Students transferring into Louisiana public schools and enrolling in grade 5 or grade 9 from any in-state nonpublic school, approved home study program, or out-of-state school, are required to take the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics portions of the appropriate State Placement Test to inform placement decisions and help determine any supports needed to assist struggling students. Students with LEAP 2025 results from the most recent year shall not participate in the State Placement Tests. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) created this fact sheet to provide parents with general information about the test and what you and your child can expect when he or she takes the test.

**KNOW THE TEST**

**ELA AND MATH**

Each test is a computer-based test that is designed to measure students’ knowledge and skills in ELA and math pursuant to Louisiana Student Standards in grade 4 and grade 8. Each portion of the test, ELA and Math, has three sessions.

**The State Placement Test is just one of several indicators, such as report cards and other assessments, that are used to create a complete picture of a student’s readiness for the next grade level. The results from the test will be used to help school systems determine grade placement. Fourth grade students who score below “Basic” must be placed on an individual academic improvement plan. Placement decisions for students entering grade 9 include the possibility of students being placed in transitional 9th grade.**

**TESTING LOGISTICS**

**STATE PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE**

Students will take the State Placement Test in ELA and Math online.

Each session is strictly timed, and no additional time is permitted except for students who have a documented extended time accommodation.

The school system in which your child is enrolling will administer the test according to the processes and schedule determined by the school system.

**TEST RESULTS**

School systems will receive individual student results no later than 4-7 days after a student completes all test sessions. School systems will use these results along with other evidence to determine grade placement and supports needed for your child.

**View the Parent Guide to the State Placement Test Student Reports** to learn more about the results and why they matter for your child.

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**FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO ALL ASSESSMENT RESOURCES, visit the Family Support Toolbox at** [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox)

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For more information about the State Placement Test, email the Department at assessment@la.gov.

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