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My name is Jessica Carman. I am an assistant principal at Northwood High School, a pre-K through 12 school in Rapides Parish. I was a Teacher Leader for four years and have been a Teacher Leader Advisor since 2013. Currently, I write Eagle math items for the LDOE. Being a part of such a dedicated group of educators and being connected to the work put out by the state has been a very important part of my profession.

At my school, we are excited to be taking the first round of high school interim tests and preparing for the upcoming interim tests for grades 3-8. As educators, we're going to use the valuable data from these assessments to help us figure out how to better meet our students' needs. Additionally, these assessments also give our students the opportunity to practice not only LEAP-like questions but also computer-based testing.

Because the students will have the opportunity to take these assessments at least three times this year, I am confident that they will be adequately prepared for [LEAP 2025](#).

We are also anticipating the release of new EAGLE items that will provide teachers with additional high-quality items that can be woven into day-to-day instruction. The design of EAGLE 2.0 for English language arts is evolving to support the implementation of [Guidebooks 2.0](#) through the addition of cold-read tasks while also removing passages and items that do not reflect Louisiana's expectations regarding quality and rigor. In mathematics, the EAGLE 2.0 item bank for each grade level will begin to include new item types like those seen in both LEAP 360 and LEAP 2025 assessments. In social studies, complete item sets are being added in grades 3-8.

Feedback on the [LEAP 360](#) system is being collected as we make improvements to the system via focus groups, email, and site visits. If you would like to provide feedback, email assessment@la.gov for more information. With the resources created by the teacher teams at the LDOE, our teachers and students will have the resources necessary for a successful 2017-2018 school year!

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Instructional Support

ELA: Check Out Resources for Struggling Students

The Department is committed to providing resources for struggling students. There are several student supports available that align with the ELA Guidebooks 2.0 units.

1. [Let's Set the Context videos*](#)
These instructional videos are for students who need extra support with the content and texts in advance of the unit. Assign one or more videos to those selected students to watch on their own on any device. These videos can be found on the "Unit at a Glance" page of each ELA Guidebooks 2.0 unit.
2. Language Links
The Department, in partnership with The Writing Revolution, a national nonprofit organization, has developed resources for ELA teachers in [grade 6](#), [grade 7](#), and [grade 8](#). The Language Links are aligned to the ELA Guidebooks 2.0 units, and are located on the [K-12 ELA Planning Resources](#) page. The sentence-level writing activities in these Language Links provide the foundation students need to write with clarity and fluency. They are also effective tools for teaching content and assessing comprehension.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with any questions.

Social Studies: Preview the Updates for the Grade 7 Social Studies Sample Scope and Sequence Document

The Grade 7 Sample Scope and Sequence document has been updated. This updated document provides instructional tasks which build content knowledge and skill with **sources**, a coherent year-long frame which **makes connections** among content ideas, and assessments which measure how well students **express informed opinions** with evidence and outside knowledge.

- Grade 7 Sample Scope and Sequence Updated - [Word](#)
- Grade 7 Sample Scope and Sequence Updated - [PDF](#)

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Math: Download the Eureka Remediation Tools Webinars

To help teachers better understand and implement the [Eureka Remediation Tools](#), four recorded webinars are posted on the Department's [YouTube page](#).

- [Grades 6-9 - Part 1 of 2](#)
- [Grades 6-9 - Part 2 of 2](#)
- [Grades 4-6 - Part 1 of 2](#)
- [Grades 4-6 - Part 2 of 2](#)

Email louisianastandards@la.gov with questions

Science: Download the Science Scope and Sequence Webinar

[A recorded webinar](#) of the September Collaboration science session, *Louisiana Student Standards for Science: Science Scope and Sequence Documents*, has been posted. In this session, participants explored the new [science scope and sequence documents](#) and phenomenon-based instruction. Participants learned how to use these tools to engage students in learning. Other webinars regarding the new science standards can also be accessed on the Department's [YouTube page](#).

Please email lydia.hill@la.gov for more information.

Professional Development

Student Opportunities: Save the Date for the 2018 Jump Start Convention

Registration for the 2018 Jump Start Convention Registration will be open in [WisdomWhere](#) from November 1, 2017, until January 12, 2018. This year's conference will be held on January 23, 2018, at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge. Session topics will include

- Micro-Enterprise
- CTE Leadership Academy
- K-16 Pathways
- Jump Start and Students with Disabilities
- Building Relationships with Industries
- JAG
- CTTIE
- Jump Start 101
- Jump Start Summer Grants
- Jump Start Scheduling
- EMR, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, CompTIA, NCCER, C4M, and Agriculture Tech credentials
- Counselor Information

Attendees will include school system administrators, high school principals, teachers, professional counselors, Jump Start regional team members, and regional economic development and workforce development organizations.

Please email jumpstart@la.gov with any questions.

Register for the New Orleans Area Conference of the National Science Teachers Association

This year the Louisiana Science Teachers Association (LSTA) is pleased to partner with the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) to hold their [science conference](#), "Celebrate Science: Inspire, Integrate, Innovate," in New Orleans, November 30-December 2, 2017.

With the approval and implementation of the new [Louisiana Student Standards for Science \(LSSS\)](#), the fall conference is well timed to provide Louisiana teachers of science with sessions to improve their understanding of the content of the revised science standards and support instructional strategies that make connections between literacy and science concepts.

Please visit the [NSTA conference site](#) to [register](#).

Assessment

Check Out the ELPT and LEAP Connect Assessment Guide

The guides are now available for the [ELPT Assessment Guide](#) and the [LEAP Connect Assessment Guide](#) in the Assessment Guide Library.

The ELPT Assessment Guide provides information about test design, participation criteria, reporting categories, achievement levels and sample items. The guide also contains rubrics for speaking and writing for each grade band as well as a list of resources for EL teachers.

The LEAP Connect Assessment Guide provides information about test design, participation criteria, standards alignment, levels of complexity, reporting categories, achievement levels, rubrics, sample items and a list of resources.

Please email assessment@la.gov for more information.

Prepare to Administer LEAP 360 Interims

As you prepare to use the LEAP 360 interim assessments, [A Teacher's Guide to LEAP 360](#) provides information on the design of the Interim assessments, including assessable standards, test structure, item types, and reporting categories. The LEAP 360 Interim assessments will help you identify students' misconceptions and learning patterns to adjust instruction and target support (grades 3-8 ELA and math, English I, English II, Algebra I, and Geometry).

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Other Opportunities

Reminder: CTE Leadership Academy for Current and Aspiring CTE Leaders

Are you interested in becoming a career and technical education (CTE) leader in your district? Then register to attend an upcoming informational session on the new [Louisiana CTE Leadership Academy](#). A team of experienced CTE supervisors has collaborated with the Department to launch this new academy and will host nine regional meetings on November 6, 7, and 8 to provide more information to educators interested in becoming a CTE leader or expanding Jump Start in their school. The meetings will include information on

- CTE Leadership Training: elite nine-day program for current and aspiring CTE leaders to earn full leadership certification
- CTE Leadership Academy Badges system: CTE leaders earn mastery badges on critical Jump Start implementation topics

Please visit the [Louisiana CTE Leadership Academy](#) website to learn more and to [register](#) for the November regional leadership meeting near you.

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