

MATH

- ▣ Read the entire question.
- ▣ Highlight what you are supposed to do.
- ▣ Circle "the facts".
- ▣ Eliminate answers that you know are incorrect
- ▣ Do your work! Do it again to PROVE YOUR ANSWER!
- ▣ Check to see if your answer matches one of the choices listed.
- ▣ If it does not, carefully re-read the question and try another way to solve it.
- ▣ Beware of NOT HERE answers. Be certain your answer is correct before selecting this response.

SUCCESS

**YOUR SUCCESS
IS DETERMINED BY
YOUR ATTITUDE!**

"Whether you think
you can or you can't...
you're right!"

-Henry Ford

CONSTRUCTED RESPONSES

- ▣ Highlight what you are being asked to do.
 - Concentrate on directions words.
- ▣ Organize your thoughts into a graphic organizer.
- ▣ Include a strong topic sentence, good supporting details, and a concluding sentence that ties it all together.
- ▣ Be detailed in your explanation
- ▣ Write neatly.
- ▣ Re-read and correct your final response.

READING:

- ▣ Turn the question into a statement which includes the title of the text.
- ▣ Include supporting details from the text.
- ▣ Tie it together with a concluding sentence.

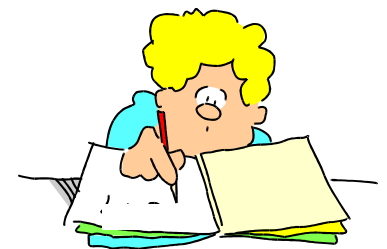
MATH:

- ▣ Highlight all steps so you don't miss anything.
- ▣ Label all steps. (A, B, etc...)
- ▣ Use drawings and/or numbers to help explain your answer.
- ▣ Include labels.

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

**Planning
Success
Directions
Reading
Math
Constructed
Response**

**SHOW WHAT
YOU KNOW!**



PLAN AHEAD

- Keep a positive attitude!
- Prepare a test survival kit.
-Snacks, water bottle, peppermints and lemon drops, #2 pencils, highlighter, calculator, book, colored pencils, activities to do between testing, etc....
- Get between 8 to 10 hours of sleep the night before the test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast that is high in protein.

BE SMARTER THAN THE TEST

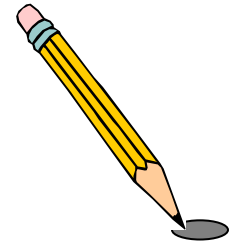
- Position yourself away from distractions.
- Take mini-breaks as you need them: stretch, cross your body's midline, breathe deeply, drink water, read or color for a few minutes.
- Skim the test and do the easiest problems *first*.
- Read the question and *all* answers before deciding on the best one.

- Eliminate answers you know are incorrect.
- Remember, it is possible to have two, three, four, or even five questions in a row with the same answer. Trust yourself!
- Skip questions you do not know. Flag them and return to them later.
- **PROVE YOUR ANSWER** either by doing the work or finding the answer in the text.
- If you must guess, make it an educated guess. Think it through: concentrate and eliminate before you guesstimate!
- Mark your answers directly on the test booklet.
- When you are done with the test, take a short break before you go back and check your answers. A fresh mind helps you see things more clearly.
- Bubble in answers at the end of the test. This gives you time to go back and look at things again (and again) before they are permanently marked on your answer sheet.
- Check each choice as you bubble it. This will eliminate errors.



DIRECTIONS

- Read and re-read the directions.
- Highlight any important information that tells you what to do: compare, contrast, explain, etc...
- Once you are done, go back and make sure you followed all directions.



READING

- Skim the article before reading it.
- Read the questions and all of the answers.
- Read the article...two or more times.
- Re-read the questions and the answers.
- **PROVE YOUR ANSWER** by going back, finding proof, and highlighting it in the text.