

Test-Taking Tips

The following tips provide effective strategies for taking the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests. Test-taking skills cannot replace study based on the standards and objectives of the Oklahoma Academic Standards, which serve as the foundation for the tests.

General Test-Taking Tips:

DO . . . read the Student, Parent, Teacher Guide carefully and complete the practice test.

DO . . . make sure you understand all test directions. If you are uncertain about any of the directions, raise your hand to ask questions before testing has started.

DO . . . make notes or work problems on your scratch paper if needed.

DO . . . read each question and every answer choice carefully. Choose the best answer for each question.

DO . . . be sure that you have seen all four answer choices before making your selection. On an online test, this may require you to use the scroll bar on the right side of the test question.

DO . . . check your work if you finish a test session early. Use the extra time to answer any questions that you skipped in that section.

DO . . . remember that if you cannot finish the test within the time allotted, you will be given additional time to complete the test.

DON'T . . . wait until the last minute to study for the test. The test covers a lot of material, and you cannot learn it all in a short amount of time.

DON'T . . . worry about the test. Students who are calm and sure of themselves do better on tests.

DON'T . . . spend too much time on any one question. If a question takes too long to answer, skip it and answer the other questions. You can return to any questions you skipped after you have finished all other questions in the section.

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