

Empower Your Students to Succeed in School

Students

“Over the past few weeks I have applied these strategies to my classwork and my schedule, and it helped tremendously.” *Tyler Weiser, Salina, Kansas*

“I found that by taking this course I have to reorganize the way I study to suit my personality and learning type. I had a good time.” *Kenna Hernly, Beijing, China*

“I liked everything about it. It is really good. I really used the tips and they worked....it really works.” *Lauren Kipper, Emporia, Kansas*

Experts

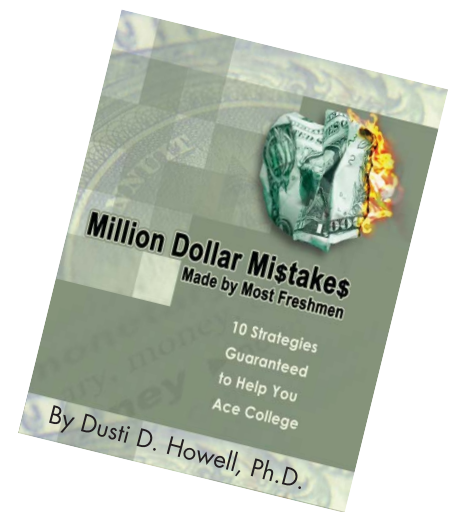
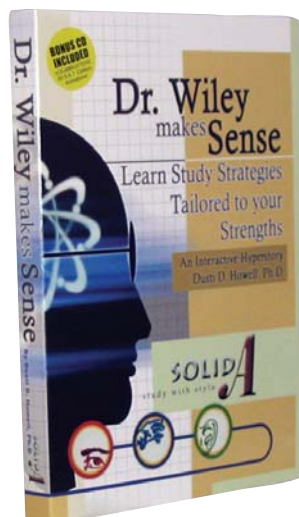
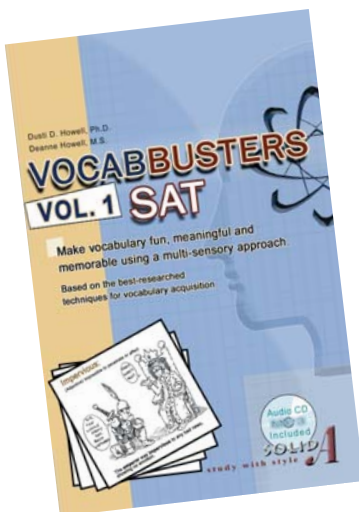
“Dr. Howell’s materials for academic success stem from sound scientific research and theory. They are cleverly designed and stocked with practical advice sure to help students succeed.” *Kenneth A. Kiewra, Ph.D. Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Nebraska and Editor, Educational Psychology Review*

“As a Harvard educated English teacher with over forty five years of teaching experience, I learned a great deal more about my own learning styles and how to apply this information to my teaching. Dr. Howell is a truly engaging speaker who personalized his own learning experiences, both positive and negative. He is dynamic and keeps his audience focused on his information. Now I'm going forth to apply his principles in my classes. Thank you Dr. Howell. We at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy benefited from your expertise.” *Captain Jane Marie Hillier*

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College Freshmen (30 to 90-minutes)

Avoid Making Million Dollar Rookie Mi\$take\$

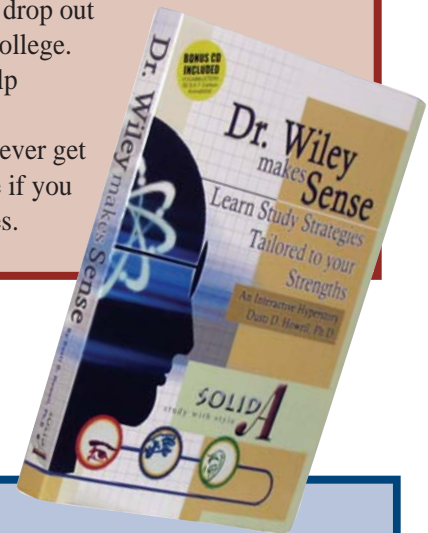
According to the latest US census data, all but one percent of Freshmen make decisions during their first year of college that will cost them one to two million dollars. In this dynamic and humorous presentation, you will learn the critical keys to succeeding in college. The goal is to make the **First Year Experience** for new students a positive and life changing event.



High School Seniors (90-minutes)

10 Strategies that Guarantee Your College Success

You will pay thousands of dollars for tuition in college. For many, this will be a bad investment as they will drop out. The fact is that a high percentage of students will drop out because they aren't prepared for college. This presentation will not only help you prepare to succeed, but it will guarantee that you will never get lower than a B in college if you follow these ten strategies.



8th & 9th Graders: Assembly (30-minutes)

Seven Habits of Highly Ineffective Students: A Humorous Guide to Better Grades

This entertaining program challenges, motivates and empowers students to improve their choices and habits. Often, students learn best by seeing how not to do something. In this session, after each of the bad habits is presented, a number of strategies show how to prevent these habits from negatively impacting the students at your school. Students will learn test taking, time management, reading strategies and much more. Each student will pledge to work on one habit for three weeks.

Teachers: Inservice

One Size Does Not Fit All: Differentiated Teaching Strategies

BASIC (45-minutes) This session offers strategies that can help teachers improve their teaching results. After identifying sensory modalities, environmental factors, brain-based hemispheres and 4MAT styles, we'll review how diverse learners are impacted by the current teaching practices. Pedagogical techniques will be discussed on how to reach varied student styles and how to get these students to succeed.

ENHANCED (3 hour) Teachers are given the sensory modality, brain-hemispheres and 4MAT assessments before covering the materials listed above in the BASIC program. After teachers identify their own styles of learning, this material is received with much greater impact.

Passion and Only Focus

What Students Have To Say

"This is one of those items that I wish I had learned about years ago. I believe it would have changed my academic life." *Marla Elmquist, Lindsborg, Kansas*

"I proved that it was helpful because I used the tips when it came to studying for my midterms and I have gotten A's on all of them so far." *Melodie Sass, Emporia, Kansas*

"...More people should try this, it really helps. This was a fun activity. I enjoyed it. I would recommend it to people. This really helped me out because I knew what to expect in class. It was a really fun project." *Trishden Spies, Salina, Kansas*



"The time-efficient learning skills I have acquired will help me not only in my academic performance but also in everyday tasks and responsibilities." *Boro Petkovski, Beijing, China*

"I was already a good student, but these techniques made my study habits easier and less time consuming." *Stefanie Jacks, Emporia, Kansas*

"It kept me entertained. In this media saturated environment, that's a heck of a compliment....Without reservation. It is an excellent guide. Entertaining and informative, light yet detailed. I can't see how a student won't be helped by this." *Antonio Dasilva, Suwanee, Georgia*

"I would recommend this. At the same time I was learning, I was having fun." *Sophie Swedmeule, Beijing, China*

"I am a better student because I had really brought my science grade up and I can find things better in my binders. I can study better without getting distracted either. This program was really fun. I think that this is a really good way to keep my grades to a decent B or an A. Thank you for helping me. It was really fun." *Kyndra Sparks, Salina, Kansas*

"It was very colorful and interactive — held my attention.... It really works; I remember a lot more studying at my peak times." *Michelle Maneth, Emporia, Kansas*

"If it can work for me, it can work for any student." *Igor Garcia-Tapia, Beijing, China*



What Teachers Have To Say

"I was impressed with the multi-media presentation, and I learned new methods to help myself and my students become more efficient learners. It was an honor and privilege to attend this invaluable course. I would strongly recommend it to others." *Charlene Swan, Beijing, China*

"I feel like I am a better student [and teacher] because I can focus more on my learning strengths. I have more

tools now to focus on my visual learning and reduce my distractions.... Yes, I would recommend this to my high school students. It was entertaining enough for them to pay attention and it could give them tips on how to succeed in any curriculum.... I really thought the review was wonderful. It was a great summary of the tips and changes that were made to encourage better study habits." *Kim Coover, Wilsey, Kansas*

"The course made me reflect on how I learn best. It should make me more aware of how kids learn." *Andy Murphy, Beijing, China*

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"Not all students learn the same and this reinforces that concept. As a teacher I am always observing students and trying to find the best way to teach individually. This is the perfect guide for that. I would recommend it to any new teacher and parent...Students can go years struggling and never understand why. NO matter how hard they try. When a student finally understands how to study to best help themselves they turn into a totally different person. Their confidence goes up and they have a personality change. I have seen it. We as teachers just have to know how to help them. This is a key that can open many doors." *Kelli Fischer- Garden Plains, Kansas*



Solid A, Inc. empowers students to succeed with customized approaches to learning. These enable students to tap into the power of their own unique learning styles. Solid A, Inc. designs and delivers incredible presentations. We use an instructional design model that helps us create assemblies and seminars that fit all learning styles. Additionally, we enhance our presentations with multimedia effects. The end result is a program that is enlightening, exciting, energetic and unique.

Dusti Howell - the Professor of Academic Success

Dusti Howell is a dynamic presenter that will change the way you think about learning and succeeding in the education process. He went from nearly flunking out of junior college to graduating with a Ph.D. major in Educational Technology (Curriculum & Instruction) and a Ph.D. minor in Educational Psychology from two separate programs that were both ranked number one by U.S. News & World Report. He has taught at every grade level from first grade through graduate school in the U.S., China, Thailand and Sri Lanka. He is currently an Associate Professor at Emporia State University, home of The National Teachers Hall of Fame. His passion for study skills and the learning process has emerged from his years of research on the brain and learning styles.



Students, Parents and Educators he has presented to:

- Chitralada Palace School
- Thailand
- Hong Kong International School
- Hong Kong
- Western Academy Beijing
- China
- International School Beijing
- China
- WuFeng Institute of Technology
- Taiwan
- Youth Summer Conference
- Malaysia
- Academy of Principals
- Singapore
- Emporia State University
- Kansas
- Exceptional Children's Conference
- North Carolina
- St. John's Northwestern Military Academy
- Wisconsin
- Kansas City Academy
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