



Dear Parents,

First, we would like to thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, continue to respond to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19. As you know, there continues to be concerns related to how schools plan to administer the LEAP 2025 standardized test in April and May 2021. While we are in the business of educating, our first priority is the safety of our students and our employees.

It is required that ALL Virtual students, grades 3-4 must test in-person at the school on **April 28th through May 4th**. All 5th graders must test in-person at the school during **April 26th through May 26, 2021**. Unfortunately, if you choose not to send your child for testing, he or she will receive a zero score. If your child is not able to test, you must provide a doctor's statement on letterhead stating justifications why your child is unable to test.

We encourage our parents to frequently visit our website and follow our social media pages for up to date information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. B. Hinton, Principal at (225) 753-7301 or Mrs. L. Davis, School Counselor/School Test Coordinator LDavis10@ebrschools.org.

Sincerely,

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Bridgette Hinton

Principal

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Lashonda Davis

School Counselor

School Test Coordinator



Testing Schedule LEAP 2025

Mrs. Lashonda Davis, M.Ed. School Counselor, School Test Coordinator

Wedgewood Elementary School 2020-2021

| Date | 3rd Grade Paper-Based Testing PBT | 4 th Grade Paper-Based Testing PBT |
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| Wednesday, April 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 1: Literary Analysis Task or Research Simulation Task (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 1 (75 mins) • LUNCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 1: Literary Analysis Task AND Passage Set with One Text OR Research Simulation Task (90 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 1 (75 mins) • LUNCH |
| Thursday, April 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 2 Research Simulation Task or Narrative Writing Task AND Passage Set with 1 Text (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 2 (85 mins) • LUNCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 2: Research Simulation Task or Narrative Writing Task AND Passage Set with 1 Text OR a Pair of Related Texts (90 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 2 (85 mins) • LUNCH |
| Friday, April 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 3 Reading Literary and Informational Text (60 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 3 (75 mins) • LUNCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 3: Reading Literary and Informational Text (60 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 3 (75 mins) • LUNCH |
| Monday, May 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM Science Session 1 (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Science Session 2 (70 mins) • LUNCH • Science Session 3 (70 mins) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM Science Session 1 (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Science Session 2 (70 mins) • LUNCH • Science Session 3 (70 mins) |
| Tuesday, May 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM Social Studies Session 1 (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Social Studies Session 2 (75 mins) • LUNCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM Social Studies Session 1 (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Social Studies Session 2 • LUNCH |
| May 5-6 | Makeup Sessions | |



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| Date | 5 th Grade Computer-Based Testing - CBT |
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| Thursday, May 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 1: Literary Analysis Task AND Reading Set or Research Simulation Task (90 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 1: No Calculator (75 mins) • LUNCH |
| Friday, May 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 2: Research Simulation Task or Narrative Writing Task AND Reading Set (90 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 2: No Calculator (85 mins) • LUNCH |
| Monday, May 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM ELA Session 3: Reading Literary and Informational Text (60 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Math Session 3: No Calculator (75 mins) • LUNCH |
| Tuesday, May 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM Science Session 1 (75 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Science Session 2 Items (70 mins) • LUNCH • Science Session 3 (70 mins) |
| Wednesday, May 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM Social Studies Session 1 (65 mins) • 15 MINUTE BREAK • Social Studies Session 2 (65 mins) • LUNCH • Social Studies Session 3 (65 mins) |
| May 13-14 | Makeup Sessions |

February 9, 2021

Dear EBRPSS Families,

As a continuous learning organization, it our essential duty to measure teaching and learning across our district. As a public-school system, state testing is mandated by state and federal requirements. During the spring of 2020, these requirements were waived for Louisiana school districts. As the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Cade Brumley stated in a February 1, 2021 letter to school system superintendents, "Test participation remains a requirement... we do not currently plan to seek a waiver from this federal requirement." Currently, our team is proactively preparing for a safe and appropriate testing environment. The long list of measures taken across the district will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Social distanced testing areas with group sizes following state and CDC guidelines
- Frequent cleaning and sanitizing of high touch surfaces and materials in the testing areas at appropriate intervals such as break times and transitions
- Use of personal protective equipment such as hand sanitizers, cleaning wipes, and the required use of masks
- Temperature check screenings for all those present on the school/ testing site

Participation in state testing is extremely important. State policy requires that students take statewide assessments at an approved district testing site and does not allow for remote participation at this time. **Any students from grades 3-12 who do not participate in state testing will receive a zero on the assessment.** The Louisiana Department of Education specifies that state assessments for high school students account for required percentages of a student's final grade. Furthermore, passing scores on LEAP 2025 exams are a part of the high school graduation requirements for students in 9-12 grade.

Our team understands the concerns that families may have regarding testing this spring. For this reason, I am approving for principals to flex into hybrid or virtual learning modes during the testing windows in order to minimize the number of persons on campus at any one time and to keep the testing environment safe. By the first week in April, your child's school will notify you of their school's testing schedule and days that would require certain students to learn virtually. I have directed them to keep this to a minimal time frame. We regret any hardship this may cause on families due to child care needs, but believe this is essential to providing a safe and conducive testing environment. In all that we do, the safety of our students and staff remain our top priority. In the upcoming weeks, your child's school will be sending out additional communication regarding their school's testing schedules. Please address any specific questions you may have to your child's principal, and our team will support them in assisting you. As your child's first teacher, we thank you for being an essential part of our teaching and learning team.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sito Narcisse, Superintendent of Schools