ready for school the next day (for example: packing your backpack, picking out your outfit, etc.). Set an alarm to go off in the evening to remind you to do the things on this list.
- -Charging your phone in another room while you're sleeping. Do not have your phone in bed with you.
- -Making sure you're getting 8-9 hours of sleep a night, drinking plenty of water, and eating healthy foods.
- -Setting an alarm to wake you up each morning.
- -Creating a morning schedule starting with "Wake-up" and the time. List all of the things you need to do before leaving for school and the order you will do them each day.
- -Coming to school with all of your work done.
- -Using study hall to do work from your morning classes.

- -Finding an organizational system that works for you. No matter how you decide to stay organized there are two keys to making it work:
 - 1. Put all of your papers in the correct place as soon as you get them.
 - 2. Treat your supplies nicely and put them away neatly.
- -Using your planner to write down homework assignments.
 - -Get your planner out during each class to write down the work.
 - -Get your planner out at the end of the day to make sure you're putting all of your work in your backpack.
 - -Get your planner out at home to make sure you know what work to do. Put a check mark by an assignment as soon as you're finished with it.
- -Starting to study for tests a few days in advance. Start by studying the vocabulary. Knowing the vocabulary is very important for doing well on a test.

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- -Asking a family member to help you study or study with a friend on Facetime. Take turns quizzing each other using the study guide or worksheets you've been doing in class.
- -When you study: if you know something confidently and correctly, cross it off and do not study it anymore. Keep working to understand the questions that seem confusing.
- -Knowing two or three things you really enjoy about being at school.
- -Emailing a teacher and ask for help with an assignment you're struggling with.
- Doing deep breathing exercises.

Take Five breathing

- -Having a small item to fidget with (for example: pencil top eraser, a smooth piece of tape stuck on your folder, the zipper on your pencil pouch, the bumpy edge of your spiral, etc...).
- -Asking your study hall teacher or Miss Schlickman to help you find a time to clean your locker.