

## An Ideal Student

An ideal is defined as a standard of perfection or excellence, a model for imitation.

When considering the topic of what an ideal student would be, several characteristics seem to be necessary in order for a student to fit this definition. What must a student do to be a model for imitation for other students?

First of all, the ideal student must set goals for himself. It has been said that if you aim for nothing, you will hit it every time. A student should decide what he wants to accomplish in a school year, including what grades he would like to earn. Then he must be determined to succeed and meet those goals. Having goals gives a student purpose and keeps him focused.

Second, the ideal student must be attentive. School should be treated as more than just a place for social interaction, and classes should be taken seriously. This means the student would come to class prepared and ready to learn. When the teacher is talking, he would be listening, giving the teacher his undivided attention and trying to get as much out of the lesson as he possibly can. School would be a top priority in an ideal student's life.

Finally, the ideal student is not afraid to ask questions. Asking questions helps clarify information and improves a student's understanding of the material. If he does not comprehend something being taught, instead of just remaining confused, he asks questions until he fully understands. Being inquisitive is a vital attribute of a successful student.

Although this was definitely not an exhaustive list of traits of an ideal student, I believe these are some key attributes of what an exemplary student would be. A determined, focused, attentive, inquisitive student is far more likely to succeed than a student who lacks these qualities.