**How can you prepare for a math test?**

**Below are some examples of strategies you can use before a test to help you succeed.**

* Re-read notes in my notebook
* Review my warm-ups
* Answer practice problems from my workbook
* Complete practice problems online using sites such as Khan Academy or Moby Max
* Use flashcards either by myself or with someone else asking me the questions (saying the answer aloud will help you remember it)
* Attend class each day with all my supplies (including test day!)
* Review any quizzes that were assigned during the module
* Ask questions in class when I do not understand
* Stay after school for tutoring/extra help
* Study with friends who can help me if I get stuck
	+ Be careful to choose a friend or group that will not distract you or get you off track. You should all be committed to the same goal of doing well on the test.
* Develop flash cards with key information you can review the morning of the test or right before you take the test.
	+ Flash cards should be short and to the point
	+ Only put key information on the cards or information you are likely to forget
* Get a good night’s rest the night before
* Eat a good breakfast in the morning

**Top Reasons Students Lose Points on Math Tests**

* They didn’t follow directions
	+ Read all directions twice
* Sloppy writing / unclear answers
	+ Write neatly and circle your final answer
* Basic math errors
	+ Take your time and check your work
* Confused by math vocabulary/not sure what the question is asking
	+ Highlight key words and utilize reading strategies practiced in class
* Not enough practice
	+ Study, ask questions and work out review problems (see reverse side of this sheet for suggestions)
* For multi-step problems, did not answer all parts/questions
	+ Make sure you read the entire problem; does your answer make sense?
* Did not review what they lost points on during a previous test/quiz and made the same error
	+ Make sure you understand what you lost points on and how to correct for each graded assignment you get back. Everything new that you learn builds on knowledge you should have learned before.

