Test Taking Strategies and Tips

For any test:

- ✓ If the directions say read…. READ! Pay close attention to signal words in the directions, such as explain, interpret, and compare.
- ✓ Read ALL of the answer choices! Eliminate any choice(s) that you know are not the correct answer.
- ✓ Charts, maps, and graphics can provide information that you can use to answer questions! Analyze ALL information provided before answering the questions.
- ✓ Predict the answer BEFORE you read the choices.

MCAS:

Multiple choice (MC) questions: your score is calculated from how many correct answers you got. There is no penalty or loss of points for wrong answers.

Example:

Question	Your answer	Correct answer	Points earned
1.	A	A	1
2.	B	C	0
3.	B	B	1
4.	C	C	1
5.	A	A	1
6.	D	D	1
7.	C	D	0
8.	A	A	1
9.	C	A	0
10.	C	C	1
11.	B	B	1
12.	B	B	1
13.	A	B	0
14.	D	D	1
15.	B	B	1
16.		D	0
17.	A	A	1
18.	B	B	1
19.	D	D	1
20.	B	B	1
21.	C	C	1
22.	C	C	1
23.	A	A	1
24.	A	D	0
25.	B	B	1
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The student did not know the answer to questions 2 and 16. On question 2, the student made a guess. On question 16, the student skipped the question.

If you know there is no penalty for a wrong answer, GUESS! You might just get it right!

This student also was unsure about question 19 and took a guess and got the correct answer and got the point for that correct answer.