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All students who enter grades 5 and 9 in public schools are required to pass the LEAP criterion-referenced English Language Arts and Math tests required by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Morehouse Parish School System will offer LEAP testing services to parochial/private school students and approved home study program students residing in the Morehouse Parish School District that are in grades 4 and 8 who plan to enroll in grade 5 or 9 in one of the public schools within our system.

NEW: LEAP testing will be conducted in 2 phases.

Phase 1: ELA writing and *constructed response* math tests will be administered on March 23, 2010.

Phase 2: Remaining ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies tests will be administered on April 12-16, 2010. Students must test during both Phase I and Phase II.

First time 4th and 8th grade students must attain a score of Basic in one subject and Approaching Basic in the other subject in order to be promoted to 5th or 9th grade. Students who fail to meet this requirement will not be eligible for enrollment in the 5th or 9th grades.

Nonpublic and home schooled students residing in Morehouse Parish School District who wish to take the LEAP test must register with Cathy Yeldell, Testing Accountability Coordinator, prior to February 19, 2010. There will be ***no on-site registration*** and students who have not completed registration prior to the testing dates will not be admitted for testing.

Parents considering transferring their child into the Morehouse Parish Public School System from a non-public or home school for the 2010-2011 school year should contact Mary Ann Dade at 283-3488 or Cathy Yeldell at 283-3415 to make arrangements for their child to take either a placement test or the LEAP test. If a placement test is necessary, it must be administered prior to February 26, 2010. A fee of \$35 will be charged if a placement test is required. All fees should be paid by cash or money order to Morehouse Parish School Board.