

Ralph Wilson Elementary
Back-to-School Night

Presented: 08/23/2018

Agenda

- **Looking Back at 2017-2018**
- 2018-2019 Priorities
- Student Learning in 2018-2019
- Supporting Student Learning at Home
- Appendix

Louisiana Student Success

Louisiana's students—all of them, no matter race, disability, or creed—are as smart and capable as any in America. Louisiana has worked hard to raise expectations for students, and as a result, students are performing at higher levels than ever before.

- Since implementing new, standards-aligned tests, **Louisiana has seen a steady increase in the percentage of students scoring “Mastery” and above statewide.**
- **A record 25,144 high school seniors in the class of 2016 earned a college-going ACT score (18+), an increase of 6,980 students since 2012.**
- **More students graduated in 2017 than ever before.** More than 4,000 students graduated in 2017 than in 2012, and 43 percent of them did so with an early college credit or a statewide industry-based credential.
- Since 2012, the **number of students earning Advanced Placement credit each year has increased by more than 3,700**, an increase of more than 137 percent.

Jaguar Pride in 2017-2018

Our Jaguar nation had a great year in 2017-2018. Here are a few of our successes:

- The percentage of students at or above Basic in English increased by 5%.
- The percentage of students at or above Basic in Mathematics increased by 6%.
- Our students were exposed to STEM curriculum and enrichment through the STEM After-School Club.

Release of Spring 2018 LEAP Student Reports for ELA, Mathematics, and Social Studies

The **week of August 27th**, **parents and students will receive three student reports**, one for ELA, math, and social studies that outline how your child performed on these tests.

The reports include the following measures:

- An overall score in math, English, and social studies.
- A breakdown of the child's performance into specific skills for each subject area.
- How the child is performing in comparison to other students in the same school, school system, and state.

Due to the fact that the science test was a field test only, students will not receive results from this test this year.

How to Use the LEAP Student Reports

- **The 2018 LEAP scores help teachers identify where students need extra support or a greater challenge in specific subject areas.** They will also be used to measure how well schools and school systems are helping students achieve higher expectations.
- **The LEAP test is just one measure of how well your child is performing academically.** Other information, such as grades, teacher feedback, and scores on other tests, will help determine your child's academic strengths and needs.
- Each set of student reports are accompanied by a **Parent Guide to the LEAP Student Reports** that provide information on how to read the results and use them to support student learning at home. Translated versions in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic are available on the Louisiana Department of Education's (LDOE) website in the **Family Support Toolbox**.

Questions to Guide Teacher Conferences

The test results will help you, as a parent, talk to your child's teacher(s) about additional supports or enrichment that may be needed in class and at home this school year.

Here are some helpful questions to ask when discussing the results with your child's teacher(s):

What can be done to appropriately challenge my child in areas where he or she exceeds the expectations?

How can I help support my child's learning at home?

How do we ensure that my child makes progress?

Where is my child doing well and where does he or she need improvement?

What can be done in the classroom to help improve his or her area(s) of weakness?

Agenda

- **Looking Back at 2017-2018**
- 2018-2019 Priorities
- Student Learning in 2018-2019
- Supporting Student Learning at Home
- Appendix

2018-2019 Jaguar Goals and Priorities

Based on our students' performance in 2017-2018, Ralph Wilson Elementary is focused on the following priorities for the 2018-2019 school year.

- Ensuring that 60 percent of students who begin the year behind grade-level, end the school year on or above grade-level (based off of LEAP 2025 results)
- Increasing access to our gifted and talented program by providing a universal screener to all students
- Providing all students with adequate time for English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Enrichment Instruction (P.E., Art, Library, Spanish) each week
- Providing families with the tools and support they need to support student learning at home through our new parent center

Agenda

- **Looking Back at 2017-2018**
- 2018-2019 Priorities
- Student Learning in 2018-2019
- Supporting Student Learning at Home
- Appendix

Louisiana Student Standards

Educational Standards:

- set clear and consistent learning expectations for students and teachers;
- define what students should know and be able to do in a particular subject at each grade level; and
- help set high goals for all students.

Standards help students to:

- **Develop** deep understanding, skill, and fluency in mathematics
- **Think** critically in mathematics through speaking, writing, and solving problems
- **Apply** mathematics to real-world problems and tasks
- **Build** knowledge, discuss, and write about topics, themes, and ideas in complex texts
- **Support** thoughts and opinions about complex text using evidence

www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/academic-standards

Why are standards important?

The Louisiana Student Standards assure that all students, regardless of their address, background, or ability, have a clear roadmap to success in college or a career.

Clearly defined goals help families and teachers work together to ensure that students succeed, have access to extra assistance when they need it, and are challenged appropriately.

Our Curriculum

| Content | Curriculum | Why do we use it? |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Mathematics | Eureka | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Builds number sense● Helps students learn to apply mathematics to real-world situations● Builds efficiency with mathematics problems |
| English language arts | Guidebooks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provides engaging texts● Integrates reading and writing so students write about what they read● Provides ample opportunity for student conversations |
| Science | Great Minds | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● provides ample opportunities for students to investigate scientific questions● helps students use science to explain real-world happenings● integrates reading a variety of sources |
| Social studies | DBQ Project (Supplementary Resource) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provides primary sources● Engages students in writing about history |

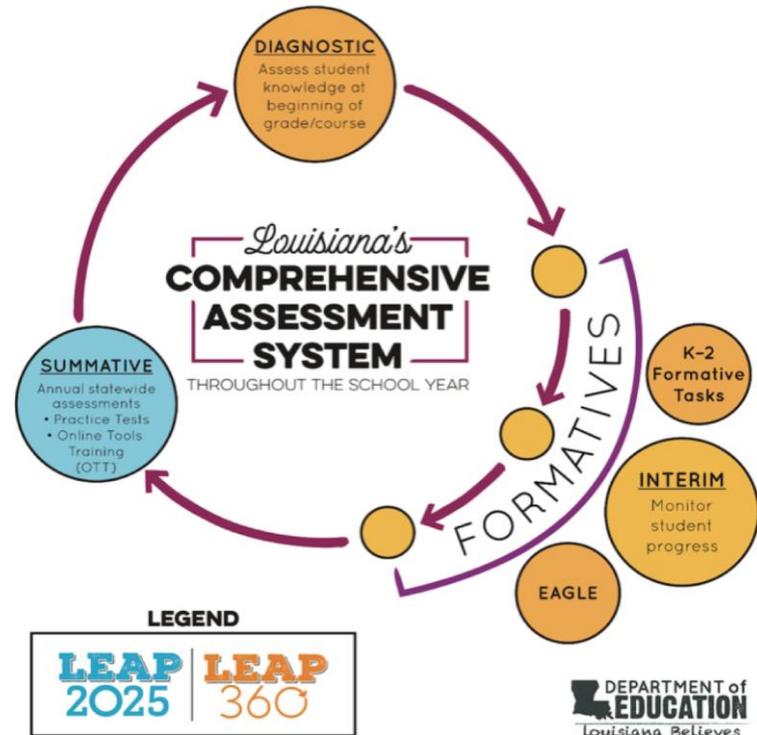
Monitoring Student Progress

LEAP 360 provides our teachers with meaningful information about how well students are progressing towards their learning goals throughout the year.

This system also allows teachers to reduce the amount of tests provided to students throughout the year.

- **Diagnostic Assessments**, given at the beginning of the year, help teachers and students better understand students' readiness for grade-level content and set learning goals for the year.
- **Interim Assessments** provide valuable checkpoints to monitor student progress throughout the year.
- **EAGLE Formative Tasks** can be used for ongoing classroom assessments.

You can access a copy of the **Parent Guide to LEAP 360** on the Department's website in the **Family Support Toolbox**.



End of Year Tests: LEAP 2025

At the end of this school year, students in grades 3-5 will take the following state tests:

- **Students in grades 3-5** will take the LEAP 2025 assessments in ELA, mathematics, social, and science studies online or paper depending on modifications and accommodations.

Agenda

- **Looking Back at 2017-2018**
- 2018-2019 Priorities
- Student Learning in 2018-2019
- Measuring Student Success in 2018-2019
- Supporting Student Learning at Home
- Appendix

Parent Engagement

Ralph Wilson Elementary is committed to providing parents with meaningful, two-way communication opportunities with both teachers and Principal Moore throughout the year. Here is where to go with questions.

- Contact your child's teachers with questions about your child's progress, learning needs, or school events/programs through the Remind app.
- Additional questions or concerns that cannot be addressed by your child's teacher, should be directed to Principal Moore at Rollan.Moore@cpsb.org.
- For help on how you can support student learning at home, including questions about homework and using technology, visit our Parent Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., or attend one of our upcoming parent workshops.

Supporting Student Learning

Why should families support student learning at home?

- Learning should not end in the classroom.
- You play an important role in setting high expectations for learning.
- You can help your child become successful both in and outside the classroom.

Support starts with meaningful conversations:

- Find out what your child knows.
- Discover what your child should be able to do.
- Talk to your child regularly about schoolwork.
- Meet and speak with your child's teacher(s) regularly.

Tools and Resources to Support Parents: General

Below are additional resources that you can access to further support your child's learning at home.

Louisiana's Family Support Toolbox Library: information on standards, test results, and all parent guides www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox

Great Kids Milestones: free online collection of videos showing what success looks like in reading, writing, and mathematics in grades K–12 www.greatschools.org/gk/milestones/

Eureka Mathematics Support Page: free online site to support students in schools that have adopted the Eureka mathematics curriculum www.greatminds.org/math/parents

LearnZillion: free online site to support students in schools that have adopted the ELA Guidebooks curriculum www.learnzillion.com/resources/81666-english-language-arts-guidebook-units

PTA Family Guides: tips for helping your child succeed in key learning areas.
<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/family-guide>

Agenda

- **Looking Back at 2017-2018**
- 2018-2019 Priorities
- Student Learning in 2018-2019
- Measuring Student Success in 2018-2019
- Supporting Student Learning at Home
- Appendix