



St. Mary Parish Schools

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St. Mary Parish Students Show Districtwide Improvement on 2026 LEAP Assessments

St. Mary Parish, LA — The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) has released the 2026 LEAP assessment results, and St. Mary Parish Public Schools students improved districtwide in every tested content area. English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies all posted higher proficiency rates, reflecting the continued dedication of students, teachers, school leaders, and families.

The Louisiana Department of Education has recognized St. Mary Parish Public Schools as one of the Top 3 School Systems in Louisiana for demonstrating growth in Grades 3–12 for students achieving Mastery and Above. The district increased its Grades 3–12 Mastery and Above rate by 4 percentage points, highlighting the continued academic progress of students across the parish.

2026 LEAP Highlights

- Recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as one of the Top 3 school systems in Louisiana for growth in Grades 3–12 for students achieving Mastery and Above with a 4-point increase.
- All four tested content areas improved compared to 2025.
- Social Studies posted the district's largest overall gain, increasing 6 percentage points.
- Mathematics and Science each increased 3 percentage points, while English Language Arts increased 1 percentage point.
- Civics achieved the district's largest gain, increasing 14 percentage points.
- Grade-3 Science improved 14 percentage points, while Grade-6 English Language Arts increased 8 percentage points.
- Grade-3 Mathematics and Grade-8 Mathematics each improved 7 percentage points, and Grade-4 Mathematics improved with a 5-point increase.
- Nine schools increased their percentage of students achieving Mastery and Above by five points or more, demonstrating districtwide academic growth.

St. Mary Parish Public Schools will continue building on this momentum by strengthening instruction, using assessment data to guide academic decisions, and providing targeted support to help even more students reach proficiency and the state's highest levels of achievement.

“As the district’s instructional leaders reviewed data and participated in this morning’s state call, we all simultaneously breathed a sigh of relief. We were so happy to see that we are in the top 3 systems in the state for academic growth. I would like to recognize that these results are based on the work of teachers, school leaders, and our district’s academic support systems. Our children deserve our very best, and we will continue to strive for just that. I would also like to congratulate and thank our students across St. Mary. Our students show up, trust their teachers, and give us the best they can, and that is what it is all about,” says Superintendent Sanders.

Individual student results are accessible through the Parent Command Center, and printed copies of students’ scores will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Parents, please reach out to your school leaders with any questions you may have.