

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 learning. 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 learning by:

- **Reviewing curriculum** for quality and supporting systems 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** and materials for acceleration and foundational support.



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

Louisiana has reviewed over 193 curricular programs in the past six years with 72 identified as fully aligned, or high-quality. An overwhelming majority of Louisiana's school systems adopt high-quality instructional materials and purchase aligned high-quality professional learning to support the effective adoption and ongoing implementation of the high-quality instructional materials.

The adoption of curricula, coupled with aligned assessments and professional learning, continues to promote an increase in student achievement in grades 3 through 12.

Numerous state Departments of Education and national education advocacy groups continue to value Louisiana's model for its coherent alignment and leveraging of high-quality curriculum, assessments, and professional learning to significantly impact student learning.

In the News

- **[Louisiana Threads the Needle on Ed Reform](#)** (*Education Next*)
- **[Instructional Coherence: A Key to High-Quality Learning Acceleration for All Students](#)** (*TNTP*)
- **[ED COVID-19 Handbook: High Quality Tutoring](#)** (*United States Department of Education*)
- **[Hiding in plain sight: Leveraging curriculum to improve student learning](#)** (*Medium*)
- **[Great Curriculum Is Important. But It's Not Enough.](#)** (*Education Next*)
- **[Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 2022](#)** (*Knowledge Matters Campaign*)
- **[Louisiana Grad Returns to Old Middle School: "I Wish I Had Been Taught This Way"](#)** (*The74*)

WHAT'S NEXT FOR CURRICULUM IN LOUISIANA?

As schools and educators now expect high-quality instructional materials to be available and include supports for all learners, the LDOE has focused on developing the **Bayou Bridges** K-8 curriculum as well as an updated version of ELA Guidebooks for grades 6-8 that includes an intentional writing progression. Additionally, the LDOE is providing supports to school and system leaders across the state through the **Louisiana Math Refresh** initiative.

The Department remains committed to aligning materials, resources, and professional learning with high-quality instructional materials, ensuring students have access to grade-level content in daily instruction. To assist systems in achieving alignment, the Department is launching the "**Tech Readiness Endorsement**" seal, acknowledging meaningful publishers that prioritize educational quality, data security, and curricular alignment through technology integration. Additionally, the Department is implementing the Professional Learning Efficacy Indicators, highlighting essential elements influencing educators' experiences with professional learning partners. Enacting these two initiatives will enable the Department to further convey data regarding the quality and effectiveness of professional learning partners and materials to educators and stakeholders, fostering informed decision-making throughout the statewide education community.

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