

Louisiana Believes

Classroom Support Toolbox

Empowering Teachers

Our **students in Louisiana are just as capable as students anywhere.** In this time of raised expectations, we must ensure their attainment of college and a professional career.

Therefore, Louisiana teachers must **plan and instruct to meet the unique needs of their students.**

As such, Louisiana will shift away from a prescriptive curriculum to providing **tools that help teachers make individualized decisions.**

Teachers will **work collaboratively to adapt tools, reflect on progress, and make adjustments** to ensure their students meet their goals.

Empowering Teachers

Teachers are asking:

- What content is most important to teach during this period before full implementation of the Common Core?
- Which resources will help me best teach this content?

Feedback From Teachers

Challenges:	For example:
<p>There is too much to teach in one year: The transitional curriculum requires covering many standards that are not tested.</p>	<p>An 8th grade math teacher is currently asked to cover 18 GLEs and 28 CCSS. The GLEs connect to the CCSS but it is unclear which portion of each to teach.</p>
<p>There is language inconsistency across curriculum and assessment resources: The language includes both GLEs and CCSS making it hard for teachers to know exactly what to teach.</p>	<p>8th grade assessment blueprint: Includes both GLEs and CCSS.</p> <p>Assessment guide & practice test: Includes GLE based questions with minimal alignment to the CCSS.</p> <p>Transitional curriculum: Includes GLEs and CCSS, and incorporates CCSS literacy standards not represented in the assessment guidance.</p>

Addressing the Concerns

We will continue our gradual transition to the Common Core State Standards.

Moving forward we will:	For example:
<p>Eliminate extra GLE content: Remove all GLE assessment questions that do not align to the CCSS.</p>	<p>8th grade math teacher will teach only the 28 CCSS.</p>
<p>Simplify language: Use the language of the CCSS only rather than combining CCSS and GLE language.</p>	<p>8th grade assessment blueprint: Illustrates the distribution of the 28 CCSS on the LEAP.</p> <p>Assessment guide & sample test: Aligns LEAP questions to the 28 CCSS.</p>
<p>Align tools and guidance: Assessment blueprints, guides, and curricular resources focus on the same standards.</p>	<p>Year-Long Sample Scope and Sequences: Bundle and sequence the 28 CCSS with standards emphasis matching that of LEAP.</p>

Example 8th Grade Assessment Transition

8.EE.C.7b Solve linear equations in one variable. b. Solve linear equations with rational number coefficients, including equations whose solutions require expanding expressions using the distributive property and collecting like terms.

2012-2013 Test	2013-2014 Test	2014-2015 Test																								
<p>If $n + n + n = 60$, what is the value of n?</p> <p>A. 6 B. 10 C. 15 D. 20</p>	<p>Paula currently has x pencils. She determines that buying 8 more pencils will give her the same number of pencils as if she bought 2 more and then doubled the amount of pencils she has. The equation shown represents this situation. $x + 8 = 2(x + 2)$ How many pencils does Paula currently have?</p> <p>A. 2 pencils B. 4 pencils C. 6 pencils D. 14 pencils</p>	<p>Show how to solve this equation for x.</p> $3(2x - 5) + 9 = 12$ <p>Drag selected equations to the Solution Steps column and place them in the correct order under the given equation. You must show at least 4 steps in the correct to receive full credit. Leave Unneeded equations in the Equations column.</p> <div data-bbox="1348 554 1870 878" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Equations</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">$2x - 2 = 4$</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">$x = 3$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">$6x = 18$</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">$6x - 15 + 9 = 12$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">$3(2x - 5) = 3$</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">$2x - 5 + 3 = 4$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">$2x - 5 = 1$</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">$6x - 6 = 12$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">$2x = 6$</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">$6x - 15 = 3$</td> </tr> </table> </div> <div data-bbox="1348 903 1870 1210" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="padding: 5px;">Step</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">Solution Steps</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Given</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">$3(2x - 5) + 9 = 12$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">3</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">4</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">5</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <div data-bbox="1348 1235 1483 1278" style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESET</p> </div>	$2x - 2 = 4$	$x = 3$	$6x = 18$	$6x - 15 + 9 = 12$	$3(2x - 5) = 3$	$2x - 5 + 3 = 4$	$2x - 5 = 1$	$6x - 6 = 12$	$2x = 6$	$6x - 15 = 3$	Step	Solution Steps	Given	$3(2x - 5) + 9 = 12$	1		2		3		4		5	
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LOUISIANA'S PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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Students
Master
Common Core
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Students
are
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➤ Preparing Students for
College + a Career

➤ Collaboration +
Teacher Leadership

Key Resources in the Teacher Support Toolbox

Standards

- Guides for understanding math and ELA common core standards

End of Year Assessments

- 2013-2014 assessment guides for ELA and math
- 2013-2014 sample state assessment items for ELA and math

Year-Long Scope and Sequence Resources

- K-12 sample ELA year long scope and sequences
- K-12 sample math year long scope and sequences

Louisiana Teacher Leaders

2,000 of the best teachers from across the state will ensure that teachers at their school:

- Are informed on the state level progress around the Common Core State Standards and Compass
- Collaborate to create and adjust the plans and assessments needed to ensure students achieve their goals

In order to meet these goals members of this group, in cooperation with principals and district staff, will:

- Clearly communicate information school-wide
- Ensure high quality school level teacher collaboration

Louisiana Teacher Leaders

Timeline

- March 15th: Districts submit Louisiana Teacher Leader recommendations
- April 18th & 19th: Louisiana Teacher Leader Kickoff (Lafayette, LA)
- June 11-13: Louisiana Teacher Leader summer training

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Teacher + Principal of the Year

Key Resources in the District Support Toolbox

Assessment and Curriculum

- 2013-2014 assessment guides for ELA and math
- 2013-2014 sample state assessment items for ELA and math

School Results

- Updated accountability calculator

School and Teacher Collaboration

- Louisiana Teacher Leader nomination materials

Coming Soon...

For Teachers

- Compass video library
- ELA and math unit plans
- Sample student learning targets

For Districts and Schools

- Sample district exemplars
- Unified grant application for state and federal funds
- SRCL grant and SIG grant applications released

Questions?

For questions or feedback, please email
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