

# STANDARDIZED TESTING MAGIC

The following formula has been very successful for students.  
It is important to note that you must follow the steps to expect results;  
If you do nothing to change, then nothing will change.

## Instructions to web site:

Go to [www.ladywood.org](http://www.ladywood.org)

Go to Media Center under the Curriculum menu

Go to MeL on the top left of the page under online resources

Go to MeL Databases on top of page

Scroll down to Learning Express Library in Database list

Go to College Preparation on left under Learning Centers

Go to ACT Preparation for ACT Practice Tests + Preparation Courses, SAT Preparation for SAT Practice Tests + Preparation Courses, or PSAT/NMSQT Preparation for PSAT Practice Tests

Login or Register as a New User to “Start Using Tests Now!”

\*\*\*\*\*Other online resources include [www.collegeboard.com/SAT](http://www.collegeboard.com/SAT) (or /PSAT) or [www.act.org/student](http://www.act.org/student)

1. Four weeks prior to your exam date begin spending 15 minutes each day on practice tests of your choice. Complete this review in three weeks.
2. One week prior to your test date, on Saturday morning, set your alarm as if you were going to the test site. Get up, get ready, take the practice tests as if it were the real thing. No extra breaks, no phones, no interruptions.
3. During the next week spend 15 to 20 minutes reviewing the sections of the test that you struggled most with. Find answers to questions you were unfamiliar with.
4. The evening before the test:
  - a. Go to bed EARLY. Do not attempt to cram; it does not work.
  - b. Pick out your clothes, plan your breakfast, and get some sleep.
5. Test Day:
  - a. Get up 10 minutes earlier than normal.
  - b. Eat breakfast. Girls test better on a full stomach.
  - c. Spend no more than 10 minutes browsing the “weak” areas of the test. Do not attempt to answer the question, just look at them.
  - d. Drive to the test location. Sit in your car for a minute. RELAX. This is a test, it is only a test. You will do great.
  - e. Answer ALL the questions, even if you have to guess.
  - f. Watch your time. Do not get hung up on one or two questions that cause you to fall behind. Do your best then move on.

## Guessing on Standardized Tests:

These are some common, well-used and practiced methods of accurately guessing on standardized tests. These are to be used ONLY if necessary.

1. 2 out of 4 answers will be easy to eliminate.
2. Look for grammar and punctuation errors, they indicate wrong answers.
3. Answers that appear very long or “scientific” are most often incorrect.
4. Answers containing the words “always” or “never” or any similar ideas are usually wrong.
5. The answer “C” has a reoccurrence of 33% as a correct answer. If all else has been tried, always guess “C”.
6. Try prayer.
7. Trust your own mind.

**Have faith in the gifts you have been given  
and you will succeed.**

