Taking Math and Science Tests

1. **Read the directions** carefully.

2. Glance over the test and note the number of questions and their level of difficulty.

3. Calculate how much time you can spend on each question. If you have 60 minutes and there are 120 questions, that would give you 30 seconds per question.

4. Start with the questions that you find easiest or most familiar.

5. Read each question slowly, carefully, and more than once.

6. Decide which formulas you need to use.

7. Double check your work. For example, if your question uses division, you can check it with multiplication. Work out the problem backwards, if possible.

8. If you get stuck on a word problem, draw a picture.

9. Show all of your work, even if it is not required.

10. After you complete an answer, reread the question to make sure you did everything required.

11. Don’t erase anything as this wastes time. Just cross out an error.