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:

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<td>Students demonstrate mastery of nationally-competitive, grade level content. (Grades 3-12)</td>
<td>Students graduate within four years at a rate of 90% or higher.</td>
<td>Every graduate has the funding needed to continue their education at the next level.</td>
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**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.

**NAEP**

Louisiana ranks **No. 1 in the nation** in 2019 for improvement in 8th grade math scale scores and proficiency rates.

**LEAP**

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

**E/M**

Louisiana’s pace of improvement since 2009 in all subjects significantly exceeds national trends.

### E/M NAEP

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**E/M LEAP**

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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%.

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.

The number of students earning a college-going score of at least 18 has increased by 4,980 since 2012, and the number of students scoring 21 or above has increased by 2,833.

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.

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

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.