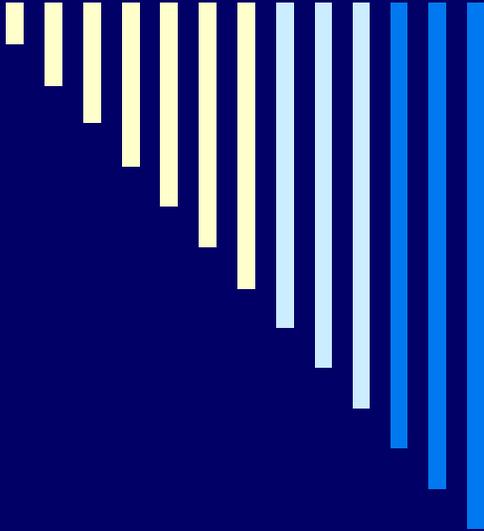


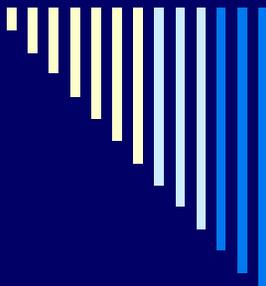
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# Assessment Center Exercises

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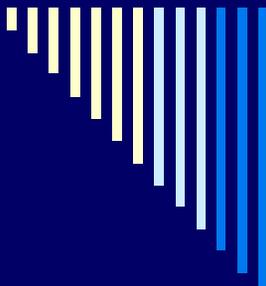




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# Before Scheduling Your Appointment

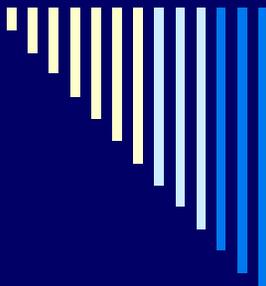
- ❑ Submit all forms by January 31, 2009
  - ❑ Pay all Fees
  - ❑ Receive Authorization to Test ([ATT](#))
  - ❑ Confirm all Information
    - Your name (make sure it matches your photo ID)
    - Candidate ID
    - Certificate Area
    - Specialty area (if applicable)
  - ❑ Verify your appointment with confirmation number at [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com)
  - ❑ Check status of fees posted at <http://nbpts.org/forcandidates/myprofile>
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# When and Where to Test

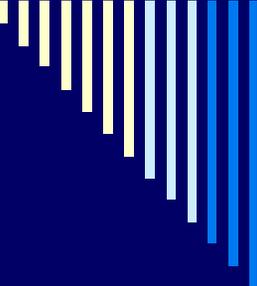
- Assessment Center Testing Window
    - July 1, 2008– June 15, 2009
  - Locate an Assessment Center
    - [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org); use For Candidates Link
  - Schedule your Appointment
    - 1-800-226-7958  
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm EST
    - Record your confirmation number on your ATT sheet.
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# What to Bring to the Assessment Center

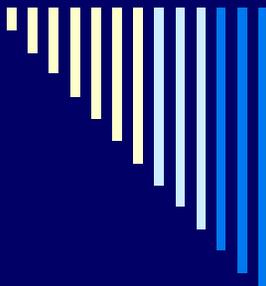
- Your Authorization to Test
  - A Primary ID
    - Must bear your name, a photo, and your signature
  - Sheet of Bar Code ID Labels
    - Sent with your Authorization to Test
      - Applicable to EA/Math, AYA/Math, EA/Science, AYA/Science, EMC/Art, EAYA/Art, EAYA/WLOE, EMC/Music and EAYA/Music
    - Art Candidates must bring Art project
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# Test Day Overview

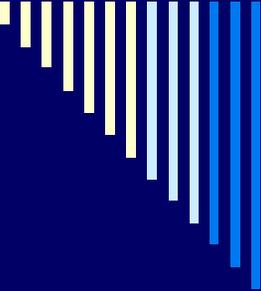
- Plan to Arrive *at Least 30 Minutes* Before your Scheduled Appointment Time
    - Friends or Relatives Will not be Permitted to Wait in the Assessment Center
    - More than 30 Minutes Late—Missed Appointment—Reschedule
  - Complete a Confidentiality Statement
  - Your Photograph will be Taken for Security Purposes
  - Deposit All Personal Items in Locker
  - Provided Scratch Paper
    - Cannot be Used During Untimed Sections
    - Cannot be Removed from Testing Room
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# Testing

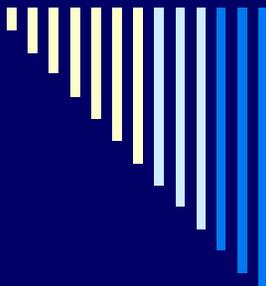
- Check in – 15 minutes
  - Begin with interactive online tutorials – 30 minutes
  - Testing time will not begin until AFTER you have completed tutorials
  - You may not use scratch paper at this time
  - Exercises 1, 2 and 3 – 90 minutes
  - Computer will automatically tell you when a scheduled 15 minute break is to begin (after exercise 3)
  - Exercises 4, 5 and 6 – 90 minutes
  - When test is finished, administrator will collect scratch paper
  - Total Time: 4 hours
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# What is the Assessment Center?

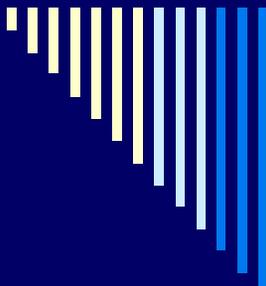
- Provide evidence of your content knowledge across the entire developmental age range of your certificate area, as outlined in the Standards
  - Six exercises, each allowing up to a 30-minute response
  - Designed to assess your fundamental content knowledge that supports quality instruction in the classroom on a daily basis, not textbooks or resource materials
  - An exercise may consist of one or more prompts or questions that may present a scenario or student profile for you to consider before responding.
    - May ask for a specific number of examples
    - Submit only number of examples requested/Assessors will evaluate only the number requested
    - Assessors are looking for depth and quality NOT quantity!
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# Scoring Assessments

- All six exams are worth 40% of the total score or 6.67% for each question
  - If you do not achieve certification on the first attempt, you can elect to redo any of the exams on which you scored below a 2.75.
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# How Can I Prepare?

□ Access the online tutorial:

<http://www.nbpts.org/tutorial/index.html>

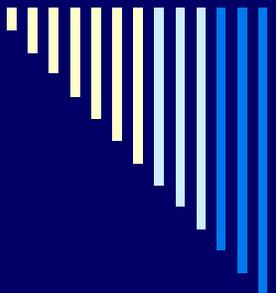
- using a mouse, scrolling, using the testing tools and the computer, as well as a simulation of the testing experience.

□ Review Scoring Guide:

[http://www.nbpts.org/for\\_candidates/scoring#Scoring](http://www.nbpts.org/for_candidates/scoring#Scoring)

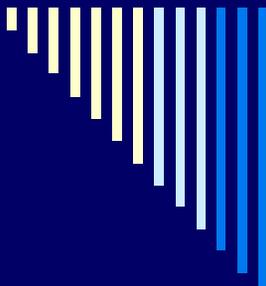
- Read released prompts from previous administrations
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## Is It a Disadvantage to Take my Assessment Before Submitting my Portfolio?

- Assessment center exercises are based on content knowledge for what accomplished teachers should *know*, not have to study for.
  - However, most people would say you are better prepared after spending time on your portfolio and more time reflecting on the standards.
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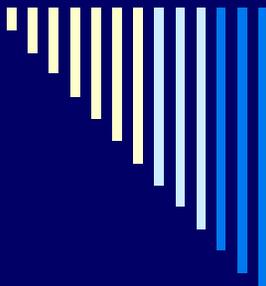


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# Tips and Tricks

## □ Before the Test

- Go through NBPTS tutorial on-line
  - Time Yourself on Practice Tests
  - Test Yourself with all Age Options
  - Set up Strategy on How to Deal with Questions
  - Research Information on Internet or Professional Journals
  - Visit Testing Site to be Familiar with Surroundings, Parking, Etc.
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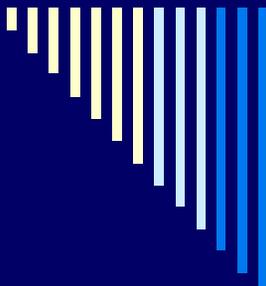


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# Tips and Tricks

## □ **Night Before Test**

- Get a Good Nights Sleep
  - Give Yourself Time to Focus Prior to Taking Test
  - Gather Everything you will Need for Test (Valid Forms of ID, ID Labels, Authorization to Test, Kleenex, Hard Candy, Water, Pain Killer, Earplugs)
  - Be Ready to Deal with Distractions
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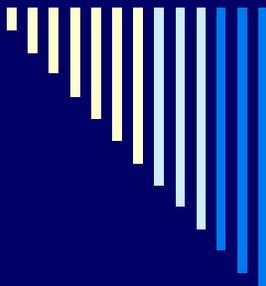


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# Tips and Tricks

## □ Day of Test

- Eat a Light Meal Prior to Going
  - Dress Comfortable
  - Take a Jacket
  - Take Hard Candy and Drink
  - Arrive Early; Review Notes
  - There is Really No Time Between Questions
  - Only Click Prompt to Continue if Ready for Next Question
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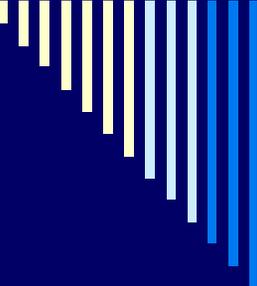
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# Tips and Tricks

## □ During the Test

- Go Through All Tutorials
  - Read Prompts Carefully; Don't Assume
  - Read all prompts first before writing
  - Don't use sentences, rather bullets (-)
  - Don't leave any prompt blank; you will get .75 if anything at all!
  - Stay Calm
  - Jot Down Ideas
  - Pace Yourself
  - Don't Waste Time on Grammar or Spelling
  - Remember, YOU are the EXPERT!
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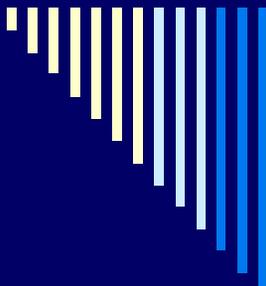
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# Resources

- [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)
  - [www.octp.org](http://www.octp.org)
  - [www.coe.ilstu.edu/ilnbpts](http://www.coe.ilstu.edu/ilnbpts)
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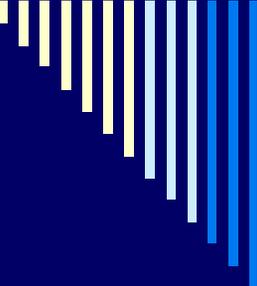
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## Advice from NBCT's

- “The best thing you can do is study the standards, study the standards, and then study the standards some more.”
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# After the Test

- Go Celebrate!
  - You are Finished!
  - Have a Great Summer!
  - Congratulations!
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