

# CURRICULUM SUPPORT: LOUISIANA'S APPROACH

## HOW DOES LOUISIANA SUPPORT CURRICULUM IN SCHOOLS?

Selecting and implementing a high-quality curriculum has the biggest impact on student learning. The curriculum must also be connected to standards-aligned assessments and professional development. When these three pieces work together, students are more likely to reach the expectations of the academic standards.

The Louisiana Department of Education assists local school systems in selecting high-quality curriculum and aligning that curriculum with assessments and professional development by:

- **Reviewing curriculum** for quality and supporting districts in accessing the best materials
- Providing **ongoing training** and **instructional resources** around high-quality curricula
- Building high-quality tools to fill in the gaps where needed such as **ELA Guidebooks**



## WHAT SUCCESS HAS LOUISIANA'S APPROACH TO CURRICULUM HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

Louisiana has reviewed over 193 curricular programs in the past six years with 88 identified as fully aligned, or high quality. An overwhelming majority of Louisiana's school systems adopt high-quality instructional materials.

The adoption of curricula, coupled with aligned assessments and professional development, continues to promote an increase in student achievement in grades 3 through 12.

Numerous state Departments of Education and national education advocacy groups continue to value Louisiana's model for its coherent alignment and leveraging of high quality curriculum, assessments, and professional development to significantly impact student learning.



### In the News

- **Louisiana Threads the Needle on Ed Reform** (*Education Next*)
- **Conducting a State-Centered Curriculum Review** (*Achieve the Core*)
- **The Promise of Curriculum: Recent Research on Louisiana's Instructional Reforms** (*Johns Hopkins*)
- **Hiding in plain sight: Leveraging curriculum to improve student learning** (*Medium*)
- **Great Curriculum Is Important. But It's Not Enough.** (*Education Next*)

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR CURRICULUM IN LOUISIANA?

As schools and educators become more and more familiar with using high quality curricula, Louisiana's focus has shifted to strategically supporting struggling students through updates provided in **ELA Guidebooks** as well as supports provided through the **Louisiana Math Refresh**. The Department will continue to ensure that all materials, resources and professional learning provided to schools systems is aligned to high-quality curricula and that students continue to access grade-level content in their daily instruction. The Department will also ensure that teachers and students have access to targeted supports to accelerate learning for every student in in math and English language arts.

