

areas(math, language arts, reading, science, social studies) will be considered for retention.

## ***Annual Testing for BMS Students***

Students in Grades 3-8 take the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Achievement Test each spring. The Achievement Test is a timed, multiple choice assessment that measures skills in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Student results are reported to parents, teachers and administrators. All students are assessed in grades 6-8. Eighth grade students also participate in the annual state writing assessment. The writing assessment is given in early February. It is important that vacations or absences from school be avoided during this critical time. The results of these test help determine progress that each student has made within the past school year. The tables below indicate the content areas, number of items and testing times for the TCAP test. TCAP testings occurs in April.

**TCAP Achievement – Grades 4-8, FORM Q**

<i>Content Area</i>	<i>Parts</i>	<i># of Items</i>	<i>Testing Time in Minutes</i>
<i>Reading/ Language Arts</i>	<i>Part 1</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>60</i>
	<i>Part 2</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Part 1</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>44</i>
	<i>Part 2</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>44</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Part 1</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>40</i>
	<i>Part 2</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Part 1</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>40</i>
	<i>Part 2</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>40</i>

## ***Test Strategies for Students***

### **STUDENTS' TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES**

#### **Preparing for Tests**

- Maintain good study habits:
  - Do your class work.
  - Have a clear understanding of homework assignments before leaving class.
  - Keep a record of assignments received and completed.
  - Make a study schedule and follow it.
  - Tell your parents about schoolwork and homework.

- Turn in homework on time.
- Get make-up assignments when returning from an absence.
- See teachers for additional help.
- Seek and use past homework assignments, class notes, and available review materials.
- Follow directions.
- Get a good night's rest and eat a normal breakfast before testing.

#### **During Tests**

- Read and pay careful attention to all directions.
- Read each passage and accompanying questions.
- Read every possible answer--the best one could be last.
- Read and respond to items one at a time rather than thinking about the whole test.
- Reread, when necessary, the parts of a passage needed for selecting the correct answer.
- Don't expect to find a pattern in the positions of the correct answers.
- Don't make uneducated guesses. Try to get the correct answer by reasoning and eliminating wrong answers.
- Don't spend too much time on any one question.
- Skip difficult questions until all other questions have been answered. On scrap paper, keep a record of the unanswered items to return to, if time permits.
- Make sure to record the answer in the correct place on the answer sheet.
- Only change an answer if you are sure the first one you picked was wrong. Be sure to completely erase changed answers.
- After completion of the test, use any remaining time to check your answers.
- Keep a good attitude. Think positively!

## ***CLUB PARTICIPATION***

Several clubs are available for student participation including Beta Club, Clean Club, Science Club and Technology Club, and others that might be added. Each sponsor will explain the purpose and requirement of that particular club to the students. All clubs must have an approval through administration and an adult to supervise activities. The following are Clubs that are in existence at the time of printing: