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Student Program	Ideal Target Audience	Website Link or Resource PDF	Comments
MOCI and SCI	<b>Students with moderate to severe cognitive disabilities</b>		
		<a href="https://www.abcya.com/">https://www.abcya.com/</a>	Plethora of common core standard aligned online games PreK-6+
		<a href="https://brainie.ck12.org/">https://brainie.ck12.org/</a>	Free online access to Math and Science based on current skill level
		<a href="https://pbskids.org/">https://pbskids.org/</a>	Free online learning games. Parents can sign up for free weekday newsletter offering activities and tips for kids play and online learning
		<a href="https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/">https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/</a>	Free online educational program for kids ages 2 – 7. Offers personalized learning.
		<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a>	For every student in every classroom. All

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			of <b>Khan Academy's</b> library of trusted, standards-aligned videos, articles, practice questions and lessons are completely <b>free</b> for anyone who wants to use them.
		<a href="https://www.brainpop.com/">https://www.brainpop.com/</a>	<i>Free access during school closures to:</i> <b>BrainPOP</b> - Animated Educational Site for Kids - Science, Social Studies, English, Math, Arts & Music, Health, and Technology.
		<a href="https://www.starfall.com/h/">https://www.starfall.com/h/</a>	At <b>Starfall</b> , children have fun while they learn - specializing in reading, phonics & math - educational games, movies, books, songs, and more for children K-3.
		<a href="https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_us/kids/">https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_us/kids/</a>	YouTube Kids was created to give kids a more contained

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			environment that makes it simpler and more fun to explore on their own; family friendly; parent approved; customizable; content level by age.
		<a href="https://www.ixl.com/">https://www.ixl.com/</a>	Offers at-home learning hub during closures. Comprehensive k-12 curriculum and SPANISH; personalized online learning.
		<a href="https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage?8a08850bc2=T1234288396.1584548459.4987">https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage?8a08850bc2=T1234288396.1584548459.4987</a>	Full online curriculum; FREE for 30 days
		<a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL561BF8297E84231D">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL561BF8297E84231D</a>	Link to 12 Interactive games and videos; Hit Subscribe button to “Kids Learning Videos”

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		Google: The Teacher's Desk  <a href="http://www.theteachersdesk.org/">http://www.theteachersdesk.org/</a>	This is a website where teachers can receive FREE classroom supplies.
		Donors Choose  <a href="https://www.donorschoose.org/">https://www.donorschoose.org/</a>	This site is where you sign up as a “teacher in need” and people will be a donate to you and your cause for your classroom.
		Newsela  <a href="https://newsela.com/">https://newsela.com/</a>	Free access to entire product suite (ELA, Science and Social Studies) through 2019-20 school year; offers remote teaching toolkit; standards aligned content; 5 reading levels; current events; teachers can plan and deliver lessons, assign quizzes; keep tabs on student progress; age appropriate information for teaching about COVID-19

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		<p>Simple K12</p> <p><a href="http://www.simplek12.com/">http://www.simplek12.com/</a></p>	<p>This site is FULL of FREE web-based webinars, online teacher training, shared resources from other teachers and so much more.</p>
		<p>The Teaching Channel</p> <p><a href="https://www.teachingchannel.com/blog/seven-practices-to-swiftly-move-learning-online">https://www.teachingchannel.com/blog/seven-practices-to-swiftly-move-learning-online</a></p> <p>Online webinars offerings (must register):</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, March 18 @ 1:00 PM CST</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 19 @ 11:00 AM CST</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 19 @ 3:00 PM CST</u></b></p>	<p>If you're in the process of modifying your courses to an online platform right now, I have seven practices to help you smoothly transition your courses <b>for instructional continuity</b>. Taking all your courses remote is a big task but we're here to help you decrease your work time so you can get back to teaching.</p>
		<p><a href="https://www.n2y.com/">https://www.n2y.com/</a></p> <p>In addition, there will be a Webinar: Live Panel Q &amp; A with N2Y</p> <p>3/18/20 (Registration required)</p>	<p>Offering FREE online resources as of 3/21/20:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. N2Y – weekly current events newspaper for literacy and learning</li> <li>2. Positivity – behavior and classroom management techniques</li> <li>3. L3 Skills – educational games for high interest skill practice</li> <li>4. Symbol Stix Prime – symbol supported communication and learning tool</li> </ol>

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ATTAINMENT CURRICULUM COMPANY reported on 3/17/20:

Attainment is happy to sponsor online digital resources that are well organized and can easily be emailed or sent to parents /students in any number of ways from the district. In addition, we also have student applications that can be accessed via the web by students at home. These applications will auto-collect progress data on the student performance as well.

- **APLUS** – when teachers log into APLUS -- student worksheets, flashcards, graphic organizers, etc. are available and can be downloaded by teachers and sent to students/homes to complete (no need to print anything). Digital packets can easily be assembled by content areas!
- **Go Worksheet** – the ipad application all teachers received; that houses worksheets on programs purchased – teachers can send Go worksheets to parents with access to ipads; students can complete the worksheets on the ipad and the send them back to the teacher.
- Attainment Company is offering **Student Literacy web-based applications** that include five reading and ELA curricula: Early Literacy Skills Builder, Early Literacy Skills Builder for Older Students, Early Reading Skills Builder, Access Language Arts, and Access Language Arts: WRITE. All of these student applications will be provided for home use for 90 days at no cost. These solutions are set to go live at the end of the week.
- We will send you step by step information on how each teacher can get access to them for their students.

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**[Teacher Tips] The Complete Test Day Success Guide**  
Monday, March 9, 2020

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As spring approaches, so do high-stakes tests. We know educators across the United States have spent weeks preparing, practicing, and planning, and yet somehow test day always seems to sneak up on you. Telling yourself not to get overwhelmed is easier said than done, that's why we've created a neat guide full of our best resources and tips to help you feel at ease the week of testing.

### **Before the Test**

#### **Make sure parents are prepared**

Remember, not all parents experienced high-stakes exams in grade school. Don't leave it up to your students to explain to their parents the importance of standardized tests. Keep parents in the know, ease their anxieties, and make sure students are getting support at home by sending them these helpful resources:



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- [Elementary High-Stakes Test Taking Checklist](#)
- [Secondary High-Stakes Test Taking Checklist](#)
- [8 Tips for Parents to Help Your Child Prepare for High-Stakes Tests](#)
- [Your Children and Exams: A Survival Guide for Parents](#)

### **Make sure *you* are prepared**

You've been working hard to make sure students are as ready as possible for test day. It's one of the most stressful times of the year for teachers. We know you're probably focused on helping your students feel prepared, but don't forget about yourself! If you talk the talk, you have to walk the walk; make sure you get a good night's rest and check out these resources that'll hopefully save you some sleep deprivation:

- [\[Teacher Tips\] Preparing YOURSELF for Testing Season](#)
- [8 Ways For Educators to Treat Yo'Self](#)
- [6 Self-Care Tips for Educators](#)
- [How 7 Teachers Help Their Classes Prepare for State Assessments](#)
- [10 Tips from Teachers for De-Stressing and Avoiding Burnout](#)

If you still have a few weeks or days before the big day, check out our [ultimate guide on preparing for high-stakes testing](#). It's full of great tips for last-minute practice, leveraging data, and more.

### **During the Test**

Test day is finally here! Before you're giving yourself the classic and necessary "you're the greatest teacher that has ever lived" pep-talk, check out these awesome tips and resources that will make the day less stressful overall.

### **Celebrate Good Times**

We know you're excited that test day is here (and that it's almost over). [Get your kids on your level](#) before the tests get passed out with these unique pre-test ideas:

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- Create a pump-up playlist – Everyone loves to dance and Spotify has bunch of user-created playlists for pre-test hype. We know you'll get to class early to make sure everything is perfectly prepared, so as kids are walking into class blast some sweet tunes. It'll wake them up and put them in a great mood. Our suggestions? I Will Survive, Eye of the Tiger, and of course the classic Old Town Road.
- Snacks on snacks on snacks – It's extremely important that kids get a good breakfast before test day. In a perfect world, every child will have eaten a full breakfast, but that isn't always the case. It's never a bad idea to have some granola bars, dried fruits, or other filling snack on hand and to let students know they can come by and grab one before the test starts. Don't let a stomach growl throw your students off their game.
- No Cell Phone Zone – No doubt when your students find out they have to turn it off for the day (even though you've told them this *multiple* times) they will protest. To help ease the separation, make the temporary cell phone ban a fun part of your pre-test ritual. Give kids 5 minutes to find their favorite testing day meme and share it with their neighbor, or have them take "before" selfies as they're shutting off their phones. Once everyone is done with their tests, you can give the green light to turn phones on again by encouraging everyone to take their "after" selfie. It's a lighthearted way to ease tension, and helps you make sure all the phones are going off.

### Ease Anxieties

How many times have you gone to class on test day feeling great, only to arrive in your classroom to your kids looking nervous or saying they feel unprepared? Even if you've jammed out to pump up music and laughed at memes, test anxiety is real. So how do you take the fear out of testing day? Don't worry, we've got you covered.

- [How Teachers Can Help Students Cope with Test Anxiety](#)
- [6 Teachers Who Combat Test Anxiety with SEL Practices](#)
- [\[Test Preparation\] 6 Tips for Teachers to Help Students Manage Stress](#)
- [\[High Stakes Testing\] Using Classroom Culture, Test-Taking Skills, and Mindfulness to Overcome Test Season Stress](#)

### Take Breaks & Keep Students Engaged

Standardized tests can be brutal as the day goes on. Luckily, we take breaks. Now that students are in the swing of things, we don't want to disrupt their concentration with loud music or videos on the internet, so look at these fun resources that'll keep those thinking caps on.

- [\[Student Engagement\] 5 Strategies to Make Brain Breaks Work in the Classroom](#)
- [Calm Your Classroom with These Five Yoga Poses for Students](#)

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- [3 Easy Ways to Bring Mindfulness Into the Classroom](#)

Let's be real, even with breaks it's hard for students to stay focused, engaged, and trying their best when they're answering difficult questions all day. It's been said that humans have attention spans worse than goldfish, after all. Check out these [educator tips for fighting assessment fatigue](#), or quickly let your students know that they're doing a great job with [Edmentum's gratitude cards](#).

### **After the Test**

You've almost made it! Congratulations!

### **For the Early Birds**

We know it's hard for teachers to sit back and quietly monitor students while they finish testing, so what can you do for the kids who finish early? Don't expect them to just sit there quietly. Give them some fun activities that will keep them from being a distraction to other students. We suggest creating crossword puzzles for students, making sure that your classroom library is stacked, have scratch paper for doodling, or have some fun writing prompts available that will let their imaginations take off.

### **The Final Countdown**

Once your students have handed in their exams, take a deep breath, and let your students know how proud you are of them. You all worked hard leading up to today! Recognize their accomplishments with some of our favorite ways to celebrate:

- Present Before and After Photos – as we mentioned earlier, a fun way to get kids to put their phones away for the day is to have them take a before photo right before they turn them off. Have them email you those photos and put them into PowerPoint to review later.
- Have a Picnic – if weather permits, take your celebration outside and serve up some punny “hot dog, the test is over” hot dogs! Ice cream is always a good option, too. Or even scheduling a simple class lunch period outside instead of in the cafeteria. Who doesn't love a good outside day?
- Write Break-Up Letters – Every student has a topic or two that they battled with leading up to test day (looking at you fractions...) they are probably glad to be done with for the year. For a part-reflection, part-fun activity, have them write respectful break up letters to their state tests, *To All The Boys I've Loved Before* style. What lesson will they never forget? What are they grateful to leave behind? Don't forget to really commit to the bit by playing some break-up music.

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- Start Something New – Once state exams are over, get a fresh start and end the school year on a high note. Start a new project that is fun and tailored to the interests of your students, or look into starting a [genius hour](#). Whether that's a video project, a research paper, or something else entirely, it'll be refreshing to switch gears.

State testing can be a whirlwind for even the most seasoned educator. Good luck to all the teachers and students out there! We're rooting for you!