Below are assessment updates for the **2018-2019 school year**. For more assessment information, refer to the [Assessment Library](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) and [Assessment Guidance Library](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment-guidance), or contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov).

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| **Birth-Pre-K** | - All early childhood programs with publicly funded children enrolled will assess children under one GOLD license.  
- Sites will be given flexibility to assess children using more or less than the default 70% of items. | [Early Childhood 2018-2019 GOLD Guidance](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |
| **K-3** | - DRDP and GOLD are the Kindergarten Readiness assessment options.  
- DIBELS Next, STEEP, and STEP are the K-3 Literacy assessment options.  
- Results from K-Readiness and K-3 Literacy screenings will be submitted in SIS. | [K-3 Assessment Guidance](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |
| **LEAP 2025 Grades 3-8** | - The LEAP 2025 Science assessments will be operational.  
  o The 2018-2019 school performance score will come from the adjusted 2016-2017 science index or the 2018-2019 science index, whichever is higher.  
- Practice tests for ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science will be available for teacher access in September and student access in January. | [Assessment Guides](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment)  
[Practice Test Library](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |
| **LEAP 2025 High School** | - Only the LEAP 2025 US History assessment will be available. The US History EOC (4-level) assessment will no longer be administered.  
- Graduating students and re-testers, not enrolled in the course, will take the Biology EOC (4-level) assessment in order to receive in-window results.  
- LEAP 2025 Biology assessment results will be released in the Summer of 2019 on a similar timeline as the release of the 2018 LEAP 2025 US History results.  
  o A LEAP 2025 Biology practice test is available. | [2018-19 High School Assessment FAQ](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment)  
[Assessment Guides](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |
| **LEAP Connect** | - Students in grade 11 who are eligible for the 1% assessment will participate in the ELA and Math LEAP Connect.  
- The LEAP Connect Online Tools Training (OTT) and Directions for Administration include 11th grade ELA and Math items. | [LEAP Connect Assessment Guide](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment)  
[OTT](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment)  
[LEAP Connect Overview for Teachers](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |
| **ELPS** | - The English Language Proficiency Screener (ELPS), used to identify English Learners, has been open since August. | [AIR Portal](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment)  
[ELPS Guidance](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |
| **National and International Assessments (selected districts only)** | - The International Early Learning Study (IELS) is an international play-based assessment of five-year-olds’ emerging numeracy, literacy, self-regulation, and social emotional skills.  
- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subject areas in 4th, 8th, and 12th grades.  
- The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international online assessment conducted every three years of 15-year-old students that measures how well students apply their knowledge and skills in reading, mathematics, and science.  
- The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) enables countries around the world to measure how effective they are in teaching mathematics and science for the 4th and 8th graders. | [IELS website](https://www.iels.org)  
[NAEP website](https://www.naep.org)  
[PISA website](https://www.pisa.org)  
[TIMSS website](https://timss.bc.edu) |
| **State Placement Test** | - This is a state-administered assessment for students transferring into Louisiana public schools and enrolling in grades 5 and 9. | [State Placement Test Overview](https://www.louisiana.gov/assessment) |