

Preparing for Standardized Tests

Points to Remember

- Multiple choice should be taught and practiced; not used for tests and quizzes.
- Classroom assessment does not have to be the same format as the standardized tests.
- Most students have seen and taken many standardized tests (multiple choice).
- Use science content to teach students how to attack multiple choice questions. (Double dip)
- Many students miss questions because the vocabulary is different from what they have heard in class. Unfortunately science has many terms that may be interchanged. Teach your students as many different important terms as possible. This does not mean to assess them on the vocabulary but allow them to hear and associate the terms.
- Encourage your students to read ALL questions. Many times the answers are in the reading associated with the question. Students tend to not read long passages. Expose them to these types of questions.
- Keep your students secure in the science.

