Louisiana’s Birth to 16 Education System

Kindergarten Readiness
Children have access to quality early childhood programs so that they enter Kindergarten ready to learn.

Elementary & Middle School
Students master grade-level content and are ready to successfully transition to high school.

High School
Students have access to college or career preparatory coursework and graduate qualified for a funded education after high school.

Post-Secondary
Graduates complete university, community college, or workforce training program and assume high-wage employment.

Louisiana’s 2025 Vision
In order for students to enter each level of Louisiana’s education system with the knowledge and skills to be successful, our state must raise the bar for what it means for schools to be rated an “A”. By 2025, schools will earn an “A” when:

Student Proficiency
Students demonstrate mastery of nationally-competitive, grade level content. (Grades 3-12)

Graduation Rate
Students graduate within four years at a rate of 90% or higher.

Pursuit of College & Career
Every graduate has the funding needed to continue their education at the next level.

Louisiana’s Progress to Date
Louisiana’s educators and students have made great progress over the past several years to be on track to reach the 2025 goals.

LEAP
Since implementing new, standards-aligned tests, Louisiana has seen a steady increase in the percentage of students scoring “Mastery” and above statewide.

ACT
The number of students earning a college-going score of at least 18 has increased by 6,980 since 2012, and the number of students scoring 21 or above has increased by 3,896.

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AP
Since 2012, the number of students earning Advanced Placement credit each year has increased by more than 3,800, an increase of more than 167%.

GRADUATION RATE
More students graduated in 2018 than ever before with a graduation rate of 81.4%. An increase of over 5,000 students since 2012, far exceeding the nation’s growth.

TOPS
The number of students annually eligible for TOPS scholarships, or full college tuition, has increased by 18% since 2012.

FINANCIAL AID
In 2019, Louisiana had the highest percentage of students completing the FAFSA by the July 1, 2019 priority deadline, and showed the greatest growth than any other state in the country.

WORKFORCE READY
50.4% of the Class of 2018 earned early college credit or a statewide industry-based credential, valued in high-wage industries.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT
More students enrolled in college in 2018 than ever before, with more than 25,000 pursuing a postsecondary education.

To learn more, view Studying Louisiana State Education Policies—a comprehensive study on Louisiana’s education policies completed by the RAND Foundation in 2019.