

# Healthy Test-Taking Tips from our Parent Liaison, Tanisha Simpkins

## 1. Begin with Short Answers

Start your test with open-ended questions, essay questions, or short answers. These questions require the most amount of thinking so work on them when you have your full brain power

## 2. Start with What You Know

Read through the test and answer all the questions you know the answer to without a doubt. Circle the ones you don't and come back to them later.

## 3. Eliminate Answers

If you're stuck on a problem, eliminate the answers you know for sure are not correct. Narrowing down the choices can help you to get a better grasp of what could be true.

## 4. Avoid the Outliers

While you're eliminating answers, look for the ones that either make no sense at all or that are completely different from the other answer choices. These are called outliers and can easily be eliminated.

## 5. Word Frequency

Keep an eye out for words that are commonly used in the answers! If the question is "Where is President Biden from?" and two or three of the options include Pennsylvania, odds are that your answer will include Pennsylvania.

## 6. Pre-Answer

When you read a question, answer it before you even look at the options. This will make it easier to eliminate the incorrect answers and choose the correct option.

## 7. Identifying Word Choice

Your students need to know test vocabulary and the meanings behind the word choice. Tests often have frequently used vocabulary words in their questions such as most often, the best option, or based on.

## 8. All the Above

These can quickly be answered by checking the answer options. If you find two that are correct, you can immediately mark "all of the above".

## 9. True or False

If a true or false question uses a 100% qualifier such as "always" or "never", those questions are often false.

## 10. Bookmarks

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