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PURPOSE

This document is designed to assist Louisiana educators in understanding the LEAP 2025 English Language Arts (ELA) assessment for grade 8.

Introduction

All students in grades 3–10 will take the LEAP 2025 ELA assessments, which provide

- questions that have been reviewed by Louisiana educators to ensure their alignment to the Louisiana Student Standards and appropriateness for Louisiana students;
- measurement of the full range of student performance, including the performance of high- and low-performing students; and
- information for educators and parents about student readiness in ELA and whether students are “on track” for college and careers.

Goal of English Language Arts

The goal of English Language Arts is for all students—including those who struggle—to read, understand, and express understanding of complex, grade-level texts. To ensure that all students are able to reach the ELA goal, a teacher must help students build the knowledge and skills necessary to become independent readers and writers and support students throughout the instructional process by using quality, Tier 1, instructional materials that do the following:

- Provide opportunities for all students to meet the grade-level standards through appropriate scaffolds and supports (e.g., Diverse Learners Guide)
- Provide a coherent set of plans that has students engage with texts and ideas repeatedly throughout a unit to build knowledge and tackle big ideas
- Are organized around high-quality texts and meaningful tasks that build content knowledge (e.g., ELA, social studies, science, and the arts) and help students make connections
- Include lessons and sections that build on each other to help develop students’ knowledge and skills
- Integrate reading, writing, and language instruction that focuses on building understanding of texts so that students can express that understanding in a variety of ways
• Include lessons that are organized so the writing process begins with development of understanding to ensure students have something meaningful to write about
• Include a variety of instructional strategies, many of them focused on the importance of discussion in helping students make meaning of a text before they express their understanding in writing
• Offer assessment opportunities that allow teachers to check understanding in a variety of ways and genuinely measure progress and elicit direct, observable evidence of the degree to which students can independently demonstrate the assessed grade-specific standards with appropriately complex text(s)

ASSESSMENT DESIGN

Approach of the LEAP 2025 ELA Assessments

The LEAP 2025 ELA assessments focus on an integrated approach to reading and writing that reflects instruction in an effective ELA classroom and measures students’ understanding of what they read through the following:

• Careful, close reading of complex grade-level literary and informational texts
• A full range of texts from across the disciplines, including science, social studies, and the arts
• Tasks that integrate key ELA skills by asking students to read texts, answer reading and vocabulary questions about the texts, and then write using evidence from what they have read
• Questions worth answering, ordered in a way that builds meaning
• A focus on students citing evidence from texts when answering questions about a specific passage or when writing about a set of related passages
• A focus on words that matter most in texts, are essential to understanding a particular text, and include context that allows a student to determine literal and figurative meanings
The LEAP 2025 ELA tests have three sessions that consist of tasks and passage sets. Students take two tasks: the Research Simulation Task and either the Literary Analysis Task or the Narrative Writing Task.

The tasks are described below.

- **Research Simulation Task**: mirrors the research process by presenting three texts on a given topic. Students answer a set of selected-response questions about the texts and then write an extended response about some aspect of the related texts (e.g., point of view/purpose, evaluate argument/claims, relationship of ideas, primary and secondary sources).

- **Literary Analysis Task**: provides students an opportunity to show their understanding of literature. It asks students to read two literary texts, answer a set of selected-response questions about the texts, and write an extended response that compares and/or explains key ideas or elements in the texts (e.g., differences in points of view of characters; effect of dialogue or events in passages; analysis of themes, structure).

- **Narrative Writing Task**: asks students to read a literary text, answer a set of selected-response questions about the text, and then create a narrative related to the text (e.g., finish the story, retell the story in another narrative form or from a different point of view). Students should make sure that they create narrative, not expository, responses.

**Session 1** consists of either the Literary Analysis Task and a passage set with one text or the Research Simulation Task.

**Session 2** consists of either the Research Simulation Task or the Narrative Writing Task and a passage set with one or two texts.

**Session 3**, Reading Literary/Informational Texts, consists of passage sets only. The reading selections may include fiction (e.g., short stories, novel and drama excerpts, poems) and non-fiction (e.g., informational texts from across the disciplines of science, history, and the arts). Students will answer only selected-response questions about each text. No writing is included in this session.

**NOTE**: **Session 3** will include 2 operational passage sets and 1 additional passage set that is being field tested. Each passage set includes one text or a pair of related texts and 4 or 6 questions about the text(s). Only a student’s performance on the operational passages will count towards a student’s final score. The field-test questions do **not** count towards a student’s final score on the test; they provide information that will be used to help develop future test forms.

The table on the next page outlines the two possible designs of the Grade 8 ELA assessment. The first part of the table shows the test design when the Literary Analysis Task is administered, while the second part of the table shows the test design when the Narrative Writing Task is administered.
### Grade 8 ELA Test Design—Literary Analysis Task (LAT) Administered

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Literary Analysis Task (LAT) AND Passage Set with one text</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>6 SR and 1 PCR (31 points) 4 SR (8 points)</td>
<td>LAT: RL standards; vocabulary standards RL.4, L.4, and L.5; writing standards W.1–2, 4, 9–10; conventions standards L.1–2, plus language skills from previous grades; Reading Set: RL and RI standards and vocabulary standards RL.4, RI.4, L. 4, and L.5</td>
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<td>Research Simulation Task (RST)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8 SR and 1 PCR (35 points)</td>
<td>RI standards; vocabulary standards RI.4, L.4 and L.5; writing standards W.1–2, 4, 7–10; conventions standards L.1–2, plus language skills from previous grades</td>
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<td>Reading Literary/Informational Texts</td>
<td>2-3*</td>
<td>10 SR* (20 points)</td>
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SR: Selected-Response Items—includes two-part items (EBSR), multiple-select items, and technology-enhanced items

PCR: Prose Constructed Response—requires an extended written response

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<td>Narrative Writing Task (NWT) AND Passage Set with one text or a pair of related texts</td>
<td>2-3</td>
<td>4 SR and 1 PCR (23 points) 6 SR (12 points)</td>
<td>NWT: RL standards; vocabulary standards RL.4, L.4-5; writing standards W.3-4; conventions standards L.1-2, plus language skills from previous grades; Reading Set: RL and RI standards and vocabulary standards RL.4, RI.4, L. 4, L.5</td>
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REPORTING CATEGORIES

Student performance on the LEAP 2025 ELA assessments will be reported by category and subcategory as outlined in the following table.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Subcategory</th>
<th>Subcategory Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reading</td>
<td>Reading Literary Text</td>
<td>Students read and demonstrate comprehension of grade-level fiction, drama, and poetry.</td>
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<td>Reading Informational Text</td>
<td>Students read and demonstrate comprehension of grade-level non-fiction, including texts about history, science, and the arts.</td>
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<td>Reading Vocabulary</td>
<td>Students use context to determine the meaning of words and phrases in grade-level texts.</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
<td>Written Expression</td>
<td>Students use details from provided texts to compose well-developed, organized, clear writing.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Written Knowledge and Use of Language Conventions</td>
<td>Students use the rules of Standard English (grammar, mechanics, and usage) to compose writing.</td>
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These reporting categories provide parents and educators valuable information about
- overall student performance, including readiness to continue further studies in English language arts;
- student performance broken down by subcategories, which may help identify when students need additional support or more challenging work in reading and writing; and
- how well schools and school systems are helping students achieve higher expectations.

Achievement-Level Definitions

Achievement-level definitions briefly describe the expectations for student performance at each of Louisiana’s five achievement levels:

- **Advanced**: Students performing at this level have *exceeded* college and career readiness expectations, and are well prepared for the next level of studies in this content area.
- **Mastery**: Students performing at this level have *met* college and career readiness expectations, and are prepared for the next level of studies in this content area.
- **Basic**: Students performing at this level have *nearly met* college and career readiness expectations, and may need additional support to be fully prepared for the next level of studies in this content area.
- **Approaching Basic**: Students performing at this level have *partially met* college and career readiness expectations, and will need much support to be prepared for the next level of studies in this content area.
- **Unsatisfactory**: Students performing at this level have *not yet met* the college and career readiness expectations, and will need extensive support to be prepared for the next level of studies in this content area.
Achievement-Level Descriptors

Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs) indicate what a typical student at each level should be able to demonstrate based on his or her command of grade-level standards. The Grade 8 ELA ALDs are written for the two assessment categories of Reading and Writing.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

Administration Schedule

The computer-based testing window opens March 30, 2020, and runs through May 1, 2020. The school or district test coordinator will communicate the testing schedule. All LEAP 2025 tests are timed. No additional time is permitted, except for students who have a documented extended time accommodation (e.g., an IEP).

The table below shows the session information for the grade 8 ELA assessment.

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<td>Session 1 Literary Analysis Task and a passage set with one text OR Research Simulation Task</td>
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<td>Session 2 Research Simulation Task OR Narrative Writing Task and a passage set with one text or a pair of related texts</td>
<td>90 minutes</td>
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<td>Session 3 Reading Literary and Informational Texts</td>
<td>80 minutes</td>
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Scheduling Requirements for Computer-Based Testing

Computer-based testing allows school systems some flexibility in scheduling. However, to reduce incidences of testing irregularities, school systems must adhere to the following scheduling and administration practices:

- Testing students in the same grade level across the school at or very close to the same time
- Completing makeup testing for students immediately upon their return
- Limiting student interaction during breaks between test sessions
- Isolating students who have not completed testing for the day (e.g., students with extended time accommodation)
- Preventing interaction between groups of students taking the same tests at different times within a testing day
- Requiring the completion of a session once it is opened (i.e., limiting the reopening of test sessions)
- Taking the sessions within a content area in the correct order (e.g., ELA Session 1 taken before ELA Session 2)
We also recommend

- limiting sessions to no more than three in one day for a student; and
- administering no more than one session that includes an extended-response task or writing prompt (i.e., grades 5-8 Social Studies Session 2, ELA Session 1, and ELA Session 2) in a day to an individual student.

For more information about the scheduling of the CBT and administration policies, refer to the Computer-Based Test Scheduling Guidance document, found in the LDOE Assessment library.

**Online Tools**

Students will enter their answers into the online testing system. The way each answer is entered depends on the item type. For example, for an EBSR item with one correct answer in each part, a student will click on the circle next to the correct answer in Part A and in Part B. When responding to a PCR, students will type their essays into a response box, like the one shown on the right.

The toolbar at the top of the response box allows students to undo or redo an action; add boldface, italics, or underlining to their response; and check the spelling of words in their response. There is a limit to the number of characters that can be typed into the response box; however, it is set well beyond what a student might produce given the LEAP 2025 essay expectations and time limits. The character count is not included on the response box so students focus on the quality of their essays rather than the amount of writing.

The online tests include the following tools, which allow a student to select answer choices, “mark” items, eliminate answer options, take notes, enlarge the item, and guide the reading of a text or an item line by line. A help tool is also featured to assist students as they use the online system.

- Pointer tool
- Sticky Note tool
- Help tool
- Highlighter tool
- Magnifying tool
- Cross-Off tool
- Line Guide

All students should work through the Online Tools Training (available in INSIGHT or [here](#) using the Chrome browser) to practice using the online tools so they are well prepared to navigate the online testing system.
Permitted Testing Materials

Students will be permitted to have school-issued scratch paper only, which can be used to help students prepare their written responses. Students will not be allowed to use dictionaries and thesauruses on any part of the test. Because the ELA tests integrate reading and writing, the use of a dictionary or thesaurus would compromise the measurement of many reading standards. For example, a student would be able to look up key vocabulary words or other words essential to measuring a student’s understanding of a text. Definitions will be provided as footnotes for words that are important to understanding the text but do not have sufficient context. The scoring of the written responses takes into account the absence of such resources and the time constraints of each task.

For information about accessibility features and accommodations, please refer to the LEAP 2025 Accessibility and Accommodations Manual.

Item Types

The LEAP 2025 ELA assessments include several types of items, as described below. For more information about how to score the different item types, see the LEAP 2025 ELA Practice Test Guidance.

1) **Evidence-Based Selected Response (EBSR):** This item type consists of two parts; one part asks students to show their understanding of a text and the other part asks students to identify evidence to support that understanding. The EBSR items are worth two points, and students can earn partial credit (1 point).

2) **Multiple Select (MS):** This item type asks students to choose more than one correct answer and may appear as a one-part question or as part of an EBSR item. Whenever this item type is used, the question always identifies in boldface print the number of correct answers required. The MS items are worth two points, and students can earn partial credit (1 point).

3) **Technology Enhanced (TE):** This item type uses technology to capture student comprehension of texts. Each TE item is worth two points, and students can earn partial credit (1 point). The Online Tools Training, available in INSIGHT or here using the Chrome browser, will allow students to practice answering TE questions to prepare for the test. For a summary of the different kinds of TE items and where to find examples of each type, refer to LEAP 2025 Technology-Enhanced Item Types.

4) **Prose Constructed Response (PCR):** This item type appears at the end of each of the two tasks and asks students to create an extended and complete written response. It elicits evidence that students have understood a text or texts they have read and can communicate that understanding well, both in terms of written expression and written knowledge and use of language conventions.

There are two grade 8 rubrics used to score the PCRs—one to score student responses to the Literary Analysis Task (LAT) and the Research Simulation Task (RST) and one to score student responses to the Narrative Writing Task (NWT). The table that follows summarizes the scoring of the ELA Tasks at grade 8.
Scoring of Grade 8 Tasks

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<td>Reading Comprehension and Written Expression*</td>
<td>4, 3, 2, 1, or 0</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>LAT/RST Rubric</td>
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<td>3, 2, 1, or 0</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>Research Simulation</td>
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*When scoring the combined Reading Comprehension and Written Expression dimension, the holistic score (4, 3, 2, 1, 0) is determined, based on which score point best describes that response. That holistic score is multiplied by 4. This means that if a student receives a 2 for Reading Comprehension and Written Expression, the student will receive a score of 8 for this dimension. This score is then added to the Conventions score to provide the total score for the RST or the LAT.

SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

This section includes samples of each item type: an Evidence-Based Selected Response (EBSR), a Technology-Enhanced (TE) item, a Multiple-Select (MS) item, and a Prose Constructed Response (PCR).

Information associated with the sample items (i.e., answer keys/rubric and standards alignment) is located in the Appendix. Some of the sample items, and the passages associated with them, are also included in the Online Tools Training, available in INSIGHT or here using the Chrome browser.
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**Plate Tectonics: Moving and Shaking**

There are a few handfuls of major plates and dozens of smaller, or minor, plates. Six of the majors are named for the continents embedded within them, such as the North American, African, and Antarctic plates. Though smaller in size, the minors are no less important when it comes to shaping the Earth. The tiny Juan de Fuca plate is largely responsible for the volcanoes that dot the Pacific Northwest of the United States.

The plates make up Earth’s outer shell, called the lithosphere. (This includes the crust and uppermost part of the mantle.) Churning currents in the molten rocks below propel them along like a jumble of conveyor belts in disrepair. Most geologic activity stems from the interplay where the plates meet or divide.

Which events can be caused when magma rises to Earth’s surface and pushes two more plates apart?

Select three phrases from paragraphs 7 and 8 and drag them into the boxes labeled Effects.
Read the article “Plate Tectonics” and answer the questions that follow.

**Plate Tectonics**

There are a few handfulls of tectonic plates. Six of the major plates such as the North American plate. Due to their size, the minors are not as noticeable, such as the tiny Juan de Fuca plate in the Pacific Northwest of the United States.

The plates make up Earth's outer shell, the crust and uppermost mantle. The immense heat and pressure of rocks below propel the plates. The movement of plates is a result of geologic activity stemming from the Earth's interior, including movement of tectonic plates, mantle convection, and volcanic activity.

The movement of the tectonic plates can be divided into three types: divergent, where plates move away from each other; convergent, where plates move towards each other and collide; and transform, where plates move past each other.

**Convergent Boundaries**

Where plates serving as tectonic boundaries meet, the surface of the earth is affected. This can lead to the creation of mountains and volcanoes and the subduction of oceanic crust. When two plates converge, one may be subducted beneath another. This can lead to the formation of mountain ranges. India moving under the Eurasian Plate, for example, formed the Himalayas.

1. **Cause:** Magma raises and pushes plates apart.

   **Effects**

   - Mountains and volcanoes rise
   - The process renews the ocean floor
   - Mid-ocean ridge system connects the world’s oceans
   - Giant troughs such as the Great Rift Valley in Africa form
   - Eastern Africa will split from the continent to form a new landmass
   - A mid-ocean ridge would then mark the boundary between the plates
Multiple-Select Item

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Part A

In paragraph 1, why does the author describe the boy who was afraid he might some night happen to eat the boy who slept next to him?

(a) to show how the adults in charge at the institution treated the boys

(b) to provide details that develop a major character in the passage

(c) to illustrate how the boys are affected by the conditions at the institution

(d) to offer an example of the way the boys govern themselves in the passage
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**Part B**

Which two phrases offer additional support for the answer to Part A?

- **a** “. . . suffered the tortures of slow starvation . . .” (paragraph 1)

- **b** “. . . one boy, who was tall for his age, and hadn’t been used to that sort of thing . . .” (paragraph 1)

- **c** “A council was held; lots were cast. . . .” (paragraph 1)

- **d** “The master, in his cook’s uniform, stationed himself at the copper. . . .” (paragraph 2)

- **e** “. . . he was desperate with hunger, and reckless with misery.” (paragraph 2)

- **f** “The assistants were paralysed with wonder. . . .” (paragraph 4)
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**from Oliver Twist**

by Charles Dickens

1. The room in which the boys were fed, was a large stone hall, with a copper at one end: out of which the master, dressed in an apron for the purpose, and assisted by one or two women, ladled the gruel at meal-times. Of this festive composition each boy had one porringer, and no more—except on occasions of great public rejoicing, when he had two ounces and a quarter of bread besides. The bowls never wanted washing. The boys polished them with their spoons till they shone again; and when they had performed this operation (which never took very long, the spoons being nearly as large as the bowls), they would sit staring at the copper, with such eager eyes, as if they could have devoured the very bricks of which it was composed, employing themselves, meanwhile, in sucking their fingers most assiduously, with the view of catching up any stray splashes of gruel that might have been cast thereon. Boys have generally excellent appetites. Oliver Twist and his

Both Charles Dickens and James Joyce incorporate dialogue into their passages.

Use evidence you have gathered from both passages to write an essay analyzing how the dialogue in each passage functions to reveal aspects of the characters. You should discuss more than one character from each passage.
RESOURCES

K-12 ELA Resources Library
- Louisiana Student Standards in ELA: provides comprehensive information about interpreting and implementing the standards
- K-12 ELA Planning Resources: provides guidance for planning and implementing quality ELA instruction, which include a variety of instructional strategies
- ELA Guidebooks: presents a whole-class curriculum made by teachers for teachers and focused on real learning grounded in a collection of texts
- Getting Started Resources: includes writing and reading Approach Guides, Learning Tools, and Instructional Strategies
- Instructional Materials Review Rubrics: provides links to rubrics used to evaluate K-12 instructional, assessment, and intervention materials
- EL Guidebook: provides guidance to schools to help implement high-quality instruction for English Learners

Assessment Guidance Library
- Assessment Development Educator Review Committees: describes the item development process and the associated committees, includes information on applying for participation

Practice Test Library
- LEAP 2025 Grade 8 ELA Practice Test and Answer Key helps prepare students for the spring assessments and provides scoring information for teachers
- LEAP 2025 ELA Practice Test Guidance: provides guidance on how teachers might better use the ELA practice tests to support their instructional goals
- Practice Test Quick Start Guide: provides information regarding administration and scoring of the online practice tests

Teacher Leader Library: contains workshop materials from Teacher Leader collaborations and the annual Teacher Summit

Assessment Library
- LEAP 2025 Technology-Enhanced Item Types: provides a summary of the different kinds of technology-enhanced items students may encounter in any CBT across courses and grade-levels
- LEAP 2025 Accessibility and Accommodations Manual: provides information about accessibility features and accommodations
- LEAP 360: offers optional, high-quality non-summative assessment system that includes diagnostic and interim assessments
- PARCC’s Released Items: includes sample student work that teachers can use as models for scoring tasks that are similar to the summative assessment tasks

eDirect
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INSIGHT™
- Online Tools Training: allows students to become familiar with the tools available in the online testing platform or here using the Chrome browser
- LEAP 2025 Grade 8 ELA CBT Practice Test: helps prepare students for the spring assessments

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## APPENDIX

### Answer Key/Rubric and Alignment Information for Sample Items

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