LOUISIANA STUDENTS EXCEED PRE-PANDEMIC SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SCORES

Second consecutive year of growth puts state ahead of 2019 academic achievement

(BATON ROUGE, LA) - The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) today released <u>2023</u> <u>performance scores</u> for the state's public schools and systems. The results show that the statewide school performance score now exceeds pre-pandemic levels following two consecutive years of growth.

Louisiana's 2023 statewide school performance score improved 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 now on the LDOE website</u>.

"Louisiana has faced unprecedented disruptions over the past few years and these scores are a testament to the efforts of so many people across our state," said State Superintendent of Louisiana Dr. Cade Brumley. "I'm pleased to see our statewide performance score surpass pre-pandemic levels and clearly recognize work remains to accelerate future academic outcomes for students."

Early Childhood Performance Profiles

The LDOE also released <u>2023 Early Childhood Performance Profiles</u> today. Each publicly-funded child care center, Head Start, and school serving children birth to five in Louisiana receives a performance profile that includes a rating based on rigorous classroom observations. Each network of providers within a community also receives a performance profile.

The latest early childhood data shows that instructional support and engaged support for learning scores increased to a record high. These are the highest scores ever for all site types, with the most growth occurring in child care. The quantity of excellent rated sites continues to increase, even as the number of early learning sites in Louisiana has increased by 13%.

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

- Louisiana high school students earned record achievements an 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.
- Louisiana Pre-K-12 education improved five places in the U.S. News & World Report Rankings.

• Louisiana's students earned the most significant year-over-year increase on state assessments since 2016, as students increased three points in both ELA and math.

About Performance Scores: Since 1999, the state has issued school performance scores for public schools, which are based on student achievement data. To clearly communicate the quality of school performance to families and the public, Louisiana adopted letter grades (A-F). All schools with sufficient data receive school performance scores.

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