

# Test Taking Tips!



## General Test Taking!

- \* **Arrive early!** Take a moment to relax and think positive thoughts!
- \* **Listen to directions!** If you don't know what to do, ask!
- \* **Answer every question!** Guess if you have no idea.
- \* **Review the test!** Reread the questions and your answers. Did you have any silly mistakes? Does it all sound right? Does it make sense?
- \* **Sleep and eat!** Get some sleep the night before and eat before you take the test!

## Tips for True/False Questions!

- ◆ **If you don't know, mark it true!** There are usually more true questions! It can be hard to make false statements sound true. Test writers have a harder time writing false statements that sound true!
- ◆ **Look for any part of the statement that could make it false!** Just because part of it is true, doesn't mean the whole statement is true! Don't be too quick to answer!
- ◆ **Look for modifiers and qualifiers!** Extreme modifiers (always, all, every, none, never, absolutely) will be false. Qualifiers (seldom, often, many) will make the statement true.
- ◆ **Questions with a reason are often false!** The test writer is trying to trick you with reasoning!

## Tips for Multiple-Choice Questions!

- \* **Think about your answer first!** This helps you not get distracted by "mostly right" options!
- \* **Eliminate wrong answers!** Get rid of answers that are obviously wrong to increase the odds of getting the right answer!
- \* **If two options are similar, choose the one that is "more" correct.** One is usually more correct.
- \* **Watch out for key words!** Not, except, false tell you to look for the one that doesn't match the others!

## Tips for Fill in the Blank!

- ◆ **Concentrate on the number and the length of the blanks!** The test writer could be giving your clues! If you can't think of the exact word or phrase, be descriptive!

## Tips for Matching!

- ◆ **Look at both lists carefully before you start!** Some boxes may be similar!
- ◆ **Use one list as the starting point!** Start at the top and work down so you make sure to get all of the terms matched!
- ◆ **Move boxes slowly and carefully!** Watch the box as you move each box. Be sure you grabbed what you wanted. Pause for a moment to be sure it linked with the answer you picked!
- ◆ **Save guessing for the end!** If you don't know some answers, leave them for last. You will have eliminated a lot of choices by getting the ones you already knew matched up!

## Tips for ESSAY Questions!

- \* **Get organized!** Think about what you will say! Use your pre-write or planning paper to jot notes so you don't forget your ideas part way through your answer! It happens more than you would think!
- \* **Restate the questions and give evidence!** Take the key part of the question and use it to start your answer! Example: "What is the sky blue?" Start your answer with "The sky is blue because..." (Obviously, that won't be on the test!) Use supporting details from the text and give strong examples to support or prove answer!
- \* **Use standard English!** Leave out any texting lingo and spellings. Be sure your essay is written with complete sentences and good grammar. Don't forget punctuation! Re-read and fix any mistakes!



What is **IT** all about?

AIR Testing is the new graduation requirement. Instead of the OGT the State of Ohio switched the new graduation requirements to the AIR Assessment. Students **NEED TO PASS** the AIR **in order to graduate.**

## 18 Points on State Tests

For each of the seven end-of-course state tests, a student earns one to five graduation points. Students have the potential to earn a total of 35 points. To meet this graduation option, a **student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from the seven tests.**

This graduation option gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn a total of at least four points on English tests, four points on math tests and six points on science and social studies tests.

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	GRADUATION POINTS
<b>Advanced</b>	5
<b>Accelerated</b>	4
<b>Proficient</b>	3
<b>Basic</b>	2
<b>Limited</b>	1

WHEN?

**AIR Testing Window**  
 3rd-8th Grade : March 13th-24th  
 High School: April 3rd-21st  
 \*DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*  
 Please keep an eye out in the mail to receive your student's specific testing time



**Check out our Website!**  
 It has lots of great materials on AIR Test Prep. There are even specific to your grade level and subject area!  
[nda.k12.oh.us](http://nda.k12.oh.us)

### **High School End-of-Course Tests:**

- \*Algebra I or Integrated Math I
- \*Geometry or Integrated Math II
- \*English Language Art I
- \*English Language Arts II
- \*American Government
- \*American History
- \*Physical Science OR Biology

WHAT?

	English language arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Grade 3	✓	✓		
Grade 4	✓	✓		✓
Grade 5	✓	✓	✓	
Grade 6	✓	✓		✓
Grade 7	✓	✓		
Grade 8	✓	✓	✓	

### **Online AIR Test Prep:**

<http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>

1. Click on "Student Practice Site."
2. Click "Sign In."
3. Under *Student Grade Level* select your grade level and click "Yes."
4. Click on any of the following practice tests that match up with the subjects that you will be tested over in the spring.
5. Click "Select."
6. Click "Yes" and "Skip TTS Check" if it prompts you.
7. Click "Begin Test Now."