

TEST TAKING Strategies

1 Read the problem at least three times. Make a mental picture of what is being read.

2 Locate key words in the question. **MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE QUESTION IS ASKING!**

3 Identify key numbers and labels.

4 Eliminate unnecessary data.

5 Thoroughly study any graphs, charts, or diagrams.

6 Determine the operations/strategies needed to solve the problem.

7 Solve. **SHOW YOUR WORK!** (On scrap paper, draw a picture, label charts & graphs according to the key, fill in place value chart, draw a number line, etc.)

8 Evaluate the solution. **DOES THE SOLUTION ANSWER THE QUESTION? DOES THE SOLUTION MAKE SENSE?**

9 Check your solution with the choices. If your answer is not found, repeat steps one through eight.

10 Eliminate wrong answers.

11 Mark the correct answer.