

Preparing Middle & High School Students for Standardized Tests

Proven Strategies and Tips From Teachers Across the Country

Whether you're coaching middle schoolers for their first state-mandated science assessment, helping English Language Learners master writing a five-paragraph essay for a national language arts test, or prepping seniors for an all-important state graduation exam, there's no escape from standardized tests. In response to the huge effort standardized test prep demands of middle and high school teachers, Scholastic has developed a series of articles on preparing students for standardized tests. Read on for hands-on tips and ideas you can put to immediate use.

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