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Tools to succeed in the Eyes of Ariana Dunn

Being at Skyline for all four years, I've learned a couple things I wish I knew from the beginning. Freshman and Sophomore year were a bit of a struggle for me. I remember myself just going through the motions both those years. I felt like I was not really trying to learn and that showed in my G.P.A.. I'm sharing this so students do not make the same mistake as me. I was lucky enough to figure it out and get my grades up before it was too late. Freshman and sophomore year I really struggled paying attention and asking questions and building a relationship with the teacher. I made up excuses not to do homework or not to pay attention. At the end of Sophomore year my G.P.A was 2.7 and I had to get it together Junior year for me to raise my G.P.A. to a 3.0 to get into college. I focused on communicating with my teachers about my schedule, especially with after school sports it was hard to manage homework and essays. I started paying attention more in class and asking questions individually because I did not like people judging what I'm asking. We would have work time some days which gave me that opportunity to ask these clarifying questions. This gave me a chance to meet the requirements of their assignments. I was able to do assignments and feel confident in my work during classwork time, and it took out the stress of having to do it after practice. My teachers were so nice even though I know I overloaded them with questions. Make sure you turn homework now on time and essays. Make sure you ask questions, you are confused, because they are not going to get answered themselves and could show up on a test and you don't want to regret not asking that question. If you put in the effort you will achieve big things and positive results will show. My junior year I got a 3.7 and was able to get to a 3.0 overall. If I was able to apply this Freshman and Sophomore year my cumulative G.P.A. it would be a lot higher than it is ending Senior year. I would have applied to more colleges if my G.P.A. was higher. I wish someone had told me these things before so I was not so stressed my first two years. I strongly agree in pushing your self in school. All the hard work you pursue in High School will get you to the college or future you want and you will be prepared academically. Also, it will help you figure out what you might want to major in college or what career you would like to pursue if you choose college is not the path for you. Either way, make sure to stay fully engaged in Highschool and success will come easy.



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