

"For a study space, I recommend good lighting, a flat writing surface, and minimal clutter so kids can concentrate."

—JENNIFER FORD BERRY,
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER



GOAL:

create a study space

End fights about homework by setting up a dedicated work area suited to your child's personality.

☒ **HANG ORGANIZERS** above a desk, *opposite*, to create an efficient study area. (These are screwed to a painted plywood board.) Display only the school supplies you use regularly, and store the rest elsewhere to minimize distractions and clutter, professional organizer Jennifer Ford Berry suggests.

☐ **FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S LEAD** and design a work space that suits their personality, whether that's a traditional desk or an informal station with an exercise ball for a seat to ease fidgeting, *right*. Teenagers might prefer to use a lap desk on the sofa, professional organizer Kathy Jenkins says.

☐ **HELP WITH HOMEWORK** by setting up a system to keep track of school papers. Teach your children to put all their homework in the front pockets of their school binder, Jenkins suggests. Or set up a folder that's just for homework and put papers that should be left at home in the left side and papers that need to be signed and returned on the right side.



great idea

This mom-designed Homework Organizer (\$25.99) can help your child keep track of important papers and due dates. Featuring a large dry erase pocket for a monthly calendar, as well as smaller pockets for folders and school supplies, the hanging organizer fits a standard door frame. organizeit.com

