

# CURRICULUM SUPPORT: LOUISIANA'S APPROACH

## HOW DOES LOUISIANA SUPPORT CURRICULUM IN SCHOOLS?

Selecting and implementing a high-quality curriculum has the biggest impact on student learning. The curriculum must also be connected to standards-aligned assessments and professional development. When these three pieces work together, students are more likely to reach the expectations of the academic standards.

The Louisiana Department of Education assists local school systems in selecting high-quality curriculum and aligning that curriculum with assessments and professional development by:

- **Reviewing curriculum** for quality and supporting districts in accessing the best materials
- Providing **ongoing training** and **instructional resources** around high-quality curricula
- Building high-quality tools to fill in the gaps where needed such as **ELA Guidebooks 2.0**



## WHAT SUCCESS HAS LOUISIANA'S APPROACH TO CURRICULUM HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

### IN THE NEWS

**"Louisiana Threads the Needle on Ed Reform: Education Next"**

<http://educationnext.org/louisiana-threads-the-needle-ed-reform-launching-coherent-curriculum-local-control/>

**"Conducting a State-Centered Curriculum Review: SAP"**

<http://achievethecore.org/aligned/conducting-a-state-centered-curriculum-review/>

**"The Promise of Curriculum: Recent Research on Louisiana's Instructional Reforms: Johns Hopkins"**

<http://edpolicy.education.jhu.edu/wordpress/?p=404>

**"Hiding in plain sight: Leveraging curriculum to improve student learning"**

<https://medium.com/@chiefsforchange/hiding-in-plain-sight-leveraging-curriculum-to-improve-student-learning-116a305b732f>

Over the past four years, Louisiana has reviewed more than 200 curricular programs to determine their alignment to the Louisiana Student Standards. As a result, 47 number of curricula have been deemed "Tier 1", or fully aligned, which have been adopted by over 80 percent of schools systems in the state.

The adoption of "Tier 1" curricula, coupled with aligned assessments and professional development, has resulted in a steady increase in student achievement in grades 3 through 12. Additionally, numerous state Departments of Education, national education advocacy groups, and reporters have visited Louisiana over the past two years to observe how curriculum is being leveraged to significantly impact student learning.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR CURRICULUM IN LOUISIANA?

As schools and educators become more and more familiar with using Tier 1 curricula, Louisiana's focus will shift to strategically supporting struggling students. The Department will continue to ensure that all tools, resources and training provided to schools systems is aligned to high-quality curricula, and that students continue to access grade-level content in their daily instruction. However, the Department will also ensure that teachers and students have access to targeted supports to meet the individual needs of all students in math and English language arts.

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