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## LAST-MINUTE TEST PREP IDEAS TO IMPROVE TEST SCORES

Here's the situation—test day is right around the corner. You want to do everything in your power to ensure that your students are set up for success, but time is limited. What are the best steps to take?



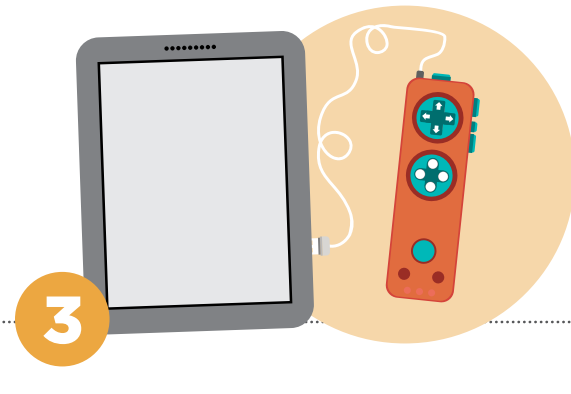
### PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

It's true, practice makes perfect, so build a plan that offers your students multiple opportunities to practice standards in different formats.



### LEVERAGE YOUR DATA:

Study the student data you already have access to and utilize formative assessment activities to help you identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.



### INCENTIVIZE LEARNING:

Games and rewards are a powerful motivator and a great way to keep your students engaged in their practice.



### TACKLE THE TECHNOLOGY:

Ensure your students are prepared for testing day by familiarizing them with the technology and testing platforms they will encounter, including technology-enhanced item types!



### GET PARENTAL BUY-IN:

Leverage parental support by keeping parents in the loop about test scheduling, expectations and ways in which they can best help their child practice at home.



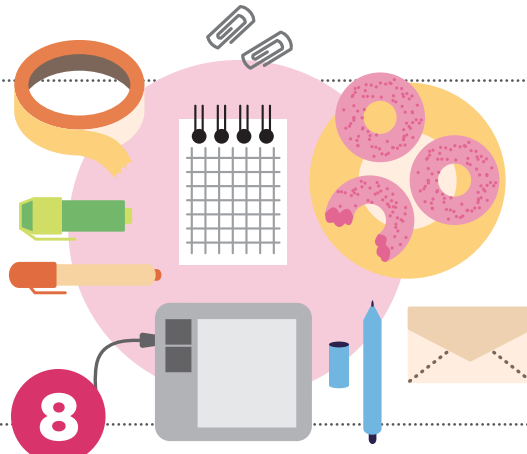
### CREATE A CULTURE OF POSITIVITY:

Celebrate every little success during practice and encourage your students to take time to envision meeting and even surpassing their goals.



### PRACTICE MINDFULNESS:

Ease testing anxiety by teaching basic mindfulness practices. Classroom meditation leading up to testing is a great way to teach students how to calm their nerves.



### STOCK UP ON SUPPLIES:

Organize your colleagues to make a concerted effort to provide healthy snacks for students on test day. And, make sure to stock up on extra supplies like pencils.



### KEEP STUDENTS MOVING:

Share with your students seated stretching techniques that they can utilize during testing day and encourage them to move around during testing break periods.



### STIMULATE STUDENTS' BRAINS:

Don't forget the simple classroom techniques that you can use to keep your students' brains engaged, like playing music beforehand to get them excited or using peppermint oil or candy to help with concentration.

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