



Louisiana College and Career Readiness School Improvement Grant Commitment to Participate

The College Board in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education is committed to helping districts and schools implement rigorous and compelling curricular offerings that increase advanced academic success for all students. Through the use of College and Career Readiness School Improvement grants, eligible schools will receive resources and tools in direct support of new and existing early college and career oriented programs. The ultimate goal of this partnership is to improve college readiness by ensuring that all students have access to high-quality, rigorous academics with a focus on access to Advanced Placement (AP[®]) courses. Each participating school will have access to shared professional development opportunities along with strategy and implementation support. Additionally, the College Board is committed to providing district level in person consultation for districts seeking to build a district-wide culture of college and career readiness.

Our first meeting of grant participants will be a Leadership Meeting hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education on **March 1st, 2016 in the Thomas Jefferson A/B room of the Claiborne Bldg. in Baton Rouge beginning at 12 noon.** The Leadership Meeting will focus on expanding student participation in college-level coursework while improving student performance. It will help district leaders develop a common understanding and language for college and career readiness and the district's capacity to align district and school initiatives that support a pipeline of students that are prepared for challenging AP courses. The Leadership Meeting will also provide "how-to" guidance on College Board programs and services, implementation, timelines and deliverable pricing structures. District leaders responsible for curriculum, instruction, gifted and talent programs, and/or assessments are encouraged to attend.

As an indication of your commitment to participate in the March Leadership Meeting, we are asking that you sign and return this *Commitment to Participate* form by **Feb. 8th, 2016.**

Agreement to Participate

Name of District/School

Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

Contact Information:

For follow up questions, please contact Raphael Curtis, Director State and District Partnerships at Rcurtis@collegeboard.org or (225) 772-2532