

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.

SESSION NAME	TIME ALLOWED IN MINUTES				
	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

DATE	SESSION NAME	TIME ALLOWED IN MINUTES					
		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.
