

Guidelines for Nonpublic and Home Schooled Students Transferring to the Public School Systems: Participation in the LEAP 21

A student who is transferring from an in-state nonpublic school or a home schooling program or a Louisiana resident* who is transferring from an out-of-state school to enroll in the Louisiana public school system at grades 5 or 9 shall be required to take the 4th or 8th grade LEAP 21 English Language Arts **and** Mathematics tests. Fourth grade students must score *Basic* or above on either the LEAP 21 English Language Arts test or the LEAP 21 Mathematics test and *Approaching Basic* or above on the other one. Eighth grade students must score *Approaching Basic* or above on both the English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. Beginning in spring 2006, the achievement level for 8th grade students will be raised to the *Basic/Approaching Basic* combination level. The following guidelines shall apply.

1. Students may take LEAP 21 during either a spring or a summer administration prior to enrollment. It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to contact the local school system, or Local Education Agency (LEA), District Test Coordinator to register for the test.
2. The nonpublic school and the parent(s) (or home school parent[s]) are responsible for providing to the LEA District Test Coordinator, at least ten (10) working days prior to the testing date, appropriate documentation required for requested standard testing accommodations.
3. Students with disabilities who have a current 1508 evaluation will participate in LEAP 21 testing. Promotion decisions for these students will adhere to the High Stakes Testing Policy.
4. LEAs may charge a fee for the testing of nonpublic and home schooled students. This fee shall be refunded upon the student's enrollment in that public school system the semester immediately following the testing.
5. Students who participate in a spring administration and fail to score at the required achievement level(s) are eligible to retake the LEAP 21 at the following summer administration.
6. LEAs shall offer LEAP 21 summer remediation to nonpublic/home schooled 4th and 8th grade students who fail to score at the required LEAP 21 achievement level(s), as well as to nonpublic/home schooled 4th and 8th grade students who did not test in the spring but wish to prepare for the summer administration. LEAs may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100 per student, for such remediation. The summer remediation fee shall be refunded upon the student's enrollment in that public school system the semester immediately following summer remediation.
7. Students who fail to score at the required achievement level(s) are not required to attend the summer remediation offered by the LEA to be eligible to take the summer retest. However, students must attend the LEA-offered summer remediation to be eligible for the appeal process or the policy override.
8. Only students who fail to score at the required achievement level(s) after participation in **both** the spring and summer administration of LEAP 21 **and** who attend the summer remediation offered by the LEA are eligible for the appeals process or the policy override, provided all criteria are met (see the High Stakes Testing Policy).
9. Students who participate **only in the spring administration or only in the summer administration** and fail to score at the required achievement level(s) **are not eligible** for the appeals process or the policy override. These students **are not eligible** to take The Iowa Tests for placement purposes.
10. Students transferring into local school systems after the LEAP 21 summer retest but **prior to February 15** are required to take the state-selected form of The Iowa Tests for grade placement if the students have not taken LEAP 21.
11. Students taking The Iowa Tests are not eligible for a retest or for the appeals process. These students may be eligible for the policy override based upon a decision by the School Building Level Committee .
12. The High Stakes Testing Policy and the local Pupil Progression Plan shall govern grade placement of students transferring to the local school systems.

*A Louisiana resident transferring from any out-of-state school is defined as a student who lives in Louisiana but attends school in an adjacent state.