



## ...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 state testing:

- ❖ **March 16-20, 2015;** Grades 3-8 take **Phase I of PARCC (ELA & Math)**
- ❖ **March 17, 2015;** Grades 11 & eligible 12<sup>th</sup> Graders take **ACT**
- ❖ **April 13-17, 2015;** eligible high school cohort students in Grades 10-12 take **LEAP Alternate Assessment (LAA 2)**
- ❖ **April 14-15, 2015;** Grades 3-8 take **LEAP & iLEAP (Science and Social Studies)**
- ❖ **May 4-8, 2015;** Grades 3-8 take **Phase II of PARCC (ELA & Math)**
- ❖ **April 22-May 22, 2015;** students taking Algebra I, Applied Algebra I, English II, Geometry, Biology, English III, and United States History take **End-of-Course (EOC) Tests**

## What to Expect for English Language Arts

- Grades 3-8 English language arts (PARCC) will be administered in two phases. Students will read passages and respond to multiple choice questions and text-based writing prompts in Phase I. In Phase II, students will read passages and respond to multiple choice questions only.
- The length of the passages will vary depending on the grade level.
- Grades 9-12 English language arts (EOC) will also require students to read passages and respond to multiple choice questions and text-based writing prompts.

## What to Expect for Math

- There will be two phases to the mathematics component of the PARCC Assessment in Grades 3-8. Phase I is the Performance-Based Assessment. Students will be assessed on concepts and skills, their ability to express mathematical reasoning, and on modeling and applications. Phase II is the End-of-Year Assessment. Only concepts, skills, and procedures will be assessed in Phase II in the form of multiple choice responses.
- Calculators will be allowed for certain parts of the PARCC Assessment in Grades 6-8.
- Reference sheets will be allowed on the PARCC Assessment in Grades 5-8.
- The End-of-Course Assessments for Algebra I and Geometry will be given online. Questions will consist of both multiple choice and constructed response type items.

*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 39th Annual Terrebonne Parish Science and Engineering Fair was held at the Southdown Elementary School Gymnasium January 13, 2015. One hundred and thirty seven (137) students in Grades 6-12 from eleven (11) schools competed in the fair.

In the Senior Division, **Adeline Martin** (South Terrebonne High School) was the grand prize winner, and **Samantha Theriot** (Terrebonne High School) was the grand prize runner-up winner. Both of these students qualify to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in May. Adeline and Samantha will compete with eighteen hundred (1,800) students from all fifty (50) states and sixty (60) countries. In addition, they qualify to participate in the State Science Fair, which will be held at Louisiana State University on March 23-25, 2015.

In the Junior Division, **Jacob Bruce** (Mulberry Elementary School) was the grand prize winner. Jacob also qualifies to participate in the State Science and Engineering Fair in March.

In addition, twenty-two (22) other Terrebonne Parish students placed first in their categories. These students have qualified to attend the State Science and Engineering Fair in March.

## Social Studies Fair

The 2015 Regional Social Studies Fair was held at Nicholls State University on March 10, 2015. Over five hundred (500) students participated in the fair this year, making it the largest Social Studies Fair in this region to date. Terrebonne Parish students did very well. First place winners included **Myron Ford** (Southdown Elementary School), **Mariah Fitch** (Grand Caillou Middle School), **Delaney Ferrer** (Houma Junior High School), **Sahar Muhawesh** (Ellender Memorial High School), **Brett Landry & Mallory Robichaux** (South Terrebonne High School), **Quinn Lapeyrouse & Jeff Chauvin** (South Terrebonne High School), and **Lauren Belanger & Jacob Authement** (South Terrebonne High School).

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

# Coming Soon

### ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Spring	April 3-10
LAA 2 Testing	April 13-17
LEAP & iLEAP Testing (Social Studies & Science)	April 14-15
Progress Reports	April 23
PARCC Phase II Testing	May 4-8
Fourth Grading Period Ends	May 27
Last Day of School for Students	May 27
Report Cards Mailed	May 28

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Spring Break	April 3-10
EOC Testing Begins	April 22
Progress Reports	April 23
ACT Make-Up Testing	April 28
PARCC Phase II Testing	May 4-8
Senior Final Exams	May 8, 11, 12
Final Exams	May 25, 26, 27
Last Day of School for Students	May 27
Report Cards Mailed	May 28



### Homework Help

Students may receive help with homework at

**Homework Louisiana**  
[www.homeworkla.org](http://www.homeworkla.org)

Sunday - Thursday  
6:00—9:00 P.M.