

# Louisiana Report Card

## On Major Education Indicators

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Council for A Better Louisiana

### HOW ARE WE DOING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION?

BY ALMOST ANY MEASURE LOUISIANA STUDENTS ARE PERFORMING AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS SINCE THE STATE'S SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM BEGAN IN 1998-99. OVER THAT PERIOD WE HAVE SEEN STEADY GAINS IN EVERY AREA OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE THAT WE MEASURE. THE CHALLENGE WE FACE TODAY IS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE THAT GROWTH, ACCELERATE IT, CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS THAT EXIST, AND MOVE UP IN RANKINGS COMPARED TO OTHER STATES.

Over the years we have done much to improve student performance. We have raised academic standards, improved assessments, expanded early childhood education, and enhanced quality school choice options for students in low-performing schools. In doing so, we have seen positive results:

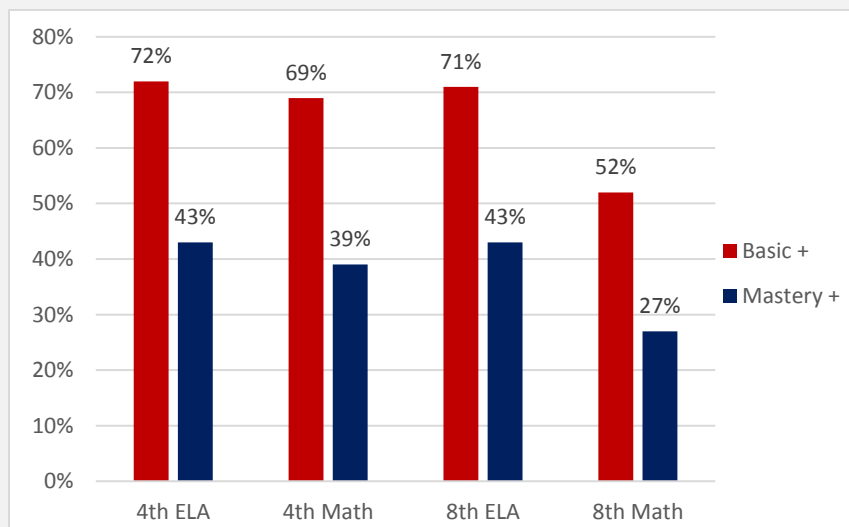
- Overall student performance has improved
- Louisiana students have seen significant growth compared to other states on national tests
- Graduation rates have improved
- ACT scores are growing at significant rates



Louisiana's challenge is to not allow our progress to stall, but to continue to improve in the face of threats to the very policies that have sparked our growth.

### State LEAP Tests: Mastery is the Goal for All of our Students

% Students Achieving At/Above "Basic" and Those At/Above "Mastery" level, Spring 2017



Grade-level knowledge and skills measured by LEAP: 1-Unsatisfactory, 2-Approaching Basic, 3-Basic (minimum - previous state goal), 4-Mastery (new state goal), 5-Advanced

## NATIONAL MEASURES

**2018 QUALITY COUNTS** *Education Week, January 2018*

	Louisiana	National
<b>Ranking</b>		
- Chance for Success	C-	49th
- K-12 Achievement	D	49th
- School Finance	C-	28th
<b>Overall Grade</b>	<b>D-</b>	<b>47th</b>

### NAEP NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

NAEP is a program in which Louisiana voluntarily participates, as do all other states. NAEP tests are given to a sample of students in reading, math, science, and writing on a rotating basis every two years. **For 2015 in math and reading, students at national “proficient” level & national rank:**

4 <sup>th</sup> Reading	29% (up from 2013), ranked 43th
4 <sup>th</sup> Math	30% (up from 2013), ranked 45th
8 <sup>th</sup> Reading	23% (static), ranked 48th
8 <sup>th</sup> Math	18% (down from 2013), ranked 49th

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SCORES AND LETTER GRADES, FALL 2017

Letter Grade	# of Schools	% of Schools
A	264	20.5%
B	351	27.2%
C	343	26.6%
D	233	18.1%
F	97	7.5%
T (transitional)	1	<1%

*SPSs and corresponding Letters Grades are based on a formula of test scores (LEAP, ACT, End of Course, AP), graduation rates, courses, diplomas and bonus points. 2015-16 reflects the first year of a new 2-year baseline to gauge how Louisiana students are achieving on more rigorous content standards in core subjects.*

## KEY OUTCOMES FOR

### LOUISIANA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



**Dropouts:** The number of public school dropouts in grades 7-12 declined from 15-16,000+ annually in the early 2000s to 10-11,000 dropouts annually in recent years. It remains a serious issue with 10,264 students dropping out according to the most recent data.

**Cohort graduation rate:** More high school students are **graduating on time** with the state posting a cohort graduation rate of **77%** (freshmen who graduated in four years) in **2016**, up from 64.8% in 2006.

**End-of-Course Tests (2016 & 2017 combined) % students who scored ‘Good’ or ‘Excellent’** (Range: Needs Improvement, Fair, Good, Excellent)

Algebra 1 - 62%	Biology – 56%
English 2 - 68%	U.S. History – 62%

### ACT Average (2017)

- Louisiana = **19.6** (out of 36) with all seniors taking the exam; an increase of .1 from previous year. U.S. average = 21.0.
- Since 2012, **7,397 more students scored 18 or higher and can enter some form of college in the state for a total of 25,704 in 2017.**
- **15,406 met ACT Benchmarks for College Readiness** (75% chance of a ‘C’ or better in college core subjects).

### Remedial courses

**34% college freshmen** (2012) who graduated from public high schools had to take non-credit remedial courses

### Advance Placement (college) courses (2016)

- Public high school students **taking AP® tests have vastly increased** from 6,639 in 2012 to 19,193 in 2016.
- **Students making a “Qualifying” or passing score (3+ out of 5) on AP® Exams increased 9.9% from 2016 to 2017** -- that equates to 588 more graduates with AP® college credits for a total of 6,519 in 2016.
- Louisiana **ranks low nationally** on the % of students who took the AP® courses and actually made a passing score: only 34%.

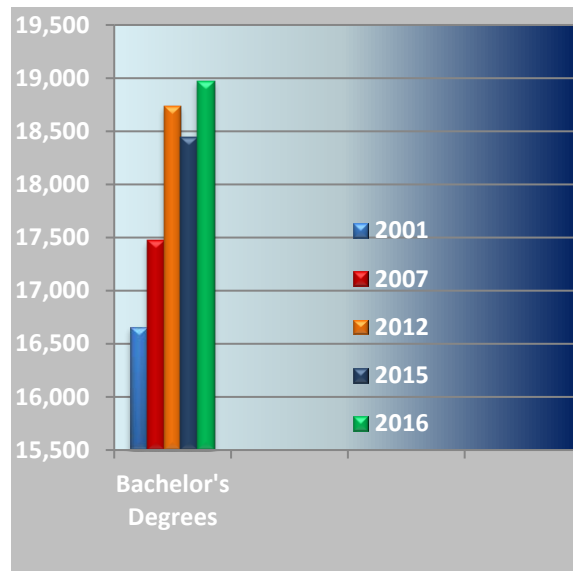
**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF ADULTS**  
**AGE 25 OR OVER (2015) Bachelor Degree or Higher**  
**LA: 22.5% SREB States: 26.8% (2013)**  
**US: 29.8%**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREES**  
**Awarded from 2-year & technical colleges (public)**  
**2005 2013**  
**2,567 5,404**

**POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT (FTE) 2015**  
*in Louisiana...*  
**4-year colleges/universities 68.7%**  
**2-year community/technical colleges 31.3%**  
*in the South...*  
**4-year colleges/universities 54.8%**  
**2-year community/technical colleges 45.2%**



## BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED, LOUISIANA



## Louisiana Public College 6-Year Graduation Rates (Full-time freshmen cohort; as reported by the Louisiana Board of Regents, which includes transfers.)

Campus	1999 Cohort	2005 Cohort	2010 Cohort	2011 Cohort
LSU – BR	65%	67%	70%	69%
LA Tech	54%	54%	57%	58%
UL, Lafayette	42%	47%	51%	49%
McNeese	34%	39%	44%	43%
Grambling	37%	28%	36%	36%
Northwestern	35%	38%	41%	41%
UL, Monroe	31%	37%	47%	45%
Southeastern	29%	38%	44%	45%
Southern Univ. BR	28%	31%	33%	30%
Nicholls State	29%	40%	51%	49%
UNO	26%	28%	39%	35%
LSU- S	27%	36%	42%	37%
LSU- A	17%	15%	27%	26%
SUNO	9%	n/a	18%	15%
<b>STATE</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>SOUTH (SREB)*</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n/a</b>

\*\*SREB 2009 Cohort rate for the South (56%) does **not** include transfers and reports LA's 6-year graduation rate at 46%.

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