

STUDENTS' TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES

Preparing for Tests

- Maintain good study habits: Do your class work.
 - Have a clear understanding of homework assignments before leaving class.
 - Refer to provided review sheets and examples.
 - Make a study schedule and follow it.
 - Tell your parents about schoolwork and homework.
 - Turn in homework on time.
- Seek and use past homework assignments, class notes, and available review materials.
- Follow directions.
- Know the test schedule
- Get a good night's rest and eat a normal breakfast before testing.

During Tests

- Read and pay careful attention to all directions.
- Read each passage and accompanying questions.
- Read every possible answer--the best one could be last.
- Read and respond to items one at a time rather than thinking about the whole test.
- Reread, when necessary, the parts of a passage needed for selecting the correct answer.
- Don't expect to find a pattern in the positions of the correct answers.
- Don't make uneducated guesses. Try to get the correct answer by reasoning and eliminating wrong answers.
- Decide exactly what the question is asking; one response is clearly best.
- Don't spend too much time on any one question.
- Skip difficult questions until all other questions have been answered. On scrap paper, keep a record of the unanswered items to return to, if time permits.
- Make sure to record the answer in the correct place on the answer sheet.
- Only change an answer if you are sure the first one you picked was wrong. Be sure to completely erase changed answers.
- Work as rapidly as possible with accuracy.
- After completion of the test, use any remaining time to check your answers.
- Keep a good attitude. Think positively!

PARENT TEST-SUPPORT STRATEGIES

Preparing for Testing

- Note test dates on your home calendar; schedule appointments on non-testing days.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework and class study.
- Help you child learn how to find information independently.
- Praise your child for work done well.
- Encourage your child to ask questions at home and in class.

Testing Day

- See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.
- See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed.
- Encourage your child to do the best work possible.
- Do not send your child to school if illness is apparent.
- Do not remove your child from school on test days for appointments.

16 Monday MLK Jr. No School	17 Tuesday Religion Midterm	18 Wednesday Reading Midterm	19 Thursday Science Midterm	20 Friday Math Midterm
23 Monday Language Arts Midterm (Grammar, Spell, Voc./Composition)	24 Tuesday Social Studies Midterm	25 Wednesday <i>Make Up Day</i>	26 Thursday	27 Friday

Science Fair 6 Week Timetable

Week 1: What is the problem?

- Do some brainstorming to select a topic and put it into question form.
- Complete science fair proposal.
- Make of a list of resources.
- Start a timetable and begin to enter dates on your calendar
- Submit your plan to your teacher for approval.

Week 2: Gathering preliminary data

- Select your reading material and begin preliminary research.
- Create your hypothesis and submit it to your teacher for approval.
- Write for additional information from business firms, government agencies, etc.
- Start your personal science Fair journal.

Week 3: Plan your experiment/Start your research paper

- Gather your materials.
- Select and research your subtopics.
- Take notes and create an outline.
- Write the rough draft.
- Edit the rough draft.
- Write the final draft.
- Edit the rough draft.

Week 4 & 5: Conduct your experiment.

- Set up your experiment. Include variables and constants.
- Conduct at least 3 trials of the experiment
- Record your observations in your journal.
- Take photographs.

Week 6: Design your display board.

- Develop your photographs.
- Sketch your layout.
- Create labels.
- Type of components.
- Create graphs.
- Gather pictures and illustrations.
- Put your board together. Proofread.
- Glue it down.
- Prepare your oral presentation