

**Lantana Middle School**  
**Script for Review of The Test Taking Strategy**

(Read prior to a test, approx. 3 mins)

Your are about to take the \_\_\_\_\_ (grade level), \_\_\_\_\_ (unit), \_\_\_\_\_, (name of the test; for example, FSQ or USA) test. While you are taking the test we encourage you to use Lantana Middle School's approved Test Taking Strategy. Remember that ***Viking Pirates PASS and RUN to ACE the test.***

Step 1 of the Test Taking Strategy is **PREPARE TO SUCCEED** we use the mnemonic device **PASS** in order to remember that we want to do all that we can to pass this test.

**P**ut your name (heading) and PIRATES on the test. Writing PIRATES on the top or in the margin of the test will help you remember to use the strategy.

**A**llot time and order to sections. (You may have a predetermined time to give them based on the questions).

**S**ay affirmations. You can write an affirmation on your paper. Let it begin affirmations with "I can" or "I will."

**S**tart within 2 minutes.

Step 2 of the Test Taking Strategy is **INSPECT THE INSTRUCTIONS**. When we inspect the instructions, we use the mnemonic device **RUN** to help remember what to do.

**R**ead instructions carefully.

**U**nderline what to do and where to respond.

**N**ote Special requirements include special ways the test wants you to respond to the questions.

Step 3 of the Test Taking Strategy is **Read, Remember, Reduce**.

**R**ead the whole question.

**R**emember what you studied.

**R**educe the choices.

Step 4 of the Test Taking Strategy is **Answer Or Abandon**.

**A**nsWER the Question. Answer the question only if you are sure of the answer. Never guess on your first attempt at a question!

**A**bandon the question for the moment. Mark your paper with a dot for those you are leaving behind or flag it on you

Step 5 of the Test Taking Strategy is **Turn Back**. Turn back step simply means that we should go back to the abandoned questions in the section and **Estimate** to answer them.

Step 6 of the Test Taking Strategy is **Estimate**. This means to guess at the best answer to a question. When we **Estimate** we use the mnemonic device **ACE**.

**Avoid absolutes** by not choosing absolute words used in true/false questions.

**Choose the longest or most detailed choice**. If you have to guess, choose the answer that is three or four words longer than the rest of the choices.

**Eliminate similar choices**. Another effective guessing method is to notice whether two choices are similar in a multiple-choice question.

**STEP 7 of the Test Taking Strategy is SURVEY**. When we **Survey** the test, we go back to look everything is answered. Do not change answers unless you are sure that you now have the correct answer.

**ESE & ELL Accommodations:** ESE and ELL students may use:

- Extended Time
- Ask to read the question or answer choices
- Use of Heritage Dictionary