

# General Test Tips

## MAP



- ✓ **FIRST, READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!**
- ✓ Read all questions carefully and don't forget to answer all parts of the question.
- ✓ Be sure you know what is being asked.
- ✓ Think carefully
- ✓ Make sure to work out problems on scratch paper before answering on the computer.
- ✓ Check your work
- ✓ Flag questions you have questions about.
- ✓ Know how to use the computer for this test. **KNOW YOUR TOOLS.**
- ✓ Keep a positive attitude about tests.
- ✓ Mark down test days in your planner so you are aware of testing dates.
- ✓ Make sure that you get enough sleep on the nights before testing.
- ✓ Make sure that you eat a healthy breakfast and avoid heavy foods that may make you groggy and avoid high sugar foods that may make you hyper.

## Multiple Choice Test Tips

- ✓ Read the question before you look at the answers.
- ✓ Come up with the answer in your head before looking at the possible answers, this way the choices given on the test won't throw you off or trick you.
- ✓ Read all the choices before choosing your answer.
- ✓ Eliminate answers you know are wrong.
- ✓ Don't keep on changing your answer, usually your first choice is the right one, unless you miss-read the question.



## Short Answer Test Tips

- ✓ Try not to leave an answer blank, show your work/write down your thoughts, even if you don't get the exact answer, partial credit is usually awarded.
- ✓ If you don't know the answer after reading a passage and directions look back over the passage for clues to the correct answer.
- ✓ If you still don't know the answer, FLAG IT and come back to it after you finish the rest of the questions for that section. Other parts of the test may give you clues to what the answer may be.
- ✓ Read the question carefully and make sure that you answer everything that it asks for; some short answer questions have multiple parts.