

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH



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CLARION UNIVERSITY



Talent Search Funded!

Educational Talent Search at Clarion University of Pennsylvania has received a five year grant from the US Department of Education. This grant, awarded on a competitive basis is funded through 2016. This year ETS is funded at \$380,961 (same since 2007).

Adhering to the new requirements and the Higher Education Act will be a challenge for ETS staff to meet our objectives and continue our funding for the tri-county.

One change is the mandate that students should achieve rigorous curriculum. ETS students will be encouraged to take higher level classes in math and science and at least one year of a foreign language. We may need your assistance in this documentation. Keep in mind that selecting these options provides you with the most flexibility in determining your future educational path.

Additionally, ETS has received funding for "SmarT." This year

SmarT addresses careers, service, and opportunities related to Science and Technology. Funding was received from the Venango Human Service Fund of the Venango Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$1800.

We continue to await news from two additional funding sources which will fund ETS college visitations and our annual incentive trip.

Taking Notes—The Cornell Method

Taking notes helps you concentrate in class, review for tests, and write papers. Taking good notes is vital to success in studying and learning. Try using the Cornell Method.

Draw a line down your paper about two and a half inches from the left side. On the right side of the line record your classroom notes as usual.

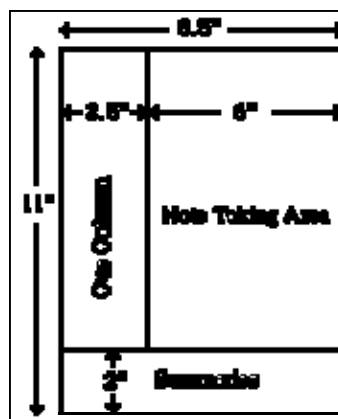
After class you should read the notes, use your textbook to fill in information you missed and underline what is important. Mark items that are unclear and check with classmates to clarify.

The cue column on the left helps you study for tests. Jot

down important words/phrases in this column.

Consider keeping your notes in a three-ring notebook/binder and use full-size paper. Use abbreviations and symbols when possible.

It is also a good idea to record a brief summary of the lecture at the bottom of the page. This gives you the opportunity to check your comprehension and strengthen your memory.



Note Taking Area: Record lecture as fully and as meaningfully as possible.

Cue Column: As you're taking notes, keep cue column empty. Soon after the lecture, reduce your notes to concise jottings as cues for Reflecting, Reviewing, and Relearning.

Summary: Sum up each page of your notes in a sentence or two.

Study Help Apps

I know, you are swamped with social events, sports, jobs, and homework. So, it's doubly important that you stay organized in order to keep up with classes and maintain a little sanity. Here are a few of the *100 Best Free iPhone Apps for College Students* that can help you do it all. Don't have a smart or app enabled phone? Just Google the title and most are available as websites, too.

Sparky: Browse SparkNotes.

Mathemagics Lite: Figure out squares, complicated multiplication problems, and more.

Free Spanish Tutor: Features native speaker audio, games, quizzes, and more.

USA Presidents: Review dates, political parties and facts with virtual flash cards.

History: Maps of the World: Find

detailed maps.

Word of the Day Lite: Expand your vocabulary.

Free French Word of the Day: Practice French.

Vocabolistic: Look up words or quiz yourself.

gFlash + Flashcards and Tests: Create your own flashcards and share them.

USA Factbook Free: Great for civics, history or political science.

Stars: Resource for studying constellations.

The Chemical Tough: Lite Edition: View the periodic table.

Formulas Free: Free calculus formulas.

iQuotations: Look up quotes for papers or inspiration.

Math Ref Free: Free reference

packs for geometry, algebra, trig, and more.

myHomework: Lists, project task sheets, test schedules and more.

Evernote: Record picture, text and audio notes that are searchable.

Smart ToDo: Manage a to-do list with notes and due dates.

To Dos: This app lets you customize your to-do list according to priority level, ordering and more.

mySticky Lite: Lets you tack reminders and lists over a virtual bulletin board.

Restaurant Nutrition: Make healthier decisions even when eating out.

Stress Reducer: Listen to the ocean through a virtual shell to relieve stress.

iMapMyRun: Track your runs, pace, location, speed and progress.

E-readers

E-readers are devices for reading or viewing the "electric version of a printed book." Adults and students alike are enjoying their own personal Kindle or Nook. While many still like the feel of a traditional book, people are finding e-readers just as easy to read with many additional benefits. Here are some advantages for students:

- ACCESS to over 2,000,000 books. (More than your library could ever hold at prices that are more affordable than traditional books.) Many sites offer free downloads everyday.
- SPACE! Thousands of books can be downloaded onto an e-reader.
- Many can be read in very LOW LIGHT, some even in complete darkness.
- "TEXT-TO-SPEECH" software transforms the book into an audio reader.
- There is a ZOOM function for students that may have a hard time with text size.
- A built-in DICTIONARY is available when you stumble upon an unknown word.
- HIGHLIGHT text as you read, so that you can return to certain thoughts or ideas.
- Take NOTES and store them on your e-reader.
- Gain IMMEDIATE access to publications, no waiting for shipping or a visit to a store.
- The production of e-books does not consume paper or ink. Printed books use three times more raw materials and 78 times more water to produce, making e-readers ENVIRONMENTALLY friendly.
- E-books are SECURE. They can be backed up on-line or on your computer in case of loss or damage.
- They keep an automatic BOOKMARK in each book you're reading.
- Load many of your TEXTBOOKS on your e-reader.

Your school or library may have e-readers available for loan. Currently, e-readers can be purchased for \$113 to \$139 for the basic 3G models. There are higher end Wi-Fi and color readers available at higher prices. There are also e-reader applications available for your computer, ipod, and other internet enabled devices.