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From the Evernote Student Handbook

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This is an excerpt from the Evernote Student Handbook— a companion book for the Evernote Student Workshop which is designed to show students multiple ways using Evernote on their phones, tablets, and computers makes them more organized, better prepared, and less stressed at school. You can learn more about the workshop by visiting my blog Evernote Student.

Evernote’s versatility and accessibility makes it perfect for using in any location with almost any device. I use Evernote daily on my iPhone, my Kindle Fire, my work computer, and my laptop.

In case you’re wondering, other than being a fan, I am in no way associated with or employed by Evernote. They’re just a great company with a great product.

I hope this serves you well.

-Jordan Collier
8th Grade English Teacher

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Let’s look at routine ways you can use Evernote in any class. Pick and choose from my suggestions and start thinking of other ways Evernote will specifically help you be a student.

1. Snap a Picture of Board Notes

Snap a picture of the notes your teacher has written on the board and save them in a class notebook. Before your teacher erases the board, raise your hand and ask to snap a picture. If you plan on doing this routinely, you may even want to ask your teacher to assign your seat closer to the board.

“It’s not what the software does—it’s what the user does.”
-Hugh MacLeod
2. The Week’s Agenda

Many teachers display the week’s agenda on the board. Rather than copying it in your planner, snap a picture. If you do this in each of your classes, create a tag for the week (i.e., “Week of 4/12”) and you’ll be able to see the agenda for all of your classes at once.

3. Lists

Teachers like lists-- vocabulary lists, supply lists, study guide lists, book lists, author lists, etc. Rather than copying a list, snap a picture.

If you need to edit the note or add information (i.e., definitions), you can do that on your device.
4. Homework

Many teachers display a homework assignment on the board. Rather than copying it in your planner, snap a picture. If you do this in each of your classes, create a tag for that night’s homework (i.e., “4/12 Homework”) or create a planner notebook to keep track of everything you need to do that night.

5. Actual Homework Assignments

Rather than carrying your textbook with you, take a picture of the night’s assignment using a scanner app. Be sure the image is legible before leaving your book in your locker. Remember that you can zoom in on the image— that’s really helpful!

If you have a habit of losing or misplacing worksheets, snap a picture of them right when the teacher hands them out.
6. Journal

Have you ever wanted to journal something, but your journal isn’t handy? Use Evernote to keep an online journal. Rather than looking for your journal or saying you’ll write something down when you get home, use your phone or tablet. To keep your journal entries together, title one note “Journal” and use that note for all of your journal entries. Another option is to create a “Journal” notebook and post a new note with each entry.

7. Web Clipper for Research Projects

Rather than printing articles and keeping track of bibliographical notecards, use Evernote Web Clipper to save all of your research in one designated Evernote notebook. By clipping all of your articles to a research notebook, everything is saved in one location. All of the information you need is available at any time.
8. Posters & Projects

No doubt you created the world’s greatest Earthquake Cake, but don’t be *that* guy who keeps it in his locker until the end of the year. Just snap a picture of it. You can relive the moment any time you want. No one has to deal with the odor coming from your locker. It’s a win-win.

You can do the same for art projects, posters, bookmarks, charts, graphs, etc. You may be really proud of a poster you made for a presentation, but you may not want to hang it in your room.

9. Book Covers

See a book you may want to read later? Snap a picture of the cover. You could create a notebook or tag for books you want to read.
10. Checklists and To-Do Lists

Create a checklist or to-do list in a note. This is great for projects, research papers, lists of books you want to read, errands you have to run, homework for the night—whatever you need.

To create a checklist, open a note and click ☑️ or ✗.

11. Kindle Notes & Highlights

You can view all of the notes and highlights you’ve made in a Kindle book by clicking here. Use the web clipper to copy your Kindle notes to a note in Evernote.

This is extremely useful if you want to find a quotation but can’t remember which book it came from. Rather than searching through each book on your Kindle, saving your highlights to Evernote allows you to search through all of your Kindle notes instantly.
12. Recording Audio

In addition to adding pictures to notes, you may also add an audio recording.

This is ideal for:
- foreign language class
- preparing for a speech
- class lectures
- recording yourself reading to improve fluency
- musical pieces for band
- lines for drama

13. Writing Assignments

Handwriting issues? Type or text paragraphs, journal entries, and essays in a note. This allows you to have a working draft accessible from any device. It also allows you to make changes, copy and paste items, keep all drafts together, and share the note.
14. Note Links

Create study guides and outlines using **note links**. No matter where you study or how many notes you need, you’ll have access to the information you need using your device.

15. Group Projects

Create a shared notebook for every member of your group. Doing so allows each group member to access and contribute to the project. Working from any computer or device, students can clip articles, work on drafts, add media, and collaborate easily.
16. Extra-Curricular Activities

Create a notebook for extra-curricular activities and events and share with friends if you’d like.

Ideal for:
- practice and game schedules
- scores
- pictures
- clipped newspaper articles

17. Important Documents

Create a personal notebook for important documents like permission slips, registration forms, supply lists, field trip itineraries, fund raiser information, report cards, etc. Paste, scan, or snap a picture of the documents using a scanner app.
18. Send Notes Directly from Different Apps

Several apps allow you to save notes directly to your Evernote account. Keep track of reading highlights, Twitter messages, Facebook posts, and other social media posts. Designate a notebook when sending or assign one later.

19. Label Images Using Skitch

Skitch is a great app for labeling images. Snap a picture or open an image, make comments, and then save the new note directly to Evernote.

This would be really helpful if you have to label the parts of an item (like a microscope, a dissection, an instrument, etc.), places on a map, stage directions for a play, information written on the board, or even finger placements for musical notes.
What’s Your Idea?

I’ve given you 19 ideas for using Evernote at school, but there are many more ways. Head back to my blog (Evernote Student) to share how you use Evernote to make you a more organized.
I’ve been a junior high English teacher in central Arkansas for ten years. I wrote this book for students who want to be more organized and better prepared. This book is a blend of my gifts—teaching, writing, learning, and sharing ideas.

I have been married to my wife (Katie) for seven years. We have two sons, one daughter, and two crazy dogs. I enjoy reading, running, cycling, and winning.

This book is my personal book. The opinions I express here do not represent those of my employer or Evernote. Other than being a fan, I am not associated with Evernote in any way. I use Evernote on my PC, iPhone, and Kindle Fire.

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If a student has a smart device but isn’t using it for school, then the **Evernote Student Workshop** is what you’re looking for.

**In just three hours, students will learn:**

- How to create notes, notebooks, and stacks for classes
- 4 easy ways to take notes in class
- How to share and link notebooks
- How and when to scan documents, record audio, and snap pictures
- How to use Evernote for research projects and writing assignments
- 19 practical Evernote ideas students can begin using today
- How to communicate effectively with teachers

**To host the **Evernote Student Workshop** at your school for students or teacher professional development,** [contact me](mailto:me@evernote.com) and we’ll figure out the details.