

# Ohio State Tests

## Guidance for Paper-Based Mathematics Tests

### Fill-in-the-Blank Grids

For fill-in-the-blank items, students will write the number (whole number or decimal) in the boxes at the top of the grid, starting with the first box on the left. Please enter numbers *without* commas. Then students will shade the bubble in the column that corresponds to the entry (decimal or digit) in the top row. The answer must not contain blank spaces. Entries of 0.75 or 0.750 instead of .75 (as shown in the first grid) also are acceptable except in cases where rounding is specified. If an answer must be rounded to the nearest hundredth, then 0.750 would not be correct.

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**Note:** Should a student mistakenly start in a column other than column 1, the entry will be scored correctly under the following conditions:

- There are no spaces within the answer.
- The answer fits within the remaining columns.

### Fractional Answers

There will be fractional answers Multiple Choice or Multiple Select format. Students must be able to correctly write and apply fractions where applicable in the standards.

**Multiple Choice** items have four options. Students will shade the bubble of the correct answer.

- A Option A
- B Option B
- ☒ Option C
- D Option D

**Multiple Select** items have five or six options.

Students will shade each bubble that corresponds to a correct answer. The number correct will vary from item to item.

- ☒ Option A
- B Option B
- C Option C
- ☒ Option D
- E Option E
- F Option F

**Multiple Select** items are computer scored and do not allow for partial credit.

### General Information on Marking/Writing in the Test Booklet

- Students may write and do scratch work in the test booklet. However, they must avoid making marks in the bubbles on the Multiple Choice and Multiple Select items or in the Fill-in-the-Blank grids.
- Highlighting text, underlining text with a colored pencil, or placing an X to the right of the text are recommended ways for students to eliminate options. Crossing out options could create scoring issues if bubbles are marked through.