



Teaching and Learning

Louisiana Guide to Piloting OpenSciEd: Grade 3

To assist teachers with the pilot version of the OpenSciEd curriculum for grade 3, this document provides guidance regarding how OpenSciEd units correlate with the [Louisiana Student Standards for Science](#) (LSSS). The OpenSciEd curriculum provides ample instructional guidance for teachers. This Louisiana Guide for Piloting OpenSciEd goes a step further to point out places in which teachers may need to make strategic decisions considering student needs. This guide will be updated as OpenSciEd K-5 units are [released](#).

This guidance document is considered a “living” document as we believe that teachers and other educators will find ways to improve the document as they use it. Please send feedback to STEM@la.gov so that we may use your input when updating this guide.

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Standards by Unit

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Number of Lessons	14 Lessons	12 Lessons	<i>Pending release</i>	<i>Pending release</i>
Anchor Phenomenon Question	How can we design objects to balance and move in different ways?	Why do plants only grow well in certain places, and how can we protect them?	Why do animals look and act the way that they do?	How do changes to ecosystems affect what lives there?
Standards	3-PS2-1 3-PS2-2 3-PS2-3 3-PS2-4 3-5-ETS1-1 3-5-ETS1-3	3-ESS2-1 3-ESS2-2 3-ESS3-1 3-5-ETS1-2	3-LS1-1 3-LS3-1 3-LS3-2 3-LS4-1 3-LS4-2	3-LS2-1 3-LS4-3 3-LS4-4 3-5-ETS1-2
Unit Resources	Unit Materials	Unit Materials	<i>Available Summer 2025</i>	<i>Available Winter 2026</i>

LDOE Formative Assessment Resources

LDOE formative assessment resources include a library of Louisiana educator-created discrete items and sets, LEAP Practice Test Items and LEAP Assessment Guide Items correlated to the Louisiana Student Standards for Science. These resources can be used alongside guidance from a high-quality curriculum to provide opportunities for students to showcase their learning.

Unit	Discrete Items	Item Sets
3.1 Forces and Interactions	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Items (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cradle, Volleyball, Skateboard (3-PS2-1) • Ball Type (3-PS2-2) <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Standalone Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 (3-PS2-1) • 36 (3-PS2-2) • 31 & 32 (3-PS2-3) • 15 & 39 (3-PS2-4) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiment with Toy Truck (3-PS2-1) 	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Sets (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil Spill (3-PS2-2 and 3-PS2-3) • Bowling (3-PS2-1 and 3-PS2-2) <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seesaws (3-PS2-1 and 3-PS2-2) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Sets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
3.2 Weather and Hazards	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Items (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climates, LA_BOS (3-ESS2-2) • Gr3 Tornadoes, Levees (3-ESS3-1) <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Standalone Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 (3-ESS2-2) • 9 (3-ESS3-1) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tornadoes (3-ESS3-1) 	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Sets (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Storms (3-ESS2-1 and 3-ESS3-1) • Plants and Heat (3-LS3-2 and 3-ESS2-1) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Sets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightning and Static Electricity (3-PS2-3 and 3-ESS2-1)

Unit	Discrete Items	Item Sets
3.3 Trait Variations	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Items (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Bears, Butterfly Cycle (3-LS1-1) • Fossils, Ashfall Fossil bed, Shark Tooth (3-LS4-1) • Moth, Bowerbirds, Cat’s Claw (3-LS4-2) <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Standalone Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 (3-LS3-1) • 11 (3-LS3-2) • 12 & 33 (3-LS4-1) • 34 (3-LS4-2) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoonbills (3-LS3-2) • Hummingbirds (3-LS4-2) 	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Sets (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pythons (3-LS3-1 and 3-LS3-2) <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rattlesnake (3-LS3-1 and 3-LS4-2) • Plants and Heat (3-LS3-2 and 3-ESS2-1)** <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Sets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
3.4 Ecosystem Change and Survival	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Items (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penguins, Lions & Tigers (3-LS2-1) • Gulf Birds, Snails (3-LS4-3) • Red Snapper, Tortoises (3-LS4-4) <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Standalone Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 (3-LS2-1) • 13 & 17 (3-LS4-3) • 14 & 37 (3-LS4-4) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<p><u>LDOE Formative Assessment Sets (PasswordEducate2020):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p><u>LEAP Practice Test Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon River Dolphins (3-LS2-1 and 3-LS1-1) <p><u>LEAP Assessment Guide Sets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tundra Animals: Meet the Caribou and Musk Ox (3-LS2-1 and 3-LS4-3)

**Contains performance expectation(s) from a previous unit.