

NMS MCAS ACTION PLAN 2008-09

FOCUS AREAS

- **Special Education**
- **Low Income Sub-groups**
- **Open Response Reinforcement / Consistency**
- **Test Taking Strategies**
- **MCAS Super Units / Activities – Spring 2009**
- **WOW**
- **DESE / MCAS Questions Exposure**
- **Personalized – Active Learning**
- **Data Analysis – Administration**
- **Technology / Science Applications**

TEST TAKING SKILLS

FOCUS AREAS

- **NEVER leave an answer blank!!**
- **Read carefully, pace yourself.**
- **Read directions thoroughly (2X's).**
- **Breakdown multiple section questions (scaffolding).**
- **Restate when applicable.**
- **Neatness**
- **Consider all multiple-choice answers before answering.**
- **When frustrated, move on and then return.**
- **Be thorough.**
- **Be confident!!**

SOCIAL STUDIES FOCUS AREAS

- **Settlement Patterns**

- **Economics**
- **Place Geography**
- **Reading Directions**
- **Open Response Strategies**
- **Rephrasing Questions**
- **Reading Charts & Graphs**
- **Reading Direction**
- **Interpreting Maps**
- **Cause & Effect**
- **Vocabulary**

SCIENCE FOCUS AREAS

- **Technology**
- **Light / Reflection**
- **Circuits**

- **Consumer / Producers / Decomposers**
 - **Inherited Traits**
 - **Rotation / Revolution**
 - **Universal System Model**
 - **Evolution**
 - **Sexual / Asexual Reproduction**
 - **Phases of the Moon**
 - **Rock Formations / Glaciers / Crustal Plate Movement**
 - **Gravity**
 - **Weather**
 - **Interpret Graphs / Charts**
- ***Patience when Reading Questions**
- ***Rephrase Questions**
- ***Vocabulary**

MATHEMATICS

FOCUS AREAS

- **Number Patterns**
- **Geometry**
- **Fractions / Decimals / Mixed #s**
- **Estimation**

- **Probability**
- **Algebra (HOE)**
- **Graphs: Read, Design, Interpret**
- **Patterns**
- **Data Analysis**
- **Measurement / Conversion**
- **Transformations**
- **Combinations**
- **Mean / Median / Mode**
- **Interpreting Word Problems**
- **Unit Rate**
- **Slope**
- **Linear Relationships**

***Open Response Questions**

LANGUAGE ARTS FOCUS AREAS

- **Open Response**
- **Non Fiction / Context Clues**
- **Inferring**

- **Vocabulary**
- **Grammar**
- **Poetry / Drama**
- **Theme**
- **Point of View**
- **Style / Language**
- **Mythology (Social Studies)**
- **Comprehension Strategies**
- **Special Education**

EXPLORATORY RELATED ARTS FOCUS AREAS

- **Technology / Science Applications**

- **Open Response Exposure**
- **Interdisciplinary Units**
- **Geometry**
- **Measurement / Conversion**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Identify Materials**
- **Percents / Conversions**