

Expanded Academic Support Report

R.S. 17:100.13 July 2024

Overview

As required by R.S. 17:100.13, each city, parish, or other local public school board shall provide a report by June first of each year to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) on all of the following:

- The number of students identified as needing expanded academic support, the number of students provided each type of academic support, and the number of students who failed to achieve mastery on any statewide assessment administered pursuant to the state's school and district accountability system during each school year continuing to need additional academic support.
- 2) A list of the high-quality tutoring providers and any teachers used by the local board to offer the expanded academic support.
- 3) A summary of how the school day has been restructured to offer the expanded academic support.
- 4) The amount and source of funds spent on providing expanded academic support.

By July first of each year, LDOE shall publish a report on its website summarizing the above information by school, by school system, and statewide.

Expanded Academic Support

To help states and schools meet the needs of students in response to the global pandemic, significant federal resources were made available in three separate stimulus packages appropriated by the United States Congress. During the Louisiana 2021 Regular Legislative Session, Act 294 became law, requiring systems to provide expanded academic support for students in grades four through eight who performed below mastery on required state testing. The law further required school systems to submit to the LDOE a plan detailing how they will meet the obligations using federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds allocated.

Altogether, Louisiana received approximately \$4 billion in ESSER funds, of which 90 percent flowed directly to Local Education Agencies (LEAs). They were required to submit plans to the LDOE detailing how pandemic relief funds support academic recovery and accelerate learning for students for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 academic years.

To support school systems, LDOE launched <u>Louisiana Comeback</u>, which called on school systems to commit their time, energy, and financial resources to areas that rapidly increase student achievement. This statewide initiative was based on three primary areas:

- Attendance and Engagement: Louisiana Comeback aims to encourage the creation of engaging, belonging, and risk-free environments for students. LDOE believes that instituting well-being policies enhances intrinsic motivation, decreases disciplinary problems, increases academic achievement, improves school satisfaction, and leads to thriving individuals, communities, and nations.
- 2. **Academic Recovery and Acceleration**: Louisiana Comeback incentivizes schools to invest in activities that recover and accelerate student learning, reducing instructional loss from the past and helping put students back on track.
- 3. **Professional Learning**: LDOE maintains that literacy outcomes improve when students are provided with high-quality core instruction and explicit literacy interventions and extensions based on individuals' needs.

As a result, school systems committed ESSER funds to implement evidence-based strategies, such as high-dosage tutoring, before and after-school programs, summer learning opportunities, extended instructional time, and individual graduation planning. Each school system's plan described how they would meet federal and state requirements to support Louisiana's students, particularly those disproportionately affected by the pandemic, through key investments in evidence-based activities and Louisiana Comeback commitments.

Investments

	ESSER I	ESSER II	ESSER III
Louisiana Total Award Amount	\$286,980,175	\$1,160,119,378	\$2,605,463,325
LEA Formula Allocation	\$258,282,158	\$1,044,107,440	\$2,346,609,649
LDOE Set-Aside	\$27,263,116	\$110,211,341	\$247,697,685
Grant Award Period	09/30/2022	09/30/2023	09/30/2024

The third round of ESSER funds was allocated through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2019, which included interim final requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education. Each LEA that received ARP ESSER funds must do the following:

- develop, submit to the SEA, and make publicly available on the LEA's website, a plan for the LEA's use of ARP ESSER funds;
- engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan; and
- periodically, but no less frequently than every six months, review and, as appropriate, revise its plan.

Requiring each LEA to <u>develop and submit</u> a plan for the use of those funds created a mechanism for the LDOE and the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that the use of ARP ESSER funds was consistent with statutory requirements and that they met the needs of schools, students, and educators. In conjunction with the Louisiana Comeback commitments, school systems made common investments according to their 2023-2024 Academic Recovery and Acceleration Plans:

- targeted learning support,
- before and after school programming, and
- summer learning opportunities.

The most common methods of targeted learning support were high-dosage tutoring and literacy intervention for students needing support to achieve proficiency. These additional learning experiences are targeted and individualized for students based on their specific needs as gathered from diagnostic and formative data collected as students engage in the work of the curriculum.

High-dosage tutoring takes place during the school day and supports students in building the knowledge and skills required to be successful in core instruction on grade level. This

acceleration approach connects unfinished learning in the context of new learning, integrating new information and needed prior knowledge.

Another type of targeted learning support that has proven effective is individualized literacy intervention. This is achieved through prescriptive planning based on the individual needs of students who are not reading on grade level. It involves both looking ahead to upcoming skill development and looking back to foundational gaps for each student. In addition to targeted learning support, school systems invested in expanded academic support outside of the school day. These initiatives created additional opportunities for students, who were behind throughout their educational careers, to align with state standards and master grade-level content.

Academic Outcomes

The <u>2023 performance scores</u> for Louisiana's public schools and systems results show that the statewide school performance score **exceeds pre-pandemic levels** following two consecutive years of growth.

Louisiana's 2023 statewide school performance score **improved by 1.4 points** to 78.5. These results come one year after the state <u>matched its pre-pandemic score of 77.1</u>. Performance data for schools and school systems is <u>available on the LDOE website</u>.

Additionally, Louisiana students in grades K-3 improved their reading scores by 10 percentage points on the state's first universal literacy screener. The percentage of K-3 students reading on grade level jumped from 44.6% on the beginning of year screener to 54.6% on the end of year screener. This data is from the 2023-2024 school year and sets a new baseline that can be used to measure progress in future years.

Overall, Louisiana saw a **10% increase in students reading on grade level** in grades K-3 from beginning to end of year. Students in grades K-1 made significant gains, with 27% more kindergarten students and 14% more first-grade students reading on grade level from the beginning of the year. More detailed data is available in the Louisiana Department of Education's (LDOE) K-3 Spring Reading Report. K-3 literacy screener results by school system and school are also available online for spring 2024 and fall 2023.

All Louisiana public school students in grades K-3 are required to complete literacy screeners. These assessments, which increase in difficulty from beginning to end of year, provide teachers with real-time data to support students during their foundational years in school.

Louisiana has made considerable progress since launching its <u>comprehensive literacy plan</u> in 2021. The <u>Education Recovery Scorecard</u> found that Louisiana is one of only three states where average reading achievement in 2023 was above 2019 levels. Louisiana's 4th graders were **No. 1** in the nation for reading growth on The Nation's Report Card, and economically disadvantaged 4th graders improved from 42nd to 11th overall for reading proficiency from 2019 to 2022.

Louisiana has also drawn national attention for its bold literacy policies. The non-profit education organization ExcelinEd <u>recognized Louisiana</u> as one of only three states taking action on all 18 of the organization's early literacy fundamental principles. These include a universal screener for K-3 students and science of reading training for all K-3 teachers.

Such positive progress demonstrates the resilience of educators, their ability to conquer any barriers, and their dedication to exceptional-quality teaching and learning. Collective dedication to fundamentals like reading and math, supporting educators, and empowering parents helped pave the way for Louisiana to rebound quickly from unprecedented challenges.

This is the latest data to show the continued progress of Louisiana students.

• Louisiana is one of three states where average reading achievement in 2023 was above 2019 levels.

- Louisiana ranked at the top of a national list recognizing states for adopting a comprehensive early literacy policy to provide students with the foundational reading skills to learn, graduate, and succeed.
- Louisiana has exceeded its pre-pandemic school performance score following consecutive years of growth.
- Louisiana high school students earned record achievements on Advanced Placement tests.
- Louisiana's 2023 senior class earned the first annual increase in average ACT since 2017, even as the national average dropped.
- Louisiana students increased scores for the second consecutive year and 75% of school systems improved on the 2023 LEAP.
- Louisiana's 4th graders led the country in reading growth and the state's overall ranking moved from 46th to 42nd among the states from 2019 to 2022 on NAEP.

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Appendix A

2023-2024 Approved Academic Recovery and Acceleration Plans

Below are the <u>approved 2023-2024 Academic Recovery and Acceleration Plans</u>. Access the <u>Louisiana Comeback website</u> for more about how LEAs are accelerating learning through expanded academic support and providing professional learning opportunities for their educators.

Traditional School Systems

(as of 12/20/2023)

001_Acadia Parish_23-24 ARAP
002 Allen Parish 23-24 ARAP
003_Ascension Parish_23-24 ARAP
004_Assumption Parish_23-24 ARAP
005 Avoyelles Parish 23-24 ARAP
0 <u>06_Beauregard Parish_23-24 ARAP</u>
007_Bienville Parish_23-24 ARAP
008 Bossier Parish 23-24 ARAP
009_Caddo Parish_23-24 ARAP
010_Calcasieu Parish_23-24 ARAP
011 Caldwell Parish 23-24 ARAP
012_Cameron Parish_23-24 ARAP
013_Catahoula Parish_23-24 ARAP
014 Claiborne Parish 23-24 ARAP
015_Concordia Parish_23-24 ARAP
016_DeSoto Parish_23-24 ARAP
017 East Baton Rouge Parish 23-24 ARAP
018_East Carroll Parish_23-24 ARAP
019_East Feliciana Parish_23-24 ARAP
020 Evangeline Parish 23-24 ARAP
021_Franklin Parish_23-24 ARAP
022_Grant Parish_23-24 ARAP
023 Iberia Parish 23-24 ARAP
024_Iberville Parish_23-24 ARAP
025_Jackson Parish_23-24 ARAP

026_Jefferson Parish_23-24 ARAP
027_Jefferson Davis Parish_23-24 ARAP
028 Lafayette Parish 23-24 ARAP
029_Lafourche Parish_23-24 ARAP
030_LaSalle Parish_23-24 ARAP
031 Lincoln Parish 23-24 ARAP
032_Livingston Parish_23-24 ARAP
033_Madison Parish_23-24 ARAP
034 Morehouse Parish 23-24 ARAP
035_Natchitoches Parish_23-24 ARAP
036_Orleans Parish_23-24 ARAP
037 Ouachita Parish 23-24 ARAP
038_Plaquemines Parish_23-24 ARAP
039_Pointe Coupee Parish_23-24 ARAP
040 Rapides Parish 23-24 ARAP
041_Red River Parish_23-24 ARAP
042_Richland Parish_23-24 ARAP
043 Sabine Parish 23-24 ARAP
044_St. Bernard Parish_23-24 ARAP
045_St. Charles Parish_23-24 ARAP
046 St. Helena Parish 23-24 ARAP
047_St. James Parish_23-24 ARAP
048_St. John the Baptist Parish_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)
049_St. Landry Parish_23-24 ARAP

050_St. Martin Parish_23-24 ARAP
051 St. Mary Parish 23-24 ARAP
052_St. Tammany Parish_23-24 ARAP
053_Tangipahoa Parish_23-24 ARAP
054 Tensas Parish 23-24 ARAP
055_Terrebonne Parish_23-24 ARAP
056_Union Parish_23-24 ARAP
057 Vermilion Parish 23-24 ARAP
058_Vernon Parish_23-24 ARAP
059_Washington Parish_23-24 ARAP
060 Webster Parish 23-24 ARAP

061_West Baton Rouge Parish_23-24 ARAP
062 West Carroll Parish 23-24 ARAP
063_West Feliciana Parish_23-24 ARAP
064_Winn Parish_23-24 ARAP
065 City of Monroe School District 23-24 ARAP
066_City of Bogalusa School District_23-24 ARAP
067_Zachary Community School District_23-24 ARAP
068 City of Baker School District 23-24 ARAP
069 Central Community School District 23-24 ARAP

Charter and State School Systems

(as of 12/20/2023)

101_Special School District_23-24 ARAP	346 Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc. 23-24 ARAP
302_Louisiana School for Math Science & the Arts_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)	347_Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)
304_LA Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired_23-24 ARAP	348 New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy 2 ARAP
318 LSU Laboratory School 23-24 ARAP	396 Recovery School District-LDE 23-24 ARAP
319_Southern University Lab School_23-24 ARAP	3C1 Thrive Academy 23-24 ARAP
321_New Vision Learning Academy_23-24 ARAP	3C5_St. Landry Primary School, Incl23-24 ARAF
329 V. B. Glencoe Charter School 23-24 ARAP	A02 Office of Juvenile Justice 23-24 ARAP
331_International School of Louisiana_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)	W18_Noble Minds_23-24 ARAP
333 Avoyelles Public Charter School 23-24 ARAP	W1A_JCFA-East_23-24 ARAP
334_New Orleans Center for Creative Arts_23-24	W1B Advantage Charter Academy 23-24 ARAP
<u>ARAP</u>	W1D_JCFA Lafayette_23-24 ARAP
336 Delhi Charter School 23-24 ARAP	W2B_Willow Charter Academy_23-24 ARAP
337_Belle Chasse Academy_23-24 ARAP	W31 Dr Martin Luther King Charter School for Sci
340_The MAX Charter School_23-24 ARAP	Tech_23-24 ARAP
341 D'Arbonne Woods Charter School 23-24 ARAP	W33_Lincoln Preparatory School_23-24 ARAP
343 Community School for Apprenticeship Learning. Inc23-24 ARAP	W3B_Iberville Charter Academy_23-24 ARAP
344 Voices for International Business &	W4A Delta Charter Group 23-24 ARAP
Education_23-24 ARAP	W4B_Lake Charles College Prep_23-24 ARAP
345_University View Academy, Inc. (FRM LA Connections) 23-24 ARAP	W5B_Northeast Claiborne Charter_23-24 ARAP

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347_Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)
348_New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy_23-24 ARAP
396 Recovery School District-LDE 23-24 ARAP
3C1_Thrive Academy_23-24 ARAP
3C5_St. Landry Primary School, Incl23-24 ARAP
A02 Office of Juvenile Justice 23-24 ARAP
W18_Noble Minds_23-24 ARAP
W1A_JCFA-East_23-24 ARAP
W1B Advantage Charter Academy 23-24 ARAP
W1D_JCFA Lafayette_23-24 ARAP
W2B_Willow Charter Academy_23-24 ARAP
W31 Dr Martin Luther King Charter School for Sci Tech_23-24 ARAP
W33_Lincoln Preparatory School_23-24 ARAP
W3B_Iberville Charter Academy_23-24 ARAP
W4A Delta Charter Group 23-24 ARAP
W4B_Lake Charles College Prep_23-24 ARAP
W5B_Northeast Claiborne Charter_23-24 ARAP

High 23-24 ARAP **ARAP** W66_Martin Behrman Elementary School_23-24 ARAP WBD_Edna Karr High School_23-24 ARAP W6B Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy 23-24 WBE Lusher Charter School 23-24 ARAP **ARAP** W71_Sophie B Wright Institute of Academic WBF Eleanor McMain Secondary School 23-24 ARAP Excellence_23-24 ARAP WBG_Robert Russa Moton Charter School_23-24 W7A Louisiana Kev Academy 23-24 ARAP **ARAP** WBH Lake Forest Elementary Charter School 23-24 W7B Lafavette Charter Foundation 23-24 ARAP **ARAP** W81 KIPP Ernest N. Dutch Morial 23-24 ARAP WBI New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics **HS 23-24 ARAP** W82 KIPP Believe 23-24 ARAP WBK_Bricolage Academy_23-24 ARAP W84_KIPP Renaissance High School_23-24 ARAP WBL Wilson Charter School 23-24 ARAP W85 KIPP Leadership 23-24 ARAP WBM_Einstein Sarah T. Reed High School_23-24 W86_KIPP East Community Primary_23-24 ARAP ARAP W87_KIPP Booker T. Washington_23-24 ARAP WBN Einstein Charter Middle Sch at Sarah Towles W8A Impact Charter School 23-24 ARAP Reed 23-24 ARAP W91_Samuel J Green Charter School_23-24 ARAP WBO Einstein Charter at Sherwood Forest 23-24 **ARAP** W92_Arthur Ashe Charter School 23-24 ARAP WBP Inspire Capdau S.T.E.A.M. 23-24 ARAP W94 Phillis Wheatley Community School 23-24 ARAP WBQ_New Harmony High Institute_23-24 ARAP W95 Langston Hughes Charter Academy 23-24 ARAP WBR Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish 23-24 WAA_Morris Jeff Community School_23-24 ARAP **ARAP** WAE Fannie C Williams Charter School 23-24 ARAP WBT_Audubon Charter School - Gentilly_23-24 ARAP WAF_Harriet Tubman Charter School_23-24 ARAP WBU_Walter L. Cohen High School_23-24 ARAP WAG Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy 23-24 ARAP WAH The NET Charter High School 23-24 ARAP WBV Dwight D. Eisenhower Charter School 23-24 **ARAP** WAK_Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy_23-24 **ARAP** WBW Living School, Inc. 23-24 ARAP WAL JS Clark Leadership Academy 23-24 ARAP WBX GEO Next Generation High School 23-24 ARAP WAM_Paul Habans Charter School_23-24 ARAP WBY_Red River Charter Academy_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission) WAO_Dalton Charter School_23-24 ARAP WBZ McDonogh 35 Senior High School 23-24 ARAP WAP Lanier Charter School 23-24 ARAP WC2_Opportunities Academy_23-24 ARAP WAU_GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge 23-24 ARAP WJ1_Sci Academy_23-24 ARAP WAZ Audubon Charter School 23-24 ARAP WJ2 G W Carver Collegiate Academy 23-24 ARAP WBA_Einstein Charter School at Village De WJ4_Livingston Collegiate Academy_23-24 ARAP L'Est 23-24 ARAP WJ5 Collegiate Baton Rouge 23-24 ARAP WBB_Benjamin Franklin High School_23-24 ARAP WL1 KIPP Central City 23-24 ARAP WU1_Success Preparatory Academy_23-24 ARAP

WBC Alice M Harte Elementary Charter School 23-24

W62 Lord Beaconsfield Landry-Oliver Perry Walker

WYA_Glen Oaks Middle School (Redesign Schools LA) 23-24 ARAP

WZ2_ReNEW SciTech Academy at Laurel_23-24 ARAP

WZ3_ReNew Dolores T Aaron Elementary_23-24 ARAP

WZ6_ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary_23-24 ARAP

WZ8_GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater Baton Rouge 23-24 ARAP

WZ9_The NET2 High School_23-24 ARAP

WZA_New Orleans Accelerated High School_23-24 ARAP

WZB_Warren Easton Charter Foundation, Inc._23-24 ARAP

WZC Edward Hynes Charter School - Lakeview 23-24 ARAP

WZD_Edward Hynes Charter School - UNO_23-24 ARAP

WZE_John F. Kennedy High School_23-24 ARAP

WZG_Foundation Preparatory Academy_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)

WZH_Lafayette Academy Charter School_23-24 ARAP

WZI_Esperanza Charter School_23-24 ARAP

WZJ Hynes Parkview 23-24 ARAP

WZK_Homer Plessy Community School_23-24 ARAP

WZL_YACS at Lawrence D. Crocker_23-24 ARAP

WZM_Rooted School_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)

WZN_GEO Prep Baker_23-24 ARAP

WZO Louisiana Key Academy 23-24 ARAP

WZP_Discovery Health Sciences Foundation_23-24 ARAP (pending resubmission)

WZQ_Pelican Educational Foundation- Kenilworth Science_23-24 ARAP

WZS Mildred Osborne Charter School 23-24 ARAP

WZV_Prescott K-8 Academy_23-24 ARAP

WZT_Louisiana Key Academy- Caddo_23-24 ARAP

Appendix B

Louisiana State Highlights



Recent Statewide Improvements

School Performance Scores

 Statewide school performance score exceeds 2019 pre-pandemic levels following consecutive years of growth in 2022 and 2023

LEAP

- Mastery+ rates improved for two consecutive years
 - o 80% of school systems improved 2022 Mastery+ rates
 - 75% of school systems improved 2023 Mastery+ rates
- Students earn largest year-over-year gains since 2016 on 2022 LEAP

AP Exams Eligible for College Credit (3+) since 2013



Louisiana's LEAP Mastery and Above Rates

