



For Students: What You Can Do To TEST Your BEST

Even though you may be nervous, there are plenty of things you can do to prepare for the MEAP test! Remember that your teachers and parents are doing their best to help you, and you need to try your hardest as well!

Before the Test

Get a good nights sleep the evening before the test. A rested mind is sharp and will be able to focus on the test.

Have a good breakfast. Studies have shown that kids who eat breakfast do better on tests.

Wear comfortable clothes. You don't want to get too hot or too cold while taking the test.

Make sure you get to school on time. This way you have time to gather supplies and prepare yourself before the test begins.

During the Test

Read the entire question, and all of the possible answers. Pay attention to what kind of answer a question or word problem is looking for. Reread the question if it does not make sense to you.

If you don't know the answer to a question, don't make an uneducated guess. And don't randomly pick just any answer either. As you read over each possible answer to a question, note any answers that are obviously wrong. Each time you eliminate a wrong answer, it will help you narrow the search for the correct one.

Make sure you record your answer in the correct space on your answer sheet. If your correct answer is filled in the wrong space, it will be wrong. If you change your answer, make sure you erase your previous marks all the way. Multiple-choice answers are corrected by a computer, which will read the first heavy mark it scans.

Write neatly so that scorers can read your responses. Your teachers may know your handwriting, but scorers do not. Help them read your response by using your best handwriting.

If a question asks for 2 reasons, give 3 or more if you can in case one of your first answers isn't right. If you don't know the exact answer, write what you can about the general topic of the question – you may earn partial points!

If you have enough time, go back and double-check your answers. Catching simple mistakes can raise your test scores.

Good luck on the test!