Test-Taking Strategies

In the Classroom

Have students select one test-taking strategy from the list and create a mini poster with the strategy, a student-friendly slogan, a drawing, and a real-life example of how they'll use it. This activity can be done independently or in small groups, and finished posters can be displayed around the classroom.

Implementation Strategies

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- Close your social media. It'll be there later, so focus on yourself right now.
- Set your alarm. Ensure you get up on time and feel prepared.
- Eat a healthy breakfast. Fuel your brain with something nutritious.
- Bring everything you need. Ensure you have a pencil, water, and anything your teacher says you need.
- Breathe and stay calm. Take deep breaths if you feel nervous.
- Don't shut down when it gets hard. Pause, breathe, and try your best.
- Keep trying—don't give up. You've prepared for this—one question at a time.
- Use positive self-talk. Try saying, "I can do this" or "I just need to stay focused."
- Check your work. Use your time wisely. Go back and review your answers if you can.

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Directions

Choose a strategy that is especially important for you to do your best on a test. Create a mini poster that includes the following:

- A strategy that is written clearly.
- A creative slogan or phrase in your own words. (e.g., "Breathe, Believe, Achieve!")
- A drawing or image that helps explain the strategy.
- An example of when or how you could use this strategy.

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