

Public School Performance in Louisiana

PK-12 public schools in Louisiana receive a school performance score (SPS) based primarily on how well each student performs on the state's standardized tests (LEAP, iLEAP, and GEE), as well as on drop-out rates and attendance. The scores range from 0.0 to either 236.4 or 266.7 depending on a school's grade configuration.

State Standardized Test Performance Levels

Advanced	200
Mastery	150
Basic	100
Approaching Basic	50
Unsatisfactory.....	0

Louisiana Standardized Tests

- LEAP** Louisiana Educational Assessment Program – high stakes tests administered in grades 4 and 8
- iLEAP** *Integrated LEAP* – tests administered in grades 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 that assess student knowledge of Louisiana standards and rank students against the skill levels of students across the country
- GEE** Graduate Exit Exam – high stakes tests administered in grades 10 and 11

For instance, a school with a school performance score of 100 has students performing at the Basic level, on average (with some adjustment for attendance and drop-out rates).

Louisiana's goal is that all students, not just school averages, are at the basic level or above by 2014.

2008 and 2009 School Performance Labels

Fewer schools were Academically Unacceptable and many more schools earned three stars or higher in 2009 compared to 2008.

