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Your First Week of High School

☐ Learn your teachers' names.
Using a teacher's name shows respect and maturity. It's a small habit that helps build positive relationships from the very beginning.

☐ Don't be afraid to ask a genuine question.
Teachers don't expect you to know everything. They do appreciate students who are curious enough to ask thoughtful questions.

☐ Introduce yourself after class.
If you're excited—or even nervous—about a class, tell your teacher. A one-minute conversation can change the way you experience the entire course.

☐ Be the student teachers can count on.
Showing up prepared, meeting deadlines, and following through on commitments builds trust much faster than a single high test score.

☐ Put your phone away before class begins.
It sends a simple message: "I'm here to learn." Teachers notice that.

☐ Don't underestimate the power of "Thank you."
Teachers invest countless hours preparing lessons, answering questions, grading assignments, and helping students succeed. A sincere "thank you" costs nothing, but it tells your teacher that you noticed their effort—and that simple act of gratitude is surprisingly memorable

☐ What's your own personal goal for this week?

🎯 Your Challenge

Choose one of the habits above and practice it in every class this week.
At the end of the week, ask yourself:
Did my teachers learn something positive about me that had nothing to do with my grades?