

The Department has created resources and developed a [library](#) for educators and families to ensure students with the most significant cognitive disabilities are held to high standards and have meaningful access to academic content. The resource tables below contains the name, description and link to each resource listed in the table.

FAMILY RESOURCES	
Resources	Descriptions
Parent Guide to LEAP Connect	A fact sheet to provide families with general information about the LEAP Connect alternate assessment, and what you and your child can expect when he or she takes the tests.
Parent Guide to LEAP Connect Score Reports	A guide to help families understand how your child performed on the LEAP Connect alternate assessment, how he or she did in comparison to peers, and how to use the results. Also available in Arabic , Spanish , and Vietnamese .
Parent Guide to Louisiana Connector standards for student with significant cognitive disabilities	A a quick overview of the Louisiana Connectors, why they are important for students and teachers alike, and the resources available to further support your child’s learning at home.

CLASSROOM SUPPORTS	
Resources	Descriptions
Louisiana Connectors for Students with Significant Disabilities	The Louisiana Connectors are standards aligned to the Louisiana Student Standards that represent the most salient grade-level, core academic content in English language arts and mathematics for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
Essential Elements Cards	A primer for differentiating instruction for students with significant disabilities, Essential Elements cards break down the instructional task into knowledge and skills, suggested instructional strategies, and possible supports and scaffolds for student learning.
Case Studies	Case studies provide models for how teachers and specialists can modify objectives, assessments, activities, and materials for students with significant cognitive disabilities using available resources.
ELA Guidebooks 2.0 Diverse Learner Guide	This document describes the design principles of the ELA Guidebooks 2.0 units and the included strategies and materials to support all learners,

including those diverse learners who learn in a different way and at a different pace than their peers, such as students with disabilities.

ASSESSMENT	
Resources	Descriptions
LEAP Connect Assessment Guide	A guide for teachers to understand the test design, levels of complexity, structure, and sample items.
Online Tools Training	Online tools for students and teachers to have the opportunity to become familiar with the tools available in the online testing platform; available in INSIGHT or using the Chrome browser.
LEAP Accessibility and Accommodations Manual	A guide to support school-level teams in the accessibility and accommodations decision-making process.
Teacher Introduction to the LEAP Connect for Students with Significant Disabilities September 2017	Information to help teachers understand the the vision for teaching and assessing students with unique learning needs; identify how the changes to the standards inform instruction; obtain a clear picture on what to expect on the LEAP Connect assessment ; and identify what resources are available to support students.
Overview of the LEAP Connect Assessment Guide - December 2017	A webinar providing an overview of the LEAP Connect alternate assessment guide.
LEAP Connect ELA Sample CR Grades 3-5 Directions for Administration	Document contains specific instructions to practice a constructed-response (CR) item for ELA grades 3-5. Document provides the exact wording of the item to be used by the Test Administrator (TA), the materials needed, and guidelines for how to present the item to the student.
LEAP Connect ELA Sample CR Stimuli Grades 3-5	Document containing the Grades 3-5 constructed-response item. Please review the item and prepare materials as needed prior to administration of the CR item. LEAP Connect ELA rubric for grade level being evaluated (in the LEAP Connect Assessment Guide , Appendix pages 27-29) will also be needed.
LEAP Connect ELA Sample CR Grades 6-8, 11 Directions for Administration	Document contains specific instructions to practice a constructed-response (CR) item for ELA grades 6-8. Document provides the exact wording of the item to be used by the Test Administrator (TA), the materials needed, and guidelines for how to present the item to the student.
LEAP Connect ELA Sample CR Stimuli	Document containing the Grades 6-8 constructed-response item. Please

Grades 6-8, 11	review the item and prepare materials as needed prior to administration of the CR item. LEAP Connect ELA rubric for grade level being evaluated (in the LEAP Connect Assessment Guide , Appendix pages 30-33)
LEAP Connect Eligibility Criteria	Updates coming soon. LEAP Connect alternate assessment eligibility criteria are used to determine if a student is eligible to participate in the LEAP Connect alternate assessment. This document is used within the context of an IEP meeting.
Alternate Assessment Review Process	Coming Soon

HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS

Resources	Descriptions
Special Education Guidance for High School Students	Information about pathways to a high school diploma for students with disabilities.

BESE POLICY BULLETINS

Resources	Descriptions
Bulletin 1508 – Pupil Appraisal Handbook	This BESE Bulletin contains state policy for pupil appraisal personnel when conducting individual evaluations of students suspected of being exceptional and in need of special education and related services.
Bulletin 1530 – Louisiana’s IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities	This BESE Bulletin outlines IEP policy and procedures as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Also included in this document is information pertaining to the eligibility criteria for participation in the alternate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.
Bulletin 1706 - Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act	This BESE Bulletin includes Subpart 1 (Students with Disabilities) and Subpart 2 (Regulations for Gifted/Talented Students).

[Bulletin 127 - LEAP Alternate Assessment, Louisiana Connectors Standards](#)

This BESE Bulletin includes the standards assessed via the LEAP alternate assessment, LEAP Connect.

[Bulletin 111 - Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System](#)

This BESE Bulletin contains information regarding accountability.