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Welcome

The Department is providing districts ***increased, intensive support*** in preparation for the 14-15 school year. These calls bring together functions across districts to make sure that all planning decisions are made with one, shared view of what is necessary to be ready for the next school year.

Who: Superintendents along with senior staff (academics, technology, finance)

This call will:

1. Preview all of the current curriculum and professional development guidance for the 14-15 school year
2. Detail the timeline and steps to build district Teacher Leader cohorts
3. Review additional details about the upcoming field test

Preparing for the 14-15 School Year

- Curriculum and Professional Development Preview
- Teacher Leader Cohorts
- Spring Field Test
- Calendar & Next Steps

Focus Area - Curriculum and Assessment

MILESTONE	DECISIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
Choose high quality curricula and train teachers to use these curricula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Department <i>ELA and math curriculum recommendations</i>⁴ to build your plan for K-12 math and K-12 ELA curricula. • If deviating from the Department’s recommendation, use the Department’s <i>instructional resource reviews</i>⁵ to choose which curriculum resources to adopt. • Based on this plan, determine which materials will need to be purchased and which materials should be discarded. Materials include textbooks, text sets, consumables, interventions, and assessments. • Use Department <i>recommended 14-15 ELA and math professional development</i>⁵ support to determine which school based and district staff will participate in which of these trainings. • Determine what additional trainings need to be accessed in addition to Department offerings. • For other content areas, determine if any curriculum adjustments are necessary.
Use benchmark assessments at scheduled points in the year to assess student progress	
Plan for state assessments	
Ensure schools are technologically equipped to support curriculum, academics, and assessments	

Resources

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January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District planning guide• Updated use of funds guidance• 14-15 assessment schedule• Compass dashboard (Alignment Index)• Instructional resource reviews begin (ongoing through the spring)• Technology footprint & related support services
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 ELA and 1 math guidebook (grades 6-8)• K-12 ELA text sets (for purchasing)• Recommended 14-15 ELA, math, and collaboration professional development support
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 ELA and 1 math guidebook (high school)• End of year Compass resources
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 ELA and math guidebooks (3-5) (<i>K-2 math and ELA guidebooks release June 1</i>)• ELA interactive framework• PARCC assessment guides, sample items, and additional resources• 14-15 new EAGLE items (<i>ongoing</i>)• SLT guidance (including new 14-15 samples)• LEAP, iLEAP, End-of-Course exams, ACT, EXPLORE, & PLAN results (<i>late May</i>)

Curriculum and Assessment

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Math:

- Student practice with real-life math concepts (versus math procedures only)
- Appropriate and integrated remediation

English language arts:

- Use meaningful and appropriate texts
- Use texts so students meet standards (integration of reading, writing, speaking)

Math Curriculum and Assessment

Planning Area	Recommendation
Curriculum	<p>Eureka Math curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High quality, standards-aligned curriculum• Meets tier 1 instructional review criteria• State contract signed for all ‘for purchase’ options with Eureka Math. Student books available free and for purchase in printed form• Teacher guides available for free and for purchase in printed book form• <i>Math Guidebook as a supplemental tool</i>
Assessment	<p>Eureka Math curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessments built in to the Eureka Math curriculum <p>EAGLE</p> <p>Recommended Benchmarking Tool (<i>recommendations available in March</i>)</p>
Support Resources	<p>LDOE Mathematics Guide Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include scaffolded instructional tasks for grades K-12• Include standard-specific remediation recommendations for grades K-12 <p>LearnZillion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offers 4000+ free, high quality video lessons for grades 2-12 <p>Illustrative Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rigorous practice items <p>Math Design Collaborative (MDC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lessons for grades 6-12

Math Professional Development

Type	Free	Recommended For Purchase
In person	<p>June Teacher Leader: Eureka Math sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use the curriculum • District and principal sessions • Content specific trainings for teachers <p>Eureka Math summer institute: 3 days in July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep training on content and the curriculum • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district <p>Eureka Math regional grade band trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings offered in multiple locations • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district 	<p>Eureka Math summer institute (July):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hundreds of additional spots available for district purchase <p>Additional Eureka Math training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional trainings available for purchase throughout the summer and fall • LDOE locked in low rates • <i>Recommend districts partner to bring costs down for additional trainings</i> <p>LearnZillion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LearnZillion Premium is an integrated package of lessons, webinar series, and PLC collaboration platform
Virtual	<p>Eureka Math webinar series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare teachers for upcoming instructional module • DOE will pay for a set number of seats per district 	<p>Eureka Math webinar series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts should purchase additional seats for teachers in their district

Curriculum Guides - Math

INTRODUCTION

- Welcome
- How to Use the Math Guidebook

MATH OVERVIEW

- Standards' Shifts
- Assessment and Instruction
 - Rigor
 - Remediation

TOOLS FOR TEACHING

- 6th Grade Tools
- 7th Grade Tools
- 8th Grade Tools
- 6-8 Math Standards

Guide logistics:

- 3 guides will be printed for each district
- All June Teacher Leader participants receive 1 printed Guidebook
- All tasks posted separately in the Toolbox
- *Guidebook release schedule:*
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 - High school: April 1
 - 3-5: May 1
 - K-2: June 1

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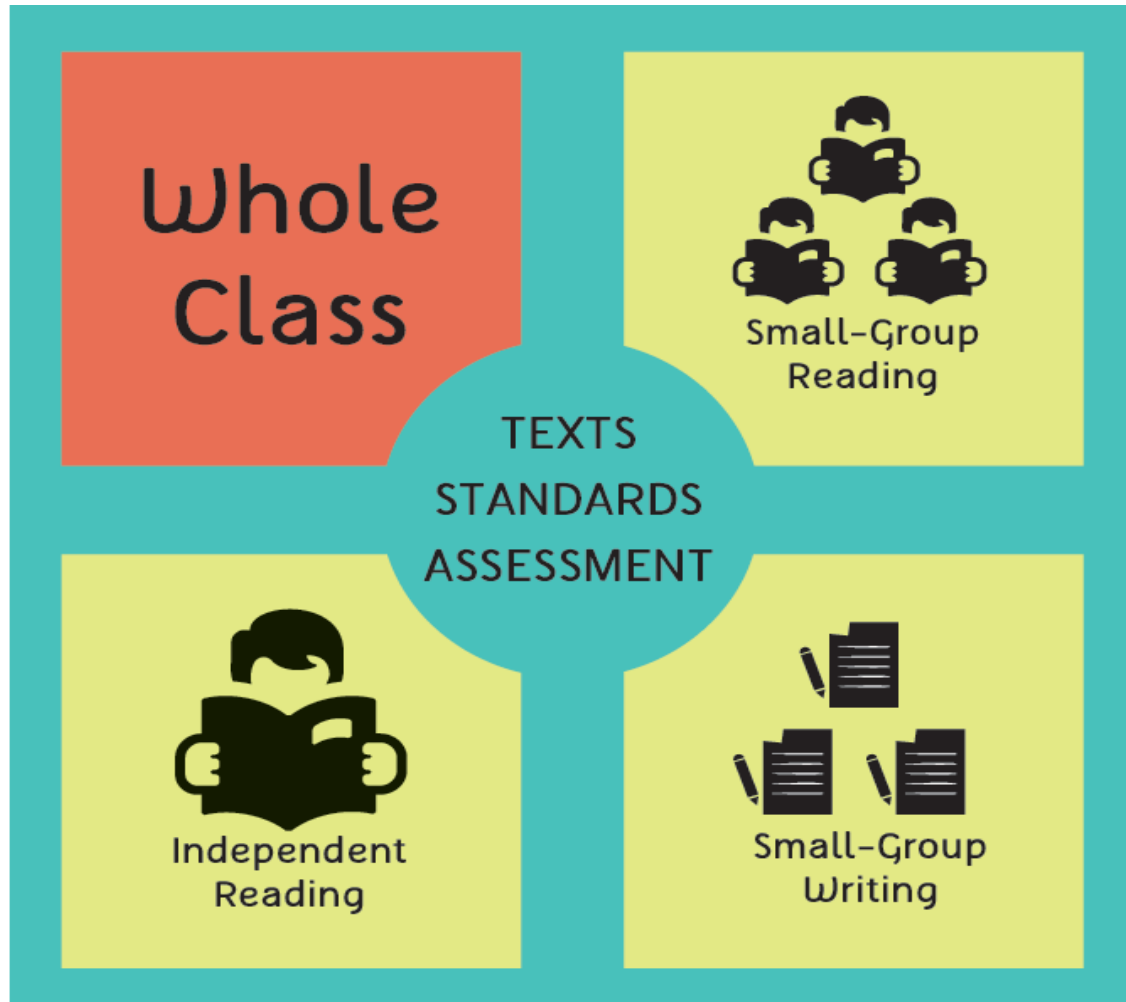
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ELA Online Model



ELA Curriculum and Assessment

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Curriculum	<p>ELA instruction includes (1) on grade level, whole class instruction and (2) foundational skill development (K-3) or remediation (middle/high school). Currently, there is no complete program in both areas.</p> <p>K-3 ELA Suggestion</p> <p>Core Knowledge/Amplify Skills Strand paired with LDOE Unit Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core Knowledge Skills Strand supports foundational literacy development• Core Knowledge Skills Strand is a tier 1 foundational literacy program (full curriculum is tier 2)• LDOE units provide tasks for critical whole class instruction missing from foundational programs <p>Grades 4-12 ELA Suggestion</p> <p>LDOE Unit plans for on-grade level, whole class instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-6 full units released for every grade K-12• All units include at least 3 summative assessments and daily tasks for whole class instruction• Companion ELA online instructional framework includes resources and videos <i>available May 1</i>

A NOTE about ELA [Tier 2 Programs](#): At this time, the following reviewed ELA programs are tier 2:

- K-3: Full Core Knowledge/Amplify curriculum
- K-12: Engage New York ELA Curriculum
- 6-8: Scholastic Code X

These programs have strengths, but also need to be supplemented in the following ways:

- Writing tasks are not effectively integrated with texts
- Texts are not appropriately varied and consistently rigorous
- In most cases, districts will still need to purchase the novels to support the curricula

The LDOE unit plans were built to address these gaps. If you purchase a tier 2 program, we strongly recommend you supplement the curriculum with the texts and instructional tasks from the LDOE units. This will ensure your students are full prepared for the level of rigor demanded on EOY tests. **As other programs rate tier 2, we will update this list.**

ELA Curriculum and Assessment

Planning Area	Recommendation
Assessment	<p>DOE End of Unit assessments, Eagle, Grade-band appropriate benchmarking tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All units include end at least three end of unit assessment tasks• EAGLE• Recommended district assessment tool (<i>recommendations available in March</i>)
Support Resources	<p>Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher-designed online tools and resources for creating lessons and units <p>LearnZillion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offers 4000+ free, high quality video lessons for grades 2-12 <p>Read Aloud Project (RAP), Basal Alignment Project (BAP), and Anthology Alignment Project (AAP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free, teacher-created lesson revisions for stories in current ELA textbooks (grades K-10)• Includes questions, vocabulary, and writing tasks aligned to the new standards for use with texts• Close Reading Lessons provide the passage or full text

ELA Professional Development Offerings

Type	Free	For Purchase
In person	<p>Teacher Leader Summit (June 3 and 4 in New Orleans): 10 ELA sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use the curriculum and connect to the foundations • Unit use for principals and districts <p>ELA summer institutes: 2 days in July (northern and southern sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade band training on use of text and standards • Training on use of LDOE unit plans and recommended tools • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district <p>ELA Fall Trainings: 1 day sessions in October (northern and southern sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-day trainings offered in multiple locations • DOE will host the event and pay a set number of seats for each district 	<p>Core Knowledge Skills Strand: http://www.coreknowledge.org/professional-development</p> <p>LearnZillion LearnZillion Premium is an integrated package of lessons, webinar series and PLC collaboration platform</p>
Virtual	<p>Virtual Book Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bi-monthly for the entire school year - Prepare teachers for each upcoming unit - Led by teachers who wrote the units 	

Curriculum Guides - ELA

INTRODUCTION

- Welcome
- How to Use the English Language Arts Guidebook

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OVERVIEW

- Texts
- Standards and Assessments
- Instruction
 - Whole Class
 - Small-Group Reading
 - Small-Group Writing
 - Independent Reading

TOOLS FOR TEACHING

- Year-Long Plans
- Unit Plan Overview
- 6th Grade Unit Plans
- 7TH Grade Unit Plans
- 8th Grade Unit Plans
- 6-8 ELA Standards

Guide logistics:

- 3 guides will be printed for each district
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- All units will be posted separately in the toolbox
- A list of every text included in all K-12 units *available March 1*
- *Guidebook release schedule:*
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Each ELA Unit Includes

Unit Overview

- Full text set
- Links to all online accessible texts

3 Summative Unit Assessments

- 1 culminating writing task: integrates multiple texts in a cumulative writing prompt
- 1 cold-read task: PARCC/EOC like with new and short texts
- 1 extension task: research and writing tasks integrating texts from the units

Scope and Sequence of Texts and Daily Instructional Tasks

- Order of all texts for the unit (including recommended chapters of the texts)
- Scaffolded and detailed instructional tasks for over 50% of the included lessons
- *NOTE: 1 lesson does not equal 1 day (most “lessons” take 3-5 days)*

Instructional Resource Review

- **Materials reviewed:** Full math curriculum, ELA materials for whole class instruction and support (ex. text sets, grade-level texts), ELA materials for small group instruction (ex. reading foundations, guided reading, guided writing), ELA materials for independent reading programs, and ELA and math benchmark assessments.
- **How it works:** Materials are reviewed and posted as they are submitted. The Department can not review materials unless they are submitted by the publishers. Districts have influence convincing publishers to submit materials.
- **Tiered and Posted:** Once reviewed the materials are tiered using the criteria below:
 - **Tier 1: Exemplifies quality of the standards.** The materials meet all non-negotiable criteria and consistently meet additional criteria.
 - **Tier 2: Approaching quality of the standards.** There are some real strengths and some real gaps. All non-negotiable items met, but some additional criteria have gaps.
 - **Tier 3: Does not represent quality of the standards.** Not all of the non-negotiable items are met.

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/2013-2014-math-and-english-language-arts-instructional-materials-review/curricular-resources-annotated-reviews>

Reviews Now Posted (or coming this week)

- Eureka Math (*POSTED*)
- Engage NY: Grades 3-12 ELA (*POSTED*)
- Core Knowledge/Amplify - Grades K-3 Skills Strand ONLY (*POSTED*)
- Core Knowledge/Amplify - Grades K-3 Full Curriculum (*POSTED*)
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Math Expressions -Grades K-5 (*late this week*)
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Collections -Grades 6-12 (*late this week*)
- Pearson Education: Digits - Grades 6-8, High school math - Grades 6-12, and Literature - Grades 6-12 (*late this week*)
- Scholastic Inc: Common Core Code X Course I-III Grades 6-8 (*late this week*)
- TPS Publishing: Creative Core Curriculum for Mathematics with STEM, Literacy and Arts-Grades K-8 (*late this week*)

Currently Being Reviewed

- **Cord Communications:** Bridges to Algebra I, II, and Geometry - Grades 8-11 (*late February*)
- **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt:** Journeys -Grades K-6, (*late February*), Go Math - Grades 6-8 (*late February*), Algebra I, II, Geometry (*late February*), HMH Math - Grades 7 & 8, and HMD Literature - Grades 6-12 (*pre-screening early April*)
- **Math Learning Center:** Bridges Student Book, Number Corner-Grades K-2 (*pre-screening early April*)
- **Measured Progress:** ELA & Math Common Core Benchmark Assessments - Grades 3-12 (*late March*)
- **McGraw-Hill:** My Math - Grades K-5 (*late-February*), Glencoe Math - Grades 6-9 (*early March*), Reading Wonders (*late February*), and Cinch Learning - Grades 9-12 (*early March*)
- **Scholastic Inc:** Read 180 Next Generation Stages A-C - Grades 4-12 (*early April*)
- **Schoolwide, Inc:** ELA Fundamentals Units of Study - Grades 1-3 (*late February*)
- **Scientific Learning Corporation:** ELA/Literacy Reading Assistant - Grades 5, 8, & 12 (*pre-screening early April*)
- **TPS Publishing:** Creative Core Curriculum for Mathematics with STEM, Literacy and Arts-Grades K-8 (*late February*)
- **Voyager Sopris Learning:** Language! - Grade 4 (*pre-screening early April*)

Soon to be Submitted for Review

- Achieve 3000
- Agile Mind
- Carnegie Learning
- Capstone
- Developmental Studies Center
- ETA hand2mind
- Learning A-Z
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)
- Scantron Performance
- Spring Board Digital
- Triumph Learning

Contacted, Not Submitted

- A+ Learning
- Accelerated Reader by Renaissance
- Achievement Network Assessments
- BFW Publishing
- Brookes Publishing-Phonemic Awareness for Children (1998 Copyright)
- Cengage
- CPM Educational Program
- Curriculum Associates
- Den Publishing
- Discovery Education
- Elysium Educational Services (Benchmarking Ed Co)
- EMC Publishing
- Failure Free
- Gibbs Smith Education (Social Studies only)
- Life Long Learning of Louisiana
- MHE ALEKS Math Program
- Moby Max
- Mondo Publishing
- National Geographic Learning
- Pacific Learning
- Perfection Learning
- Queue, Inc.
- Reading Foundations (Wilson Language)
- Rowland Reading Foundation
- Shurley Instructional Materials
- Spalding Education International
- SRA for Tier 2 and 3 (2008-2009 Copyright)
- Universal Publishers Company (2009 Copyright)
- Winsor Learning
- Zaner-Bloser

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Teacher Leaders - Build a Cohort

Districts should rebuild a strong, diverse, teacher leader cohort.

Considerations:

- EVERY school has an expert
- Math and ELA content knowledge expertise
- Appropriate balance of principals, teachers, and district staff
- District need and use of Teacher Leaders

Logistics:

- District guidelines and allotments sent in newsletter February 25
- Districts will need to identify one district point person to receive logistical information and emails
- Cohorts returned to LDOE March 21
- ***All Department PD will only be available to Teacher Leaders***

Later this spring we will use time on this call to highlight strong district plans for Teacher Leader training and redelivery.

Note about Free PD Costs

All LDOE organized PD is only available for a district's Teacher Leader cohort. It is critical you build a strong cohort to support content redelivery.

In order to provide significantly more training for educators the LDOE will cover the following costs for all associated PD (including the June Teacher Leader event).

LDOE Pays For	Districts Pay For
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosting and space for all events• Paying of high quality providers (e.g. Eureka Math)• All logistics associated with the event (no entry fee charged to districts)• Full webinar access for set number of district seats with ongoing access to videos and online tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All travel and hotel costs• Food costs*• Substitute costs (although very few sessions are held during the school year/day)• Teacher reimbursements where required <p>*Some meals will be provided during the Teacher Leader Summit.</p>

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Sample Items and Tutorials

This week, the Department is sharing two tools that will allow parents, teachers, students and district staff to learn the testing platform for the field test.

Tutorial: This tutorial guides users through all of the features of the online system. The tutorial can be accessed an unlimited number of times.

Sample items: These are previously released PARCC items that have now been loaded onto the technology platform. These can be accessed an unlimited number of times.

Please ensure you check the **technology specifications** for use of these assessments. Google Chrome and Safari are the most compatible browsers. Certain versions of Internet Explorer are not compatible.

*Please send any feedback to **districtsupport@la.gov**.*

Accessibility Features & Accommodations

The PARCC field test offers accessibility features and accommodations for students.

Features for All:

- Tools built into the assessment such as choice elimination, line reader
- Does not require an 'opt in' prior to the test

Accessibility features that need to be 'turned on':

- Available to *any* student taking the PARCC assessments
- Allows for even more individualized support for students
- Students/teachers 'opt in' to these features during or prior to the test

Accommodations:

- Aligned to students' IEP or 504 plans
- Also available for ELL students

Field Test Accommodations

In yesterday's newsletter, the Department published the *Guide to Field Test Accommodations and Accessibility Features* and the *Descriptors for Field Test Accommodations and Accessibility Features*.

- The PARCC assessment provides more features for students than have been available in the past.
- For the field test, students should receive the same accommodations they have received on our traditional state tests, except for where specifically noted on the next slide.
- Additional guidance on accommodations which will be available for the full PARCC test is coming soon. These guides are just for the field test.
- Guidance on assigning student accommodations was provided to District Tests Coordinators during yesterday's webinar.

Field Test Guides

The guides published today explain which features are available as features for all, accessibility features and accommodations.

Common Louisiana IEP/504 Accommodations Currently Used on State Assessments	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Answers Recorded (Scribe)	Scribing or Speech-to-Text (i.e., Dictation/Transcription or Signing) for the Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy assessments.	By Test Administrator (scribing): Yes External Device: Yes			CBT PBT
Large Print	Large Print <i>*Use Ctrl + to enlarge Ctrl – to reduce text size for entire screen on CBT or use magnifying device for specific parts of the screen</i>	Yes, must be pre-ordered for PBT	CBT		PBT
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Key Accommodation Notes

Read Aloud

- All students are permitted to have the math assessment read aloud as a pre-determined accessibility feature.
- Students with the read aloud accommodation may also have the reading comprehension test read aloud.
- LEP students can opt in to the read aloud accessibility feature in math. However read aloud is not an accommodation allowed for LEP students on unless part of an IEP or 504 plan.

Extended Time

- This is a timed assessment with a estimated amount of time plus a set amount of additional time, for all students who need it, to complete the session.
- Students receiving the accommodation of extended time will have one school day to complete the test session.

Calculator

- Students may use either the calculator embedded in within the test or an appropriate hand-held calculator.
- Students with the calculator accommodation will be allowed to use the calculator on all parts except on fluency items at the end of the testing session (Grades 3-6).

Infrastructure Trial/Dry Run

During the technology training, District Technology Coordinators have been introduced to the idea of a field test 'dry run.' We have broken field test preparation down into four levels.

Level 1: District IT staff only

- Technology set up
- Devices and internet are ready

Level 2: District IT staff and district test coordinator

- Testing sessions are set up correctly
- Plan for troubleshooting

Level 3: District IT staff, district test coordinator, school test coordinator and test administrator

- Training/practice for all school level staff
- Plan for school level troubleshooting

Level 4: District IT staff, district test coordinator, school test coordinator and test administrator, & students

- Practice for students prior to the field test
- Practice in a live environment for all staff involved

Additional Supports

- [LDOE field test website](#)
- [Sample items](#) and [tutorials](#)
- [Technology diagnostic tools](#)
- School test coordinator training sessions (similar to EOC training sessions)
 - School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators are invited to attend one half-day hands-on training session (8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30) for participants in Phase I (PBA) of the Spring 2014 Field Test at one of the following locations.
 - **February 24** - Ascension Parish; **February 25** - Rapides Parish; **February 28** - Bossier Parish
 - Repeat offerings of these sessions will be available for participants in Phase II (EOY) of the Spring 2014 Field Test at one of the following locations.
- New LDOE [PARCC website](#) includes:
 - Guides for parents
 - Guides for teachers
 - PARCC overview

Manuals and Training Modules

In the Support Tab of [Pearson Access](#) the following resources are available:

Technology Information: Proctor Caching Installer and Guide, Test Nav 8 User Guide, Five Steps to Computer Based Testing, Pearson Hardware and Software Guidelines

Manuals and Documents: Pearson Access User Guide, Test Coordinator Manual for PBT & CBT, Test Administrator Manual for PBT & CBT, Infrastructure Readiness Guide. *Note: There is an error in the guide around who can serve as test administrators. The guidance is the same for the field test as it is for all other Louisiana tests.*

Templates: User Roles Matrix of Permissions, User File Layout, User File Field Definitions, Test Codes for PBA & EOY

Training: Technology Training Modules (Infrastructure, Tech Set-up, Emerging Technologies) and Test Administration Modules (Test Administration of CBT & PBT and Accommodations/Accessibilities)

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District Planning Calls

Date	Topics
February 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Math curriculum and training plan-ELA curriculum and training plan-Field test updates
March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Curriculum Guidebook Review-Final field test prep
April 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Assessment guides-Field test update-Updated EAGLE resources-Compass final evaluation information
May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Unified Application-Field test update-Teacher Leader Conference preparation
June 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Streamlined district reporting-Field test wrap up-Summer support

District Next Steps

Upcoming Resources

- Curriculum guidebooks
- Use of funds guidance
- Network led planning meetings (1 meeting per network throughout February)

Next Steps

- Choose your curriculum and assessments for the 14-15 school year
- Build your district's cohort for upcoming teacher leader events
- Ensure students, families and teachers access the sample items and tutorials
- Develop your plan for field test preparation

Our next call will be March 12th at 1 pm. For questions: districtsupport@la.gov

Available resources: This presentation, along with all other materials, is available in the district toolbox here: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/classroom-support-toolbox/district-support-toolbox>