

Test Taking Tips

Read the question and *all* answer choices before marking anything.
Think Positive!

- Do not change your answers unless you are very uncertain about your first answer choice.

The Process of Elimination

- After you have been through all of the questions once, go back and find questions you have some knowledge about and eliminate choices that you know are incorrect.
- If you can eliminate two wrong answers, your chance of choosing the right answer is greater.

Answering Questions

- Don't guess blindly, but if you have time to think about the best answer choice, make it!

Skip, Return, Check

- If you finish early, check to make sure you have answered all questions.

Key Words

- Find *key words* or *phrases* in the question that will help you choose the correct answer.

Are we communicating?

- Make sure you understand what the question is asking.
- Be sure you are responding to the question that is being asked.

Reading Passages

- If the test requires you to read passages and then answer questions about what you read,
 - When there are several questions about a reading passage or chart, look for *clues* in other questions that will help you with those items about which you are unsure.

Read the questions first.

- By doing this, you will know what you are looking for as you read. This also helps you go faster on the test.

Math Computation

- When using scratch paper on a math test, double check to make sure that you have copied the problem correctly from the test booklet!
- Line up place value correctly on your scratch paper (thousands, hundreds, tens, ones) or the answer will be incorrect.
- If your answer does not match one of the choices, reread the problem, recopy the numbers, and try solving it again.

Final Tips

- Fill in bubbles fully, write neatly, and erase stray marks.
- Double-check the test number in your test booklet against the answer sheet every few questions to be sure you haven't gotten on the wrong number.

Lastly, good luck. I know that you all will do a great job. I am extremely proud of the work you have done this year and extremely proud to have been your teacher.

Love,

Mrs. Evans