

# Louisiana's K-12 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

## WHAT IS LOUISIANA'S K-12 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM?

The Louisiana school and school system accountability system was developed to

- inform and focus educators through clear expectations for student outcomes; and
- provide objective information about school quality to parents and other community stakeholders.

Annually, public schools in Louisiana receive a **School Performance Score (SPS)** and corresponding letter grade that measures how well they are preparing all of their students for the next grade-level or postsecondary education.

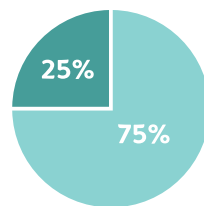
[Watch a quick video on how school performance scores are calculated.\\*](#)

SPS is reported on a scale from zero to 150, and is measured by how well schools perform on the following indices.

LETTER GRADE	SCALE FOR 2017–2018*
A	90–150
B	75–89.9
C	60–74.9
D	50–59.9
F	0–49.9

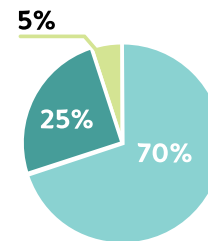
\*Over time, this scale will become more rigorous to ensure that an “A” school in Louisiana, is the same as any in the country.

Elementary School Performance Scores



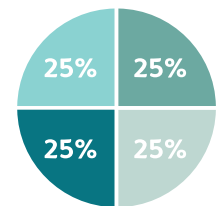
- State Assessment Performance
- Student Progress

Elementary/Middle School Performance Scores (with Grade 8)



- State Assessment Performance
- Student Progress
- Credit Accumulation in 9th Grade

High School Performance Scores



- State Assessment Performance and Progress
- ACT/WorkKeys
- Strength of Diploma
- Graduation Rate

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO EARN AN “A” IN LOUISIANA?

### Student Performance on State Assessments:

Students are achieving **“Mastery” or higher** on state assessments.



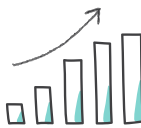
### ACT:

Students average a score of **21 or higher** on the ACT.



### Student Progress:

Regardless of where a student starts at the beginning of the year, they progress throughout the school year and are on track to **achieve “Mastery”**.



### Strength of Diploma:

Students graduate **on time in four years** and schools earn additional points for students in **college-level classes** or **earning Jump Start credentials**.



### Dropout Credit Accumulation Index:

Students earn **six or more credits by 9th grade** signaling a successful transition from middle school.



### Cohort Graduation Rate:

Nine out of 10 students in each high school cohort **graduate in four years**.

