



Academic Support Center

Test Taking Strategies

You must adapt test taking strategies to the specific type of test you're taking. The following strategies will help prepare you for taking tests.

General Test Taking Guidelines

1. Be prepared.
2. Always arrive early and take a moment to relax.
3. Listen attentively to last minute instructions given by the teacher.
4. Read the test directions very carefully and watch for details.
5. Plan how you will use the allotted time.
6. Maintain a positive attitude and stay confident.
7. Rely on your first impressions.
8. Plan to finish early and have time for review.
9. Learn from every test how to prepare better for the next test.