

TEST PREP AND REVIEW

In school



SOL Test review is offered for Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Biology, Earth Science and Chemistry during all study blocks in Room 101.

Students may access the ePAT (electronic Practice Assessment Tools) from the student shortcuts folder on the I drive: student shortcuts, ePAT, choose which test you want.

At home

Here are some recommended websites for students to practice online tests.

www.pearsonaccess.com Click Virginia on State drop down, Click on ePAT

Tests available: English Reading, English Writing, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science

www.doe.virginia.gov/Assessment/releasedtests

Download hard copies of released tests in all subjects

www.glencoe.com/sec/math/studytools

Tests available: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry

<http://education.jlab.org/solquiz/>

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Tips for taking multiple choice tests

1. **Read** the question **carefully**.
2. Cover the answers, options, read the question, and try to answer. Select the option that most closely matches your answer.
3. Narrow your choices down by **eliminating obviously wrong answers** which are almost identical.
4. Be sure to **read all answers before selecting one**. Sometimes two answers will be similar and only one will be correct.
5. Do not be afraid to **change an answer** if you feel strongly about it.
6. Do not be discouraged if you **cannot answer** a question. Leave it and go on. You may find the answer or clues to the answer in subsequent questions.
7. Beware of questions with "**no**", "**not**", and "**none**." These words easily change the meaning of questions.
8. Eliminate answer choices you know to be incorrect.
9. Beware of answer choices **that grammatically don't fit** with the question.
10. Beware of answer choices that are **totally unfamiliar** to you .
11. Beware of answer choices that contain **negative or absolute words**.
Try substituting a qualified term for the absolute one, like *frequently* for *always*; or *typical* for *every* to see if you can eliminate it .
12. "**All of the above**:" If you know two of three options seem correct, "all of the above" is a strong possibility.
13. **If two answers seem correct**, compare them for differences, then refer to the question to find your best answer.