

■ How can I help my child get ready for LAA 1?

You can help by

- reinforcing skills that are targeted on your child's IEP,
- consulting with your child's teacher to determine which Extended Standards are being addressed in classroom instruction,
- reviewing information about curriculum and instruction on the Access Guide for Students with Significant Disabilities Web site, found at <http://sda.doe.louisiana.gov>, and
- reviewing the online information about LAA 1 at <http://www.louisianaschools.net/topics/laa1.html>.

■ For more information, contact

- your child's teacher,
- your school administrator,
- your school district's special education director/supervisor or test coordinator, or
- the Louisiana Department of Education's Help Desk at 1-877-453-2721.

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A Parent's Guide

LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1)



Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11

2013

■ What is LAA 1?

LAA 1 is an assessment instrument designed to evaluate the academic progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities.

■ Why do we have LAA 1?

LAA 1 is used to

- measure the performance of a student who follows an instructional program that addresses state academic Extended Standards,
- plan an appropriate educational program for that student, and
- meet requirements of federal and state laws.

■ When is LAA 1 administered?

LAA 1 is administered annually over several weeks, usually beginning mid-February through the end of March. It is administered at a pace that is appropriate for each student.

■ Who administers LAA 1?

LAA 1 is administered by

- a student's teacher and/or
- a qualified staff member who is knowledgeable about that student's disability.

■ Who may participate in LAA 1?

A student is eligible to participate in LAA 1 when he or she

- follows an instructional program that addresses state academic Extended Standards,
- is enrolled in grades 3 through 8, 10, or 11, and
- meets the LAA 1 participation criteria as determined annually by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team.

■ What is assessed on LAA 1?

Students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 10 complete tasks in English language arts and mathematics. Students in grades 4, 8, and 11 complete tasks in science. The assessment tasks are based on academic Extended Standards that are extensions of the state's content standards. The Extended Standards address core academic skills that will be needed throughout life. While students may have functional skills included in their IEPs, these skills are not assessed by LAA 1.

■ What exit document will my child receive?

Participation in LAA 1 means that your child is working toward a Certificate of Achievement, rather than a high school diploma.

■ If my child's instruction occurs in the regular education classroom, may he or she participate in LAA 1?

Yes. Placement decisions are made by the IEP team. Participation in LAA 1 does not affect a student's placement.

■ How will I learn the results of my child's performance?

A report of your child's performance in each of the areas assessed is sent to the school district. You will receive a copy from the school.

■ Who else will know my child's LAA 1 results?

Individual student scores are NOT reported to the public. Only the following people have access to your child's LAA 1 results:

- your child's teacher(s),
- members of your child's IEP team, and
- school/district personnel.

