



Staff Development Newsletter

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AYP Sprint To The Finish

How much time until MSAs?

- 8 Weeks
- 33 Instructional Days
- 6 Weekends (for us to REST)
- 10 Days off for Spring Break=

Brings us to April 1st! Day One of MSAs.

Testing Tips for Teachers:

1. Make note of all students who have accommodations in your classroom.
2. Wear comfortable shoes that do not create much noise so you do not disrupt students while circulating.
3. Greet every child at the door and welcome them into their testing room each morning.
4. Make your classroom

environment conducive to testing by removing distractions.



5. Arrive early to be sure your test materials are organized before students arrive each morning.
6. Participate fully in all test incentives your grade level is planning. Your excitement is contagious to students!

This is a special "AYP Sprint to the Finish" Edition as we prepare for our final push to MSA Madness!

Keep reading for many tips, best practices, and outreach ideas...

Did You Know???

"Water comprises more of the brain (estimates of 90%) than of any other organ of the body."

- Carla Hannaford

- Having students drink some water before and during the test can help "grease the wheel".
- Drinking water is very important before any stressful situation, as we tend to persevere under stress, and dehydration can affect our concentration negatively.

Parent, Staff, and Student Outreach

For Parents:

- Use all forms of communication to inform parents of the expectations for MSA testing: Connect-Ed, Newsletters, Phone trees, conferences, etc.

For Staff:

- Meet with each team/dept to discuss

testing processes and expectations

- Provide food and other positive rewards
- Ensure all staff involved in testing has a positive attitude. These vibes are passed to students and influence their performance!

For Students:

- Ensure all students are comfortable in their testing groups and with their test proctor
- Tell students how much you believe in them
- Provide incentives for student who participate in "up to the wire" interventions

