

## Hints for taking a PARRC Assessment in HS Math:

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### Multiple-choice

1. The use of the word “the” or “a” indicates that you should CHOOSE only ONE answer.
    - a. “Select **the** correct...”
    - b. “Which is **a** graph of...”
    - c. “Which equation is equivalent to...” (Notice that “equation” is singular.)
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### Multiple-select

2. The use of the word “all” indicates that you may CHOOSE ONE OR MORE answers.
    - a. “Select **all** that apply.”
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### Other...

3. There will be a non-calculator portion first, followed by a calculator portion.
4. Graphing calculators that meet certain requirements may be used.
  - a. Please see “PARRC Calculator Policy” posted on Mrs. Osterloh’s website
5. If a negative sign is needed as part of an answer, the negative sign must be bubbled in on the first column of the answer document.
6. When bubbling in numerical answers on an answer grid, fill spaces from left to right – leaving no empty spaces – and then bubble circles under the numbers.
  - a. For example, if the correct answer is 35...

do NOT write...

			3	5
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Do write...

3	5			
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7. Watch out for questions that expect you to round appropriately!
    - a. “Give your answer to the nearest whole number.” (If you do not round to the nearest whole number, your answer will be considered wrong.)
  8. For open-response items that may state something like this: “Show your work and explain your answer.”
    - a. Write your answer only in the box provided (or it will not be scored).
    - b. Do show your work.
    - c. Do explain your answer using clear and concise language.
  9. When graphing lines, do so carefully.
    - a. Make any important points clearly indicated.
    - b. Use a straightedge.
  10. Give the test your best effort!
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