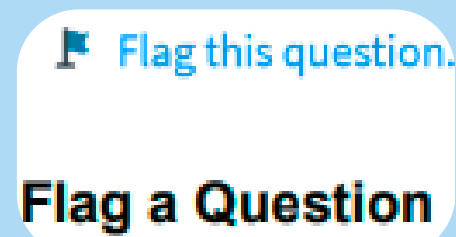# How to Prepare for the OSSLT

Know Your Tools & Strengths!

Resources

Many tools are available to help you throughout the test; get familiar with them beforehand!

Zoom In
Zoom Out

Flag this question.
Flag a Question

LEARNING STYLES
Visual — Graphs, Illustrations, PowerPoints, Pictures, Videos, Articles
Auditory — One-on-one Conversations, Podcasts, Group Discussions, Oral Presentations, Videos
Kinesthetic — Hands-on Activity, Walking Meetings, Role-playing, Note-taking

Learning Styles

Everyone has different learning styles, so consider using the tools that best support your learning!

Auditory learners can utilize the line reader or listen tool.

Listen

Line Reader

Kinesthetic learners can make rough notes digitally or on paper.

Visual learners can apply the line and highlighter tools.

Draw Line
Highlight
Eraser

Rough Notes

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Multiple Choice Tips

Annotate the Text

Annotating allows you to note important information that you can go back and find easily!

✔	When you read something that makes you say, "Yeah, I knew that" or "I predicted that" or "I saw that coming."
✗	When you run across something that contradicts what you know or expect.
?	When you have a question, need clarification, or are unsure.
!	When you discover something new, surprising, exciting, or fun that makes you say cool, whoa, yuck, no way, awesome.

Growth Mindset

Don't be deterred when encountering obstacles. Practice positive thinking and take your time working through tricky questions!

IDEA

When answering multiple-choice/selective questions, try to isolate incorrect responses to find the correct answer easier!

I: What does your gut say? Is this question directly answered somewhere?
D: Ignore/cross off the answers you know are wrong.
E: Reread the text and determine whether any options are referenced.
A: Choose the option that best answers the question.

I	INSTINCT & INVESTIGATE
D	DELETE
E	EXAMINE
A	ANSWER

Quick Side Note!

For support, please contact Mrs. Smithson (lindsay.smithson@dsbn.org) and consider the drop-in sessions for OSSLT prep at lunch on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Room 235! Check out the online practice test to familiarize yourself with the format!

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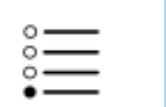
Opinion Paragraphs

Pros	Cons

Plan Accordingly

Select an opinion/side that you can form more opinions on; don't jump back and forth!

APES

Keep your paragraph organized and to the point; use proof that makes sense for your argument.

A — **Answer the Question**
-Clearly state your answer

P — **Proof**
-Use a quote from the text

E — **Explanation**
-Explain how the quote supports your answer

S — **Summary**
-Restate your answer

Code 10	The response is related to the prompt but does not express an opinion. **OR** The response expresses an opinion with no supporting details or provides details unrelated to the opinion. There is no evidence of organization.
Code 50	The response is related to the prompt. A clear and consistent opinion is developed with sufficient specific supporting details. The organization is logical.
Code 60	The response is related to the assigned prompt. A clear and consistent opinion is developed with sufficient specific supporting details that are thoughtfully chosen. The organization is coherent demonstrating a thoughtful progression of ideas.

Fully Answer Prompts

Make sure you read the question and answer all parts in your paragraph. Be sure to explain your reasoning for more points.

To get a Code 60, you need to have a clear opinion that uses the text to support your reasoning!