

# Study and Test Taking Strategies



## How do I study for a unit exam?

### 1. Review all notes and homeworks from the Unit.

- Re-read all the notes.
- Re-do *at least* two examples from each note.
- Be able to explain the big idea of the lesson to a friend or family member.
- Be able to answer every *essential question* and complete every *take away*.
- Re-do homework problems that you didn't understand how to do the first time.

### 2. Complete all Unit Reviews.

- Complete the assigned Unit Review and check your work with the answer key on the website. Be prepared to ask questions on Review day.
- Complete all additional Unit Reviews made available to you (Extra Practice Problem Sets, Castle Learnings, etc...)

### 3. Attend extra-help sessions after school.

- Do not wait until the day before the exam!
- Highlight problems you are having difficulty with and get assistance right away.

## Test Taking Strategies

- At the beginning of the test write on top of the exam any information you are concerned about forgetting.
- Do not spend a lot of time on one problem. If you can't answer it then circle the question number and move on.
- Tackle the longer problems first (extended response).
- When finished with the exam, check it over by re-doing problems on a separate piece of paper or blank area on the exam. It is very difficult to pick out a mistake by looking at your own work. When you re-do a problem, you have a better chance of correcting an error.
- Make sure you have answered all questions and, in the format, required.
- With multiple choice questions, make sure you can prove that the three choices you eliminated are completely incorrect.

