



Parent Newsletter



Test	Grades	Testing Dates
LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1)	3-11	February 6– March 17, 2017
ELDA	K-12	
ACT	11	PBT- March 21st
LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2)	10-12 (students who entered high school prior to 2014)	Offered a minimum of three times yearly. Schedule determined by LEAs.
LEAP (ELA/Math/Social Studies)	5-8	CBT– April 3– May 4, 2017
	3-4	PBT– May 1-4, 2017
LEAP (Science)	3-8	PBT– May 5, 2017
End-of-Course Testing	Algebra I, English II, Geometry, Biology, English III, US History	April 24– May 19, 2017

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 Hammond, Louisiana
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 Roseland, Louisiana
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Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Resources Available for Check-Out

Math Manipulatives
 Phonics Materials
 Science Resources
 LEAP Materials

Early Learning Literacy Manipulatives
 Resources for the Struggling Reader
 Social Studies Resources
 Special Needs Materials

PARENT GUIDE TO LEAP 2025 TESTS

As schools and students begin their final preparations for the spring Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) tests, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) created this fact sheet to provide parents with general information about the tests, and what you and your child can expect when he or she takes the tests in April and May.

KNOW THE TEST

1. LEAP TESTS

Each year, students in grades 3 through 8 take state tests to measure their knowledge and skills in each subject area and their readiness for the next level of study.

The LEAP tests are just one of several indicators, in combination with report cards, teacher-made tests, and classroom work, that are used to create a complete picture of a student's performance in school. The results from the tests will be used to help teachers identify when students need additional support or more challenging work in each subject area. This information is also used to measure how well schools and districts are helping students achieve higher expectations.

For the 2016–2017 school year, students will take the following tests in grades 3–8:

- English language arts (ELA)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Students with the most significant learning disabilities are eligible to take the LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1) that varies by subject area depending on the grade level. The LAA 1 test is given to students from February 6 through March 17, depending on schools' individual schedules.

2. LEAP TEST SCHEDULE

Students in grades 5 through 8 will take the LEAP tests in ELA, math, and social studies online this year. Schools have the option to test students in grades 3 and 4 online or on paper. All students in grades 3 through 8 will take the science test on paper.

The LEAP ELA, social studies, and math tests are strictly timed, and no additional time is permitted except for students who have a documented extended time accommodation.

ONLINE TEST SCHEDULE: APRIL 3–MAY 5

Schools have the discretion to determine the schedule for administering the on-line tests below. Therefore, testing days and session rotation will vary by school.

TIME ALLOWED IN MINUTES					
SESSION NAME	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
ELA SESSION 1 and 2	90	90	90	90	90
ELA SESSION 3	45	45	70	70	70
MATH SESSION 1, 2 and 3	75	75	75	75	75
SOCIAL STUDIES SESSION 1	85	90	90	90	90
SOCIAL STUDIES SESSION 2	45	45	45	45	45
SOCIAL STUDIES SESSION 3	85	90	90	90	90

PAPER TEST SCHEDULE: MAY 1–5

TIME ALLOWED IN MINUTES							
DATE	SESSION NAME	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
MAY 1	ELA SESSION 1	75	90	—	—	—	—
	MATH SESSION 1	75	75	—	—	—	—
MAY 2	ELA SESSION 2	75	90	—	—	—	—
	MATH SESSION 2	75	75	—	—	—	—
MAY 3	ELA SESSION 3	60	45	—	—	—	—
	MATH SESSION 3	75	75	—	—	—	—
MAY 4	SOCIAL STUDIES SESSION 1	75	85	—	—	—	—
	SOCIAL STUDIES SESSION 2	45	45	—	—	—	—
	SOCIAL STUDIES SESSION 3	75	85	—	—	—	—
MAY 5	SCIENCE SESSION 1	60	60	60	60	60	60
	SCIENCE SESSION 2	30	30	30	30	30	30
	SCIENCE SESSION 3*	—	30	—	—	—	30

*Grades 4 and 8 will have an additional 30 minute short answer portion of the science test to complete.

3. TEST RESULTS

Schools and school systems will receive individual student Spring 2017 LEAP results for ELA and math by July. Each school system will decide how to share this information with teachers, parents, and students.

As in prior years, the LDOE will produce an individual student score report for ELA, math, science, and social studies. The reports will be similar to the reports produced for the 2016 tests. You can view copies of the ELA and math reports in the Family Support Toolbox on the Department's website here: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox>

PREPARE FOR THE TEST

4. KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING

To find out the learning expectations for your child's grade level in each subject, take a look at Louisiana's content standards at <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academic-standards>, which gives descriptions of the skills and knowledge your child is expected to gain every year.

You can also see samples of science and social studies test questions and student work by visiting the Department's website here: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/released-and-sample-test-items>

Sample ELA and math test questions and student work can be found here:
<https://prc.parcconline.org/assessments/parcc-released-items>

By understanding what your child should know and be able to do this year, you will be better positioned to help your child connect the dots between what he or she is learning and the test. You can also reach out to louisianastandards@la.gov with questions or for additional support.

5. PRACTICE TESTS

The Department released practice tests for ELA, math, and social studies in grades 3-8 on its website: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/practice-tests>. New paper-based practice tests for 2017 have been released for grades 3 and 4 only, since these are the only grades with the option to test on paper. However, paper practice tests from 2015-2016 are available for grades 5-8.

These practice tests will help you better understand how the test is aligned to classroom work, and see the types of reading, math, and writing questions your child will be answering. You may want to walk through the test with your child to help familiarize him or her with the test format and features, and answer any questions he or she might have.

For more information about the LEAP tests, talk to your child's principal or teacher, or email the Department at assessment@la.gov.

LDOE Testing Resources



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<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/>

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox>

Practice Tests

Practice tests for students in grades 3-8 are designed so that students can become familiar with the format of the assessments. The practice tests illustrate how each section of the exam will appear and may be used at home or at school so that students can practice taking the test.

Some sessions of the Practice Test are shorter than those on the real test. After each session, look for the NOTE that tells the number of questions that is on the real test. It is also important to note that some sessions of the tests are in the answer document, just as they appear on the real assessment.

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/practice-tests>

Sample Test Questions

In order to ensure Louisiana students are prepared for college and Louisiana's economy, our state is moving to higher standards and new assessments. The Louisiana Department of Education will highlight one sample question each day to help Louisiana educators and families preview Louisiana's new 2015-16 assessments. These new assessments were developed with significant input from Louisiana educators who have served as key partners in identifying content for the test, developing the specific items, and guiding the technology specifications.

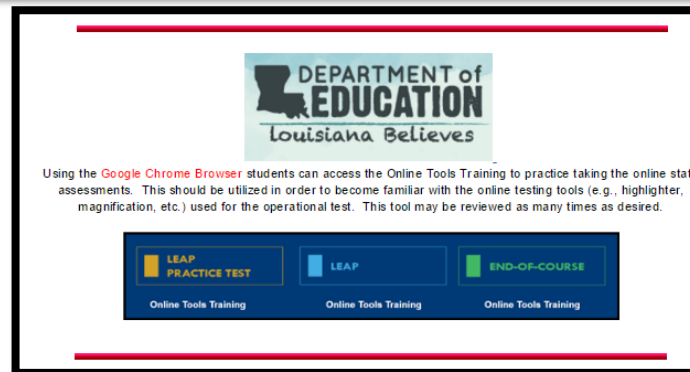
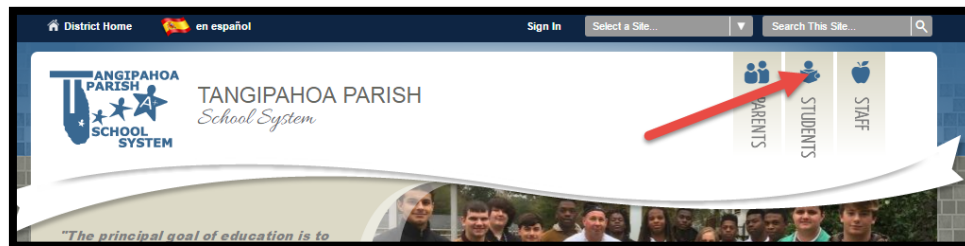
Sample items for this year's test are below.

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/released-and-sample-test-items>

TPSS Testing Resources Website

<http://tangischools.schoolwires.net/domain/533>

Students can practice online LEAP items using the Online Tools Training. This works best in the Chrome Browser. From the Tangischools homepage students can click on “Students.” Then scroll down to the Department of Education site. Click on “LEAP Practice Test– Online Tools Training.” This will allow students to practice LEAP items at home.



Useful Testing Websites

Assessment Resources- <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/assistance.htm>
 Internet Help based on grade level- http://www.internet4classrooms.com/grade_level_help.htm
 Keyboarding Resources- <http://tangischools.schoolwires.net/Domain/4045>

High School Testing Websites

ACT Louisiana- <http://act.org/aap/louisiana/act.html>
 ACT/ SAT Prep- http://www.internet4classrooms.com/act_sat.htm
 ACT/ SAT/ GRE Prep- www.Number2.com
 March 2 Success- www.march2success.com
 100 Common SAT/ ACT Vocab <http://quizlet.com/1022309/college-board-top-100-common-satact-vocabulary-words-flash-cards/>
 Act Exam Practice- <http://www.actexampracticetests.com>
 Varsity Practice Tests -<http://www.varsitytutors.com/practice-tests>
 7-12 Interactives- <http://www.uen.org/7-12interactives/>