



Understanding Spring Testing

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LEAP 2025

- This year our students will be taking the LEAP 2025 tests.
- Students will take tests in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- The decision to promote/retain a student based on test scores is a local decision, but at the very least students who score below basic will receive interventions.
- Fifth graders will take the ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies tests online while third and fourth graders will take a paper/pencil version.

Paper Based Testing Schedule

Third & Fourth Grades

Session / Date	Tests Administered	Timed/Untimed
Day 1 April 29, 2019	ELA Session1 Math Session 1	All Timed
Day 2 April 30, 2019	ELA Session 2 Math Session 2	All Timed
Day 3 May 1, 2019	ELA Session 3 Math Session 3	All Timed
Day 4 May 2, 2019	Science All Sessions	All Timed
Day 5 May 3, 2019	Social Studies All Sessions	All Timed



Computer Based Testing

Fifth Grade ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies

- Our fifth grade students will take ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies tests during the state testing window of April 1, 2019- May 3, 2019.
- They will not take more than 3 sessions a day.
- Students at A.C. Steere will test in either the computer lab, the library, or their classrooms on laptops. This does not include students with accommodations who may require testing in another location.

Acronyms for Test Question Types

MC – Multiple Choice

MS – Multiple Select

EBSR – Evidence Based Selected Response

2 parts: Part A shows understanding and
Part B provides support

PCR – Prose Constructed Response (writing)

CR/ER – Constructed/Extended Response
(writing/explanation)

Math Grids – Students bubble in answer

TE – Technology Enhanced (drag/drop, ruler, etc.)



ELA Test Design

- The ELA tests use an integrated approach to testing reading and writing.
- Students will be asked to complete a task on Sessions 1 & 2 that includes an extended writing.
- Session 3 does not include a writing.
- Test sessions include MC, MS, EBSR, and PCR questions.
- All ELA test sessions are timed.



Math Test Design

- Each item on the Math assessment is referred to as a task and is identified by one of three types: Type I, Type II, or Type III.
- Includes MC, MS, Grids (paper-based), Technology Enhanced (computer-based) and Boxes for Work/Modeling.
- Calculators are not allowed unless are an approved accommodation.
- All math sessions are timed.

Math Extras

- All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be provided with a ruler.
- 4th & 5th grade will get a protractor.
- 5th grade will get a reference sheet.
- 4th & 5th graders must have required Requisite Knowledge that includes measurement conversions, area & perimeter.
 - Such as $1\text{m}=100\text{cm}$ & $1\text{lb}=16\text{oz}$
- 5th graders will be able to use extra online tools

Social Studies Test Design

The LEAP 2025 Social Studies assessments have a set-based design.

- One to four related source documents anchor sets of four to six questions.
- Questions ask students to use prior content knowledge and the source documents to show an understanding of social studies content and concepts.
- Item sets include selected response (MC, MS) questions and some sets culminate with a short constructed response.
- Third & fourth grades will have two social studies sessions and fifth will have three.
- The task set, for fifth grade only, contains selected response questions and an extended response.
- All social Studies tests are timed.



Social Studies Source Documents

Social Studies Sets include a variety of source documents such as:

- an excerpt from a text-based primary or secondary source
- an authentic or historical map
- a chart, table, or graph
- a timeline or series of events
- graphic organizer or diagram
- an illustration, painting, or photograph
- a historical poster or political cartoon

Science Test Design

The LEAP 2025 Science assessments have a set based design.

- A scientific phenomenon (think food chain, water cycle, etc.) provides the focus for the sets.
- Stimulus materials, related to the scientific phenomenon, provide context for and anchor both item sets and task sets.
- In addition to the information presented in the stimulus materials, the questions require students to bring in content knowledge from the course to demonstrate their understanding of science
- The questions include MC, MS, two-part questions, and technology-enhanced (5th grade).
- Some item sets culminate with a short constructed-response item, and the task set culminates in an extended-response item.
- All science tests are timed.



Science Stimulus Materials

Science stimulus materials are related to the scientific phenomena and may include:

- Maps
- Charts
- Data Tables
- Bar or line graphs
- Diagrams
- Pictures
- Photographs
- Artists' renderings



What Are Scores Used For???

- To determine areas of strength and weakness for each student and may include discussions about promotion, retention, and interventions.
- To plan effective teaching for specific children, classes, or grades.
- To indicate the possibility for further services (gateway or special education for example).
- To help monitor a child's progress.
- The results will be used to help guide teachers and the school as a whole in future planning.
- To ensure that A.C. Steere continues to be an educational leader in Caddo Parish.



How Can Parents/Guardians Help

- Be knowledgeable about your child's education and his/her specific needs.
- Set aside time every day for your child to complete homework and review it as necessary.
- Know when your child has a test and prepare for them in advance.
- Display a positive attitude about school and testing.
- Make sure your child is at school, on-time EVERY DAY!
- Remind your child to bring and wear glasses if needed.
- Monitor your child's progress and ask the teacher for specific ways to help your child. Then FOLLOW THROUGH!
- Be your child's number one achievement cheerleader and make sure he/she knows how important school is.



Questions and Answers
