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TO: All Parents of Students entering grade 5 transferring into

Public School System from any non-public or home school program

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RE: Placement Testing and Transfer Students for 2025-26 School Year

Students entering grade 5 transferring to the public school from any public, private or home study out-of-state school, in-state nonpublic school or home school program are required to take the LEAP Placement Test in English language arts and mathematics for grade placement.

- Louisiana state policy and the local Pupil Progression Plan require that these transfer students take the English language arts and the mathematics portion of the LEAP Placement Test. Scores are used to inform placement and academic supports.
- Local Education Agencies may make placement decisions based on a preponderance of evidence of student learning.
- Students who are academically struggling must be provided an Individual Academic Improvement Plan.
- 2025-26 school year transfer students will be registered in 5th grade upon entering the Calcasieu Parish School system pending the results of the LEAP Placement Test.

The LEAP Placement Test Registration may be accessed using this link. Parents should complete the form online and mail any applicable special education documentation to the Office of Assessment and Accountability. LEAP Placement Testing for the 2025-26 school year will be administered at Barbe High School and Sulphur High School. The placement test will be administered in two days: ELA on day one and math on day two given the choice of dates on the registration form. The schedule, times, and other information will be emailed and mailed to the addresses submitted on the registration form.

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