

## Top 10 Things Parents Need to Know about Changes in Louisiana Education

**#1**

Louisiana has raised academic standards.

**#2**

The standards create consistent learning goals for all students, regardless of where they live or go to school.

**#3**

The standards are benchmarked against standards from the world's top-performing countries.

**#4**

Louisiana's students in grades 3-8 will take the PARCC assessment for English language arts and math.

**#5**

The PARCC assessments engage students in higher-order thinking and real-world applications.

**#6**

Louisiana's Common Core State Standards delve deeper into core concepts, not just procedures.

**#7**

For science and social studies, students will continue to take the LEAP/iLEAP tests.

**#8**

Federal law requires that students take annual assessments in ELA, math, science, and social studies.

**#9**

For students with disabilities, IEPs and IAPs reflect accessibility features and accommodations for PARCC.

**#10**

If you have additional questions about testing, ask your child's teacher or principal.