

BINDER DOCTOR



***An Intervention for
Reluctant Organizers***

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Interview



6th graders were asked, "When you were in 5th grade, thinking about heading to middle school, what was your biggest concern?"

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Parents Interviewed



Parents of 6th graders were asked, "What was your biggest concern for your child when he or she was going to start middle school?"

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Organization Where?



- **Backpacks**
- **Notebooks**
- **Desks**
- **Binder or Accordion Folder (tabs)**
- **Planner**

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- **Planning and Preparation**
- Counseling #1
- Counseling #2
- Counseling #3
- Remedial Session
- Counseling #4
- Binder Doctor Clinic

- **Introduction to the teachers:**
- *"Do you have some students that you think could do significantly better if they completed and returned their homework?"*

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- **Student Selection**
- *"I have a short term counseling group that has shown to increase homework production and rates of return"*

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Planning & Preparation



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- Teacher interview
- Homework Checklist:
 - what, when, how evaluated

Before I leave school, I

- ...find my planner and pencil
- ...raise my hand if I don't understand
- ...write it down in the right place
- ...put all my homework sheets in the right place
- ...get stuff from my mailbox**
- ...get stuff from my teachers

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- ...have a special place to put my backpack
- ...have a quiet spot to do my homework
- ...look at my planner before starting work
- ...decide how much to do each night
- ...finish my homework
- ...get my planner signed
- ...put homework back in the right place

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- Observe classes
- Payment for Binder Dr. services
- Set timeline
- Revise permission

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Planning & Preparation



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- Counseling #1
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Counseling Session #1



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- **Counseling #1**
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- Counseling #3
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- Students collect baseline data with Homework Behavior Checklist
- Students call home for a reminder

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Counseling Session #2



□ Planning and Preparation

- Preparation
- Counseling #1
- **Counseling #2**
- Counseling #3
- Remedial Session
- Counseling #4
- Binder Doctor Clinic

- Review baseline data from Homework Behavior Checklist
- Pick one thing to change
- Call home

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Before session #3



- Planning and Preparation
- Counseling #1
- **Counseling #2**
- Counseling #3
- Remedial Session
- Counseling #4
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- Review week worth of homework since change
- Remedial candidates?

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Counseling Session #3



- ❑ Planning and Preparation
- ❑ Counseling #1
- ❑ Counseling #2
- ❑ Counseling #3**
- ❑ Remedial Session
- ❑ Counseling #4
- ❑ Binder Doctor Clinic

- Check homework grades
- Evaluate progress
- Learn to clean/repair binders
- Arrange remedial help

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Remedial Session



- Planning and Preparation
- Counseling #1
- Counseling #2
- Counseling #3
- **Remedial Session**
- Counseling #4
- Binder Doctor Clinic

- ❑ Troubleshoot possible problems
- ❑ Select one thing to change
- ❑ Call home

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Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten horizontal lines for letter formation.

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Counseling Session #4



- ❑ Planning and Preparation
- ❑ Counseling #1
- ❑ Counseling #2
- ❑ Counseling #3
- ❑ Remedial Session
- ❑ **Counseling #4**
- ❑ Binder Doctor Clinic
- ❑ Review remedial student progress
- ❑ Prepare diplomas
- ❑ Clean out desk and backpack
- ❑ Eligibility reminder

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Binder Doctor Clinic



- ❑ Planning and Preparation
- ❑ Counseling #1
- ❑ Counseling #2
- ❑ Counseling #3
- ❑ Remedial Session
- ❑ Counseling #4
- ❑ **Binder Doctor Clinic**
- ❑ Award Diploma
- ❑ Binder First Aid Kit
- ❑ Binder "Triage"
- ❑ Payment
- ❑ Eligibility Reminder

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Middle School consultation



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Docket Doctor



File tab for each subject

- File tab for each subject
 - Subdivide reading if needed
 - Tab for "Give to Teacher"
 - Tab for Planner
 - Tab for homework
 - Envelope for "goes home, stays home": emptied nightly at home
- Docket Clinic:
 - Make sure each tab has proper items in it
 - Use stretchy string and clear tape for repairs
 - Give out envelopes for stay home items
 - Desk and backpack organization services are included

Middle Schoolers are Different



If you think one binder is difficult, try *eight* classes, *eight* teacher styles, *eight* sets of homework, *eight* binders...

Thus, **ORGANIZATION DOCTOR**, an intervention for reluctant middle school organizers was developed by **Kathryn Jens, Stephany Garbett, and Sara Knickerbocker** at Falcon Creek Middle School

Essential Ingredients of Organization Doctor



- ❑ **Referrals from teacher team meetings and parent concerns**
- ❑ **Org Doc Groups held during lunch by grade for 8 to 12 weeks**
- ❑ **Supportive, safe atmosphere where struggles can be shared**
- ❑ **Relationship building with the adults who disclose their own struggles to stay organized**
- ❑ **Self-assessment – Org Doc Survey**

Video on Helping Disorganized Students



<http://on.aol.com/video/learn-how-to-help-disorganized-students-with-homework-145318063>

5 minutes



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Positive Academic and Social Behavior**

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- Bully Prevention -School-wide social skills
- Organizational Skills -Binder Doctor
- Review Test-taking Strategies-for standardized testing

