

Dulce Independent Schools
SBA Parent/Student Recommendations

SBA Begins March 22, 2011 and extends to April 13, 2011
Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11

The district and/or schools offer many recommendations to help parents and students prepare for successful testing.

Before the test:

- Get plenty of rest.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Relax and do the best you can.
- Do not bring cell phones or any electronic devices to school. Cell phones are strictly prohibited during SBA testing.
- Parents....do not schedule appointments during the site SBA testing schedule and do not check-out your children during these times.
- Food/Drinks are not allowed in the testing rooms; breaks will be scheduled at specific times during the mornings.

During the test:

- Keep a positive attitude; if you start to feel nervous, take a few deep breaths.
- When you receive your test, do a quick survey of the subtest so you know how to budget your time.
- Follow directions and ask questions if you don't understand the directions.
- Pace yourself and read the entire question.
- Try to answer the easier questions first.
- If you don't know the answer, skip it and go on with the rest of the test and come back to it later.
- When looking at a difficult question, try to eliminate some of the choices, and then choose the best answer.
- Try to answer every question.
- When answering a question, be sure the number on the answer sheet matches the number of the question you are working on.
- Don't worry if others finish before you; focus on the test in front of you.

At the end of the test:

- Check your answers for mistakes.
- Go back and recheck your answers if you finish before your classmates.
- Make sure you have completed all of the sections.
- Do not move forward to another section/session of the test until directed to do so by your test administrator.