

March 2016



TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT GRAM

...from the Superintendent

Test Taking Tips for Parents

Parents,

It's that time of the year again! How can you assist your child in performing at his/her best and highest achievement level? Here are a few test taking tips that can help them:

- ✓ Make sure your child gets a good night's rest each night.
- ✓ Serve your child a LIGHT, healthy breakfast each test day.
- ✓ Send your child off to school with words of praise and support.
- ✓ Make sure your child arrives to school on time.
- ✓ Avoid checking your child out of school or scheduling appointments during test week.
- ✓ Tell your child to listen and follow directions carefully.
- ✓ Remind your child to check over answers, if there is time remaining.

Dates to remember for district and state testing:

- ❖ **April 25-29** – State Testing for Grades 3-8 (ELA, Math, Science)
- ❖ **April 25-May 20** – End of Course Testing (EOC)
- ❖ **May 2-10** – AP Course Exams (See District Calendar for Dates)
- ❖ **May 9-13** – Social Studies Field Test for Grades 3-8
- ❖ **May 9-11** – Senior Final Exams
- ❖ **May 23-25** – Underclassmen Final Exams

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT

- Students in Grades 3–8 will participate in LEAP 2016 State Testing for ELA, Math, and Science during the week of April 25–29. Tests will be paper-based following similar timed guidance as last year.
- An ELA and Math session will occur on Monday through Wednesday.
- Science will be taken on Thursday.
- April 28th is reserved for make-up tests.
- During the week of May 9–13, students will participate in a Social Studies Field Test. Information on exact testing sessions/days will be provided in late April.
- Please try not to schedule any appointments during testing week. It is important for students to be at school on time every day. Our students and teachers have been working hard all year; we are confident that students will do their best. Thank you for your continued support.

As a parent of a student in Terrebonne Parish Schools, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law (No Child Left Behind) allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner. If you would like to receive any information, please contact the principal of your child's school.



Outstanding Students Receive Distinguished Awards



Science and Engineering Fair

The 40th Annual Terrebonne Parish Science and Engineering Fair was held at the Southdown Elementary School Gymnasium January 27, 2016. One hundred and nine (109) students in Grades 6-12 from thirteen (13) schools competed in the fair.

In the Senior Division, Gabrielle White (South Terrebonne High School) was the grand prize winner, and Adeline Martin (South Terrebonne High School) was the grand prize runner-up winner. Both girls qualify to participate in the State Science Fair, which will be held at Louisiana State University on March 21-23, 2016. In addition, they qualify to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix, Arizona, in May. Gabrielle and Adeline will compete with eighteen hundred (1,800) students from all fifty (50) states and sixty (60) countries.

In the Junior Division, Cade Domangue (Houma Junior High) was the grand prize winner. Cade also qualifies to participate in the State Science and Engineering Fair in March.

Twenty-two (22) Terrebonne Parish Public School students placed first in their categories and have qualified to attend the State Science and Engineering Fair in March.

Social Studies Fair

The 2016 Region 10 Social Studies Fair was held at Nicholls State University on January 25, 2016. Students from 8 parishes (Ascension, St. James, Assumption, St. John the Baptist, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. Mary, and Terrebonne) participated in this year's fair. Terrebonne Parish students did very well. In **Anthropology**-Individual-Division II, 3rd Place – Makayala Williams (Montegut Middle); **History**-Individual-Division II, 3rd Place – Logan Jacobs (Houma Jr. High), 2nd Place Kiersten Keiser (Evergreen Jr. High), 1st Place Lindsey Dupre (Montegut Middle); **Geography**-Group-Division II, 3rd Place Abbie Lyons & Demi Verdin (Lacache Middle); **Geography**-Individual-Division III, 1st Place Adeline Martin (South Terrebonne High); **Louisiana History**-Individual-Division III, 2nd Place Aurora Redman (South Terrebonne High); **Political Science**-Individual-Division III, 2nd Place Kacey Jones (South Terrebonne High); **Sociology**-Individual-Division III, 2nd Place Payne Blanchard (South Terrebonne High); **Economics**-Group-Division III, 1st Place Chelsey Picou & Bryce Billiot (South Terrebonne High); **Geography**-Group-Division III, 1st Place Maranda Clement & Abigail Trahan (South Terrebonne High); **Political Science**-Group-Division III, 2nd Place Alexander Neil & Zachary Prosperie (South Terrebonne High); **Sociology**-Group-Division III, 1st Place Hannah Porche & Jenna Belanger (South Terrebonne High).

Terrebonne Parish School District wishes to extend congratulations to all students who participated in the Science and Engineering Fair and the Social Studies Fair! Parents, we commend you for supporting your children's participation in these events.

Coming Soon!

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Spring Break	March 25-April 1
Progress Reports	April 22
Fourth Grading Period Ends	May 25
Last Day of School for Students	May 25
Report Cards Mailed	May 26

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ACT Make-Up Testing	March 15
Spring Break	March 25-April 1
EOC Testing Begins	April 25
Progress Reports	April 22
Senior Final Exams	May 9, 10, 11
Final Exams	May 23, 24, 25
Last Day of School for Students	May 25
Report Cards Mailed	May 26



Homework Help

Students may receive help with homework at Homework Louisiana www.homeworkla.org

Sunday - Thursday
6:00—9:00 P.M.