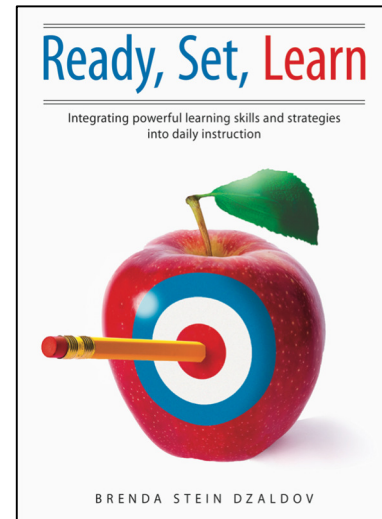


# Ready, Set, Learn: Integrating Powerful Learning Skills and Strategies into Daily Instruction

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## Summary

Some students come to school with the skills and habits they need for learning. They are highly organised, are focused and get all the work done. They are able to follow the routines of school, take notes, organise their belongings, study for tests, work well in groups, communicate appropriately in writing and orally, and complete projects on time.

But for the vast majority of students, the skills and work habits that are crucial for successful learning are not in place when they arrive at the school door. These skills must be explicitly taught by teachers who recognise the unique learning styles, preferences and interests of their students.

*Ready, Set, Learn* focuses on the importance of encouraging students to set their own personal learning goals and persevere to achieve them. It shows teachers how every lesson can be an opportunity for students to develop the skills and strategies they need in order to learn. Evaluation of learning skills and strategies is a major component of this practical book.

Along with organisers, prompts and sample lessons, this timely book presents new ways to plan lessons that explicitly teach important learning skills, including:

- Organisation: skills and strategies that create the right environment for learning
- Collaboration: social and group processing skills
- Communication: skills for communicating effectively, both orally and in writing
- Memory: strategies for remembering and retaining what is learned
- Initiative: habits for going the extra mile.

This remarkable book shows teachers how layering these learning strategies into their everyday work with students will improve student achievement and create responsible, independent learners.

## Supporting Resources

- *Study Skills: A Teaching Programme for Students in Schools and Colleges* (SA3689)

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