

# Louisiana Believes

## 2018-2019 State Initiatives

# Objective

- To increase awareness of LDOE's academic strategy.
- Understand the impact that curricular choices, professional development, and assessments have on student achievement.

**Initiatives-** leading actions, plan or process to achieve something.

**Start with the overall goal  what is it going to take to get there?**

# Core Academics

Overall goal is to ensure **every child** is on track to college or a professional career ([LA State Plan](#))



**Academic Strategy**  
How are we going to assist our teachers with teaching and our students with learning?



# What is Curriculum?

Curriculum refers to the lessons and academic content taught in a school or in a specific course or program.

Curriculum is the framework that teachers use to plan instruction for their students.

Curriculum (or curricula) is defined broadly to include four basic components:

1. **Goals:** The benchmarks or expectations for teaching and learning, often made explicit in the form of a scope and sequence of skills to be addressed;
2. **Methods:** The specific instructional methods for the teacher, often described in a teacher's edition; (*content vs. process*)
3. **Materials:** The media and tools that are used for teaching and learning;
4. **Assessment:** The reasons for and methods of measuring student progress.

# Academic Strategy For Curriculum

The Department assists local school systems in selecting high-quality curriculum by:

- **Reviewing curriculum for quality and supporting districts in accessing the best materials:**
  - [Instructional Materials Review process](#)
- **Building high-quality tools to fill in the gaps where needed:**
  - [ELA Guidebooks 2.0](#)

## Curriculum

LDOE leads an online review of instructional materials to determine the degree of alignment with state content standards to support school systems with their purchase decisions. Each local school system should determine if what they are using is appropriate to meet the educational needs of their students.

**Tier 1 - Exemplifies Quality**

**Tier 2 - Approaching Quality**

**Tier 3 - Not representing Quality**



# Instructional Material Review Rubric

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/ONLINE-INSTRUCTIONAL-MATERIALS-REVIEWS/curricular-resources-annotated-reviews>

**TIER 1**

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

File	Download
Abrams Learning Trends - DIG Develop. Inspire. Grow.ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Children's Literacy Initiative - Blueprint for Early Literacy, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Frog Street Press - Frog, ECE Ages 0-3	<a href="#">Download</a>
Frog Street Press - Frog Street Pre-K, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Frog Street - Frog Street Threes ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Great Minds - Eureka Math, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - Big Day for Pre-K, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Kaplan Early Learning Company - Learn Every Day, The Program for Infants, Toddlers and Twos, ECE Ages 0-3	<a href="#">Download</a>
KinderCare Education LLC - Early Foundations Infant-Toddler, ECE Ages 0-3	<a href="#">Download</a>
Pearson Education, Inc. - Opening the World of Learning OWL, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Robert-Leslie - Little InvestiGators, ECE Ages 0-3	<a href="#">Download</a>
Robert-Leslie - InvestiGators Club Preschool, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, 3rd Ed., ECE Ages 0-3	<a href="#">Download</a>
Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, ECE Ages 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>
Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc. - We Can Early Learning Curriculum, ECE 3-4	<a href="#">Download</a>

**BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS**

**ELA/LITERACY**

File	Download
iSTEOP - Advanced Literacy Assessment ELA Grades 4-5	<a href="#">Download</a>
iSTEOP - Advanced Literacy Assessment, ELA Grades 6-8	<a href="#">Download</a>
iSTEOP - Advanced Literacy Assessment, ELA Grade 9	<a href="#">Download</a>
Achievement Network - ELA Interim Assessments, Grades 3-5	<a href="#">Download</a>
Achievement Network - ELA Interim Assessments, Grades 6-8	<a href="#">Download</a>

**MATHEMATICS**

File	Download
Achievement Network - Math Interim Assessments, Grades 3-5	<a href="#">Download</a>
Achievement Network - Math Interim Assessments, Grades 6-8	<a href="#">Download</a>
TE21, Inc. - CASE Benchmark Assessments, Math Grades 3 and 5	<a href="#">Download</a>
TE21, Inc. - CASE Benchmark Assessments, Math Grade 8	<a href="#">Download</a>

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<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/curricular-resources>

<p>Materials and activities reflect a wide range of experiences for skill development.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>6b)</b> Additional/supplemental materials and activities are suggested that appeal to children’s interests in order to deepen motivation, enjoyment and learning.</p>		
<p><b>7. SCAFFOLDING AND SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Materials/activities provide all children with opportunities and support to meet the standards.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>FOR ALL CURRICULUM TYPES:</b>  <b>7a)</b> Appropriate suggestions and clear instructions are provided to support the varying needs of children (e.g. for English language learners, children with special needs, etc.). Examples may include additional, alternate or modified activities or materials.</p>		
<p><b>8. ACTIVITIES/ MATERIALS SUPPORTING PARENTAL PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>FOR ALL CURRICULUM TYPES:</b>  <b>8a)</b> Provides a variety of activities to extend learning from the classroom into the home.</p>		

**FINAL EVALUATION:**  
*Tier 1 ratings* receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all Non-Negotiable indicators AND Additional Indicators of Quality.  
*Tier 2 ratings* receive a “Yes” in Column 1 for all Non-Negotiable indicators but may receive “No” rating(s) for the Additional Indicators of Quality.  
*Tier 3 ratings* receive a “No” in Column 1 for one or more of the Non-Negotiable indicators.

**Compile the results of Sections I and II to make a final decision for the material under review**

# What is Assessment?

Assessment refers a variety of methods or tools that educators use to measure academic readiness, learning progress, or educational needs of students.

## Types of Assessment:

Formative- to inform teaching and learning while it's happening

Summative- to evaluate learning/progress at the conclusion of an instructional period





# Measuring Results: Assessments

## K–2 Assessments include:

- Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP-K)
- Developing Skills Checklist (DSC)
- *GOLD@*
- K-3 Literacy Screening Assessment (District selected; LDOE approved)

## Assessments in grades 3–8 include:

- LEAP 2025
- National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)
- Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Connect
- Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA1) *science only*
- English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)

## High School Assessments for 2017-2018 include:

- End-of-Course (EOC): English III, Biology, U.S. History
- LEAP 2025: English I & II, Algebra I, Geometry, U.S. History
- American College Test (ACT)
- WorkKeys
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Connect
- English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)

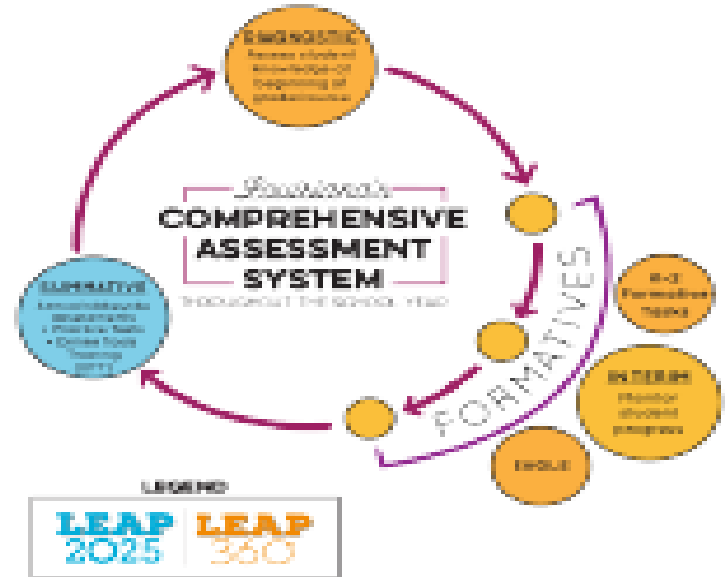
# Academic Strategy for Assessments

The Department assists local school systems in selecting aligned assessments by:

## Assessments

**LEAP 360** is an optional, free high-quality assessment system that provides educators with a complete picture of student learning at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year. Diagnostic, Interims, K-2 formative assessments and EAGLE.

- LEAP 360 Free for next year



# What is Professional Development?

Professional Development is specialized training or professional learning intended to help administrators, teachers, and other educators improve their professional knowledge, competence, skill, and effectiveness.

*How will you grow?*



# Academic Strategy For Professional Development

The Department assists local school systems in selecting high-quality professional development by:

- **Collaborations, Teacher Leader Summit, Content Leader & Mentor Training**



- **Providing ongoing training and instructional resources around high-quality curricula:**
  - [Professional Development Vendor Guide](#)
  - [Instructional Resources by Grade](#)
  - [Instructional Resource by Content](#)

# Professional Development

PD Vendor guide identifies vendors who specialize in helping districts and schools with each stage of designing and implementing a cohesive academic system.

## **STEP 1: Introductory district-wide curriculum/assessment training**

Provide pre-service PD for teachers that builds their familiarity with the structure, approach, and key components of high-quality curricula and assessments.

## **STEP 2: School-based curriculum training**

Build teachers' ability to use their high-quality curricula and assessments.

## **STEP 3: On-going curriculum-focused coaching**

Deepen teachers' knowledge of content and content pedagogy, build teachers' skill in using student data to meet the needs of all learners, and foster teacher leadership and collaboration.





# PD Vendor Guide

## School System Support Toolbox

### Math

Vendor	Aligned Tier 1 Product(s)	Introductory district-wide curriculum / assessment training	School-based curriculum training	On-going curriculum-focused coaching
The Charles A. Dana Center	Agile Minds*, Engage NY, Eureka	✓	✓	
Great Minds	Eureka Math Grades Prek-11*	✓	✓	
Instruction Partners	Engage NY, Eureka	✓	✓	✓
Leading Educators	Engage NY, Eureka	✓	✓	✓
School Kit	Engage NY, Eureka	✓	✓	✓
SpringBoard - The College Board	SpringBoard*	✓	✓	✓
UnboundEd	EngageNY, Eureka	✓		
The Math Learning Center	Bridges in Math Number Corner*	✓		
TE21, Inc.	CASE benchmark assessments Grades 3, 5,8 and Algebra 1*	✓	✓	✓
Zearn, Inc.	Zearn*	✓	✓	
Achievement Network (ANet)	ANet Math Interim Assessments Grades 3-5*	✓		✓

### Social Studies

Vendor	Aligned Tier 1 Product(s)	Introductory district-wide curriculum / assessment training	School-based curriculum training	On-going curriculum-focused coaching
The Choices Program	The Choices Program-US History, World History, World Geography and Civics Grades 9-12*	✓	✓	
The DBQ Project	Mini-Qs Grades 4-7 and 9-12	✓	✓	
The Gilder Lehrman Institute	Teaching with Documents, The Twentieth Century, 1946-2001, US History	✓	✓	

*Contact Information*  
*Description*  
*Timeframe*  
*Cost at a Glance*





# Thank you!

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