Taking Math and Science Tests

- 1. Read the directions carefully.
- 2. Glance over the test and note the number of questions and their level of difficulty.
- 3. Calculate how much time you can spend on each question. If you have 60 minutes and there are 120 questions, that would give you 30 seconds per question.
- 4. Start with the questions that you find easiest or most familiar.
- 5. Read each question slowly, carefully, and more than once.
- 6. Decide which formulas you need to use.
- 7. Double check your work. For example, if your question uses division, you can check it with multiplication. Work out the problem backwards, if possible.
- 8. If you get stuck on a word problem, draw a picture.
- 9. Show all of your work, even if it is not required.
- 10. After you complete an answer, reread the question to make sure you did everything required.
- 11. Don't erase anything as this wastes time. Just cross out an error.

