

# 2020-2021 INTERESTS & OPPORTUNITIES

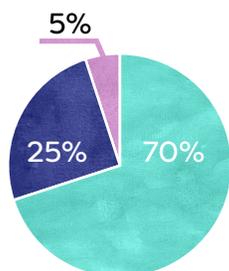
## PURPOSE

Louisiana's ESSA plan proposed an Interest and Opportunities indicator to measure whether schools are providing students with access to well-rounded education, exposing them to diverse areas of learning in which they can develop their skills and talents.

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SCORE FORMULAE

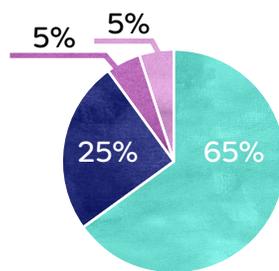
Louisiana is utilizing the following formulae when evaluating school performance:

### Elementary Schools



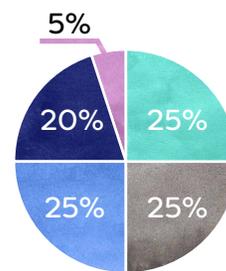
- Assessment Index (including Progress to English Language Proficiency)
- Growth Index
- Interests & Opportunities

### Elementary/Middle Schools (with Grade 8)



- Assessment Index (including Progress to English Language Proficiency)
- Growth Index
- Interests & Opportunities
- Dropout Credit Accumulation Index

### High Schools



- Assessment Index: EOC Status & Growth (including Progress to English Language Proficiency)
- ACT/WorkKeys
- Strength of Diploma
- Cohort Graduation Rate
- Interests & Opportunities

## POLICY FOR SY 2020-2021

At its June 2020 meeting, BESE approved a five percent Interests and Opportunities measure for the 2020-2021 school year outlined below.

COMPONENT	GRADE LEVELS
"Hold harmless" policy: If the Interests and Opportunities score results in a lower SPS, the SPS will be calculated without it.	All
Completion of an online survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed by principals, validated by superintendents</li> <li>• Six categories: Health &amp; Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, World Languages, Leadership Development, and Technology &amp; Engineering</li> <li>• A 5-point scale to reflect the school's effort to make services available to all children in the school, and an opportunity to provide both narrative and quantitative facts</li> </ul>	All
Course enrollment in Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and World Languages	K-8 Only

## SURVEY COMPLETION

- **Elementary/Middle Schools:** In the 2020-2021 school year, the Interests and Opportunities index for K-8 schools will be based on equal parts on survey completion and course enrollment.
- **High Schools:** The 2020-2021 Interests and Opportunities index for high schools will be based solely on survey completion.
- **Scoring:** Full completion of the survey by the Department established deadline will result in 75 points for grades K-8 and 150 points for grades 9-12. Failure to complete the survey will result in 0 points.

## COURSE ENROLLMENT

The course enrollment score is defined as the percent of grade K-8 students enrolled in physical education courses, visual arts courses, performing arts courses, and of grade 4-8 students enrolled in world language courses. Additional points towards the score can be earned for students in grades K-3 enrolled in world language courses. The Department will publish a list of course codes for each category.

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