

East Ouachita Middle School

2026-2027



WELCOME PARENTS!!!

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TITLE 1 OVERVIEW

Agenda

- 2026-2027 Priorities
- Student Learning in 2026-2027
- Supporting Student Learning at Home
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Title I School-Parent Compact

What is a School-Parent Compact?

Our annual school-parent compact offers ways that we can work together to help our students succeed. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents can communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in classroom.

Building Partnerships

East Ouachita Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

Parent Orientation/Tour
Open House
Parent Resource Center
Family Literacy Nights
Math & Science Nights
Parent Teacher Conferences
PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)
Parent Volunteers
Parent Expo

Join Us As We
ELEVATE to New Heights!!

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Our Goals for Student Achievement



EOM School Goals

The administration, faculty, staff, and parents of EOMS have reviewed our student performance data to determine the most important areas of improvement for our school.

EOMS will improve progress index scores in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

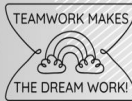
Go Lions!

District Goals

As a community, Ouachita Parish Schools will connect learning to 21st Century skills needed for college and career ready students who will excel in a global society.



RESPONSIBILITIES



Teachers:

- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the scholars to meet academic achievement standards.
- Implement the school-wide positive behavior support plan and ensure that students properly adhere to the code of conduct
- Provide parents with accurate information in a timely manner
- Provide parents opportunities to schedule conferences, volunteer and participate in their child's class/school.

Students:

- Report to class on time and prepared to work.
- Come each day with necessary supplies.
- Show respect for admin, teachers classmates and yourself.
- Take responsibility/ownership for your own learning and behavior.
- Seek help for skills/concepts you may not fully understand.

Parents:

- Support school attendance.
- Support school's disciplinary policy.
- Provide a home environment that encourages your child to meet his or her responsibilities.
- Attend Open House, Parent Teacher Conference, Family Nights, and other school events.
- Check Student Progress Center/ School Messenger frequently.
- Monitor assignments and stress the importance of education

EOMS MISSION

The Mission of East Ouachita Middle School is to see that every child has a safe, engaging and relevant learning environment that challenges them beyond their own expectations.

Ways to Volunteer



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Volunteer Form 2025-2026



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(PLEASE PRINT)

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____

Best time to be reached: AM or PM (Please circle one)

_____ Serve on the East Ouachita Middle School Level Parent Advisory Team (highly recommended)

_____ Become a member of the District Level Title I Parent Action Team. (Attend at least 2 district meetings at the OPSB Media Center. We are desperately in need of your attendance/representation for our school.) Highly Recommended

_____ Room Parent - Contact person for class events

_____ Share your occupation to a class in person or during virtual class meeting

_____ Donate items for class parties/activities/events

_____ Sponsor a Class or Event

_____ Volunteer to help with school-wide events

_____ Other: _____

_____ After reading the Parent Engagement Policy and Compact located in the handbook, I would like to suggest the following:

Louisiana Student Success

*Louisiana students are **smart** and **capable**.*



The percent of centers that serve at-risk children, that scored **Proficient and above**, has **grown 15%** since the inception of Louisiana's early childhood rating system.



The percent of students scoring **Mastery and above** on LEAP ELA and math tests has **increased 13%** since 2013.



Since 2012, the number of students scoring a **21 or higher** on the ACT has **increased by nearly 40%**.



5,000 more students graduated in the class of 2018 than in the class of 2012.



Since 2012, the number of students earning **AP credit for college** has **increased by 167%**.

2025-2026 SPS

- EOMS's School Performance Score (SPS) - We are currently awaiting our score for the 25-26 school year. Data shows that our students grew!

New Scale for SPS- Starting with this year, results from the LEAP will be reported on a new scale.

Because the scale is different, it will look like a drop. It is not! See doe.louisiana.gov to get more information about the new SPS scale.

2026-2027 Lion Goals and Priorities

Based on the 2026 LEAP assessment data East Ouachita Middle is focused on the following priorities for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Ensuring that we increase the percentage of students who attain proficiency on the LEAP assessment. Students must score **Mastery** or **Advanced** to attain proficiency. Every student can grow!!!!!!
- Providing effective remediation for at risk students through intervention programs.
- Providing families with the tools and support they need to support student learning at home through parental engagement opportunities.

Louisiana Student Standards

Educational Standards:

- set clear and consistent learning expectations for students and teachers;
- define what students should know and be able to do in a particular subject at each grade level; and
- help set high goals for all students.

Standards help students to:

- **Develop** deep understanding, skill, and fluency in mathematics
- **Think** critically in mathematics through speaking, writing, and solving problems
- **Apply** mathematics to real-world problems and tasks
- **Build** knowledge, discuss, and write about topics, themes, and ideas in complex texts
- **Support** thoughts and opinions about complex text using evidence

www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/academic-standards

Why are standards important?

The Louisiana Student Standards assure that all students, regardless of their address, background, or ability, have a clear roadmap to success in college or a career.

Clearly defined goals help families and teachers work together to ensure that students succeed, have access to extra assistance when they need it, and are challenged appropriately.

Our Curriculum

Content	Curriculum	Why do we use it?
Mathematics	Ready Math	• Builds number sense • Helps students learn to apply mathematics to real-world situations • Builds efficiency with mathematics problems
English language arts	Louisiana Guidebooks	• Provides engaging texts • Integrates reading and writing so students write about what they read • Provides ample opportunity for student conversations
Science	OpenSciEd	• provides ample opportunities for students to investigate scientific questions • helps students use science to explain real-world happenings • integrates reading a variety of sources
Social studies	Bayou Bridges	• Provides primary sources • Engages students in writing about history

End of Year Tests: LEAP 2025

At the end of this school year, students in grades 3-8 will take the following state tests:

- **Students in grades 5-8** will take the LEAP 2025 assessments for ELA, mathematics, social studies, science, and Algebra I.

Parent Engagement

East Ouachita Middle School is committed to providing parents with meaningful, two-way communication opportunities with both teachers and the Principal, Mr. Randall, throughout the year. Here is where to go with questions:

- Contact your child's teachers with questions about your child's progress, learning needs, or school events/programs through email or by contacting the school.
- Additional questions or concerns that cannot be addressed by your child's teacher, should be directed to Mr. Randall at randall@opsb.net.
- For help on how you can support student learning at home, including questions about homework and using technology, visit our Parent Center.

Supporting Student Learning

Why should families support student learning at home?

- Learning should not end in the classroom.
- You play an important role in setting high expectations for learning.
- You can help your child become successful both in and outside the classroom.

Support starts with meaningful conversations:

- Find out what your child knows.
- Discover what your child should be able to do.
- Talk to your child regularly about schoolwork.
- Meet and speak with your child's teacher(s) regularly.

Supporting Student Learning

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

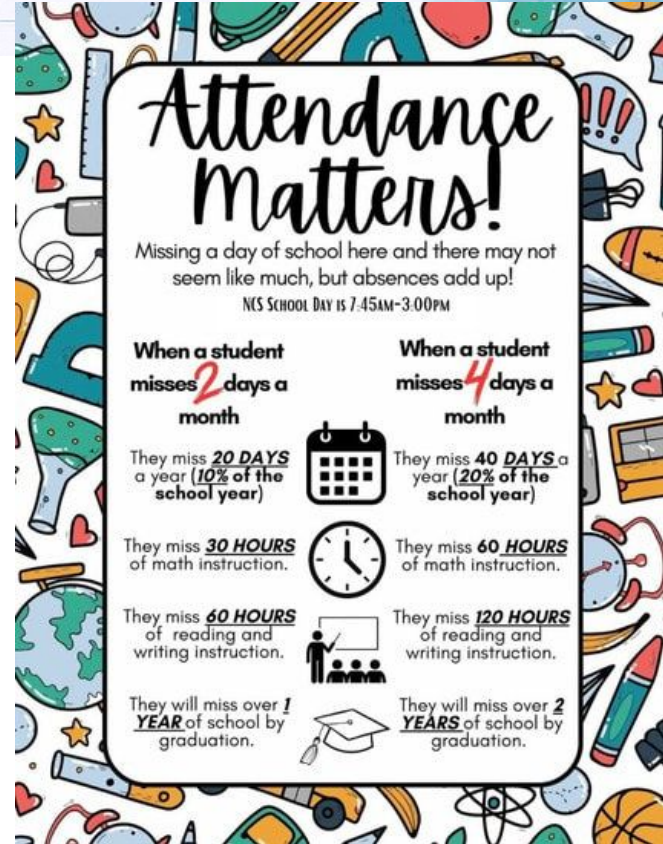
8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



Tools and Resources to Support Parents: General

Below are additional resources that you can access to further support your child's learning at home.

Louisiana's Family Support Toolbox Library: information on standards, test results, and all parent guides www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/family-support-toolbox

Great Kids Milestones: free online collection of videos showing what success looks like in reading, writing, and mathematics in grades K–12 www.greatschools.org/gk/milestones/

PTA Family Guides: tips for helping your child succeed in key learning areas.
<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources>