Test Taking Strategies

Why care about the MEAP

* Check level of understanding
* Make sure all the right things are learned
* Performance = Freedom (schools that perform poorly increase regulation)
* Future Scholarships
* College entrance exam practice

General

* Study as you learn
* Physical, emotional health
* Confidence
* Sleep
* Diet
* Review questions & answers before submitting

Multiple Choice

* Answer easy questions first
* Estimate
* Eliminate bad choices before guessing
* Draw pictures, highlight, show steps
* Write in the book
* Double check for skipped question on answer key
* Use resources provided

Essay

* ASC/fried
* use the resources the test provides: blank paper to outline/brainstorm & a checklist for when they feel 'done' (PLEASE, PLEASE STRESS THAT!!!)
* "Done" doesn't mean "completely done" until proofreading/revising steps are complete. WAY TOO MANY KIDS WRITE A QUICK DRAFT, CLOSE THEIR BOOKS, TURN THEM IN!! Tragedy!!
* Multiple pages for a written answer = multiple paragraphs need to be composed. Suggest they fill the pages w/a thoroughly fried response.