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**Security Irregularities Report**

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# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Test Security Irregularities 2012–2013 School Year

Graduation Exit Examination (GEE)

End-of-Course Tests (EOC)

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP)

*integrated* Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (*i*LEAP)

LEAP Alternate Assessment, Levels 1 and 2 (LAA 1 and LAA 2)

English Language Development Assessment (ELDA)

ACT

### Monitoring Spring and Summer 2013 Testing

During Phase 1 and Phase 2 spring testing (March 19 and April 8–11, 2013), 70 Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) staff members made 210 test site visits in districts as well as charter schools, nonpublic scholarship schools, and other testing locations. Site visits included monitoring GEE, LEAP, *i*LEAP, and LAA 2. During the EOC testing window (April 24–May 17, 2013), 7 test site visits were conducted. In addition, ACT trained 6 LDE staff members to observe the March 19, 2013 state-wide ACT administration. Any school with a record of prior test security violations was likely visited; the remaining visits were randomly scheduled and included some schools that were requested by the district for monitoring. Districts received copies of the observation forms.

During summer retesting, June 24–27, 2013, 11 LDE staff members made 12 test site visits in districts. Site visits included monitoring the administration of GEE, EOC, LEAP, and LAA 2. Any school with a record of prior test security violations was likely visited; the remaining visits were randomly scheduled and included some schools that were requested by the district for monitoring. Districts received copies of the observation forms.

Generally, access to tests was controlled and security procedures were followed. School Test Coordinators and test administrators were knowledgeable about these procedures and appeared to work hard to ensure positive testing environments. However, irregularities in test administration procedures or breaches in test security were observed at some schools.

Of the 210 sites monitored during spring 2013 testing, 18 had minor infractions noted. Examples of minor infractions are permitting students to sit too close to each other, displaying content-specific posters, and failing to post “Testing Do Not Disturb” signs on the testing room door. Examples of severe infractions are allowing cell phones in the testing room, neglecting to provide testing accommodations,

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and administering the tests on the wrong day. At 3 sites more severe testing irregularities were reported. Districts were required to conduct an investigation and provide a report of the investigation, along with a written plan of corrective action to LDE within thirty (30) calendar days of notification.

Of the 12 sites monitored during summer 2013 retesting, 3 had minor infractions noted. No sites had more severe testing irregularities that required the districts to conduct further investigation.

## **Plagiarism**

The scoring process produced information regarding written responses that have suspect or common elements, indicating potential plagiarism such as a student brought unauthorized materials to testing and used them to assist in writing, copied another student's response, or that teacher interference might have been a significant factor. Documents flagged by the scoring contractor are independently reviewed by content area and assessment personnel in the Office of Assessments to determine if the tests are to be voided.

**Fall 2012 GEE, EOC, and LAA 2 Plagiarism Voids:** During the fall 2012 GEE retest administration, 9 GEE tests at 2 schools in 2 districts were voided. There were no LAA 2 voids for the fall 2012 LAA 2 retest administration. During the December 2012 EOC administration, 75 EOC tests at 33 schools in 22 districts were voided.

**Spring 2013 GEE, EOC, LEAP, iLEAP, LAA 1, LAA 2, and ELDA Plagiarism Voids:** During the spring 2013 administration, 6 LEAP tests at 3 schools in 3 districts were voided. During the spring 2013 administration, 38 GEE tests at 18 schools in 14 districts and 1 Type 2 charter were voided. During the spring 2013 EOC administration, 28 EOC tests at 16 schools in 12 districts were voided. There were no iLEAP, LAA 1, LAA 2, and ELDA voids for spring 2013.

**Summer 2013 GEE, EOC, LEAP, and LAA 2 Plagiarism Voids:** During the summer 2013 administration, 2 LEAP tests at 2 schools in 2 districts were voided. During the summer 2013 EOC retest administration, 23 EOC tests at 16 schools in 11 districts as well as 1 laboratory school and one Type 2 charter were voided. For the summer 2013 administration, there were no plagiarism voids for GEE and LAA 2.

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Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Fall 2012			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
East Baton Rouge	Belaire High School	English Language Arts	3
		Mathematics	2
		Social Studies	2
East Feliciana	East Feliciana High School	Social Studies	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>

End-of-Course Tests (EOC) December 2012			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
Avoyelles	Marksville High School	Biology	2
		U.S. History	1
Caddo	Fair Park College Academy	Biology	1
	Huntington High School	Biology	1
	Booker T. Washington New Technology High	Biology	1
	Woodlawn Leadership Academy	Biology	7
Calcasieu	Washington/Marion Magnet High School	Biology	1
Desoto	Mansfield High School	Biology	2
	North Desoto High School	Biology	1
East Baton Rouge	Glen Oaks Senior High School	Biology	1
	Scotlandville Magnet High School	Biology	1
	Tara High School	Biology	1
Evangeline	Mamou High School	Biology	2
Iberia	Jeanerette Senior High School	Biology	1
Iberville	East Iberville Elementary/High School	Biology	1
Jefferson	Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School	Biology	2
	Helen Cox High School	U.S. History	2
	L.W. Higgins High School	Biology	3
	West Jefferson High School	Biology	8
Lafourche	Central Lafourche High School	Biology	2
Orleans	Warren Easton Senior High School	Biology	1
Rapides	Alexandria Senior High School	Biology	1
Richland	Rayville High School	Biology	1

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End-of-Course Tests (EOC) December 2012			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
St. James	St. James High School	Biology	1
St. John	West St. John High School	Biology	1
Terrebonne	Terrebonne High School	Biology	1
Union	Farmerville High School	Biology	7
Vernon	Pickering High School	Biology	2
Webster	Minden High School	Biology	4
City of Monroe	Wossman High School	Biology	1
RSD-Algiers Charter	O.P. Walker Senior High School	U.S. History	2
RSD	Walter L. Cohen High School	Biology	7
	L.B. Landry High School	Biology	2
	Istrouma Senior High School	Biology	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>75</b>

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Spring 2013				
District	School	Grade	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
Natchitoches	Fairview-Alpha Elementary & Junior School	8	Science	2
St. John	Garyville/Mt. Airy Math & Science Magnet	8	English Language Arts	2
RSD-Algiers Charter	William J. Fischer Elementary Charter	8	English Language Arts	2
<b>Total</b>				<b>6</b>

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Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Spring 2013			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
Bossier	Bossier High School	Social Studies	1
Caddo	Woodlawn Leadership Academy	Mathematics	8
		Social Studies	1
Desoto	Mansfield High School	Social Studies	2
East Baton Rouge	Scotlandville Magnet High School	English Language Arts	2
		Social Studies	4
Jefferson	Bonnabel High School	Social Studies	1
	Helen Cox High School	Social Studies	1
	Grace King High School	Social Studies	3
Madison	Madison High School	Social Studies	1
Orleans	Eleanor McMain Secondary School	Social Studies	1
Ouachita	Richland High School	Social Studies	1
St. Helena	St. Helena Central High School	Social Studies	2
St. Martin	Breaux Bridge High School	Social Studies	1
Terrebonne	H.L. Bourgeois High School	Social Studies	1
Webster	Home Study	Social Studies	1
Voices of International Business	International High School of New Orleans	Social Studies	2
RSD-Algiers Charter	O. Perry Walker High School	Social Studies	2
RSD	Istrouma Senior High School	Social Studies	2
	Sarah Towles Reed Senior High School	Social Studies	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>38</b>

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End-of-Course Tests (EOC) Spring 2013			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
Caddo	Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy	Biology	1
	Huntington High School	U.S. History	1
Claiborne	Homer High School	U.S. History	3
Desoto	Mansfield High School	U.S. History	1
East Baton Rouge	Glen Oaks High School	Biology	2
	Scotlandville Magnet High School	U.S. History	1
East Carroll	Lake Providence Senior High	U.S. History	1
Orleans	Warren Easton Senior High School	U.S. History	2
	McDonogh #35 College Preparatory School	U.S. History	2
Rapides	Tioga High School	U.S. History	1
Tangipahoa	Amite High School	Biology	2
Vernon	Pickering High School	U.S. History	2
Washington	Pine High School	U.S. History	2
Webster	Minden High School	U.S. History	1
	North Webster High School	Biology	4
RSD	L.B. Landry High School	U.S. History	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>28</b>

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End-of-Course Tests (EOC) June 2013			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
Ascension	East Ascension High School	Biology	1
East Baton Rouge	Belaire High School	Biology	2
	McKinley Senior High School	Biology	1
	Career Academy	Biology	1
Lafayette	Acadiana High School	Biology	1
Pointe Coupee	Livonia High School	U.S. History	1
St. Mary	Franklin Senior High School	Biology	1
St. Tammany	Salmen High School	Biology	1
Webster	Minden High School	Biology	1
City of Monroe	Wossman High School	Biology	1
Grambling State	Grambling State University Lab High School	Biology	6
Milestone SABIS	Milestone SABIS Academy of New Orleans	Biology	2
RSD-Future is Now	John McDonogh High School	Biology	1
RSD	Sarah Towles Reed Senior High School	U.S. History	1
	L.B. Landry High School	Biology	1
RSD-Institute for Academic Excellence	Sophie B. Wright Learning Academy	Biology	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>23</b>

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Summer 2013				
District	School	Grade	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
Bienville	Saline High School	8	English Language Arts	1
Jackson	Jonesboro-Hodge Middle School	8	English Language Arts	1
<b>Total</b>				<b>2</b>

Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Summer 2013			
District	School	Test(s)	Number of Tests Voided for Plagiarism
<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>

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## Test Security Irregularities 2012–2013 School Year

### District Voids

Each year districts are required to train all test administrators in proper test administration procedures, including test security policy. If schools or districts find violations of test security, including administrative errors, the violations are self-reported to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE). Tests that are deemed to be in violation of BESE's Test Security Policy are considered invalid and voided at the district's request.

**Fall 2012 GEE, EOC, and LAA 2 District, Self-Reported Voids:** During the fall 2012 administration, 8 GEE tests at 2 schools in 2 districts and no LAA 2 tests were voided for self-reported errors. During the December 2012 EOC administration, 8 EOC tests at 7 schools in 7 districts were voided for self-reported errors.

**Spring 2013 GEE, EOC, LEAP, iLEAP, LAA 1, LAA 2, and ELDA District, Self-Reported Voids:** During the spring 2013 administration, 1 GEE tests at 1 school in 1 district and 40 EOC tests at 23 schools in 18 districts were voided for self-reported errors. During the spring 2013 administration, 56 LEAP tests at 29 schools in 23 districts were voided for self-reported errors. During the spring 2013 administration, no iLEAP, LAA 1, LAA 2, and ELDA tests were voided.

**Summer 2013 GEE, EOC, LEAP, and LAA 2 District, Self-Reported Voids:** During the summer 2013 administration, 1 GEE test at 1 school in 1 district was voided for self-reported errors. During the summer 2013 administration, 20 EOC tests at 4 schools in 2 districts were voided for self-reported errors. During the summer 2013 administration, no LEAP and LAA 2 tests were voided.

### ACT Voids

March 19, 2013 was the first statewide administration of ACT. To maintain the integrity of ACT test scores for college admissions, ACT test security staff conducted the "schools-under-investigation" procedure and voided 208 ACT scores.

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District	School	# of Voids	Reason for ACT Void
Avoyelles	Marksville High School	10	Test administered wrong day or outside window
Bienville	Ringgold High School	1	Timing overage
Caddo	Huntington High School	1	Timing overage
	Northwood High School	1	Timing shortage
Cameron	Hackberry High School	3	Test administered with the wrong materials
Catahoula	Block High School	2	Test administered wrong day or outside window
Claiborne	Haynesville High School	1	Timing shortage
Concordia	Ferriday High School	1	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
Desoto	North Desoto High School	1	Test administered with the wrong materials
East Baton Rouge	Glen Oaks High School	6	Timing overage
	Woodlawn High School	6	Unauthorized break
East Feliciana	East Feliciana High School	3	Timing overage
Evangeline	Pine Prairie High School	1	Test administered with the wrong materials
Jefferson	Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School	1	Unknown
	West Jefferson High School	4	Test administered wrong day or outside window
Lafayette	Carencro High School	3	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
	Lafayette High School	1	Timing shortage
	Northside Senior High School	11	Timing shortage
Lincoln	Ruston High School	26	Accommodations misadministration
	Ruston High School	3	Security concerns
Livingston	Albany High School	1	Security concerns
	Live Oak High School	2	Accommodations misadministration
	Live Oak High School	2	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
	Live Oak High School	5	Timing overage
Orleans	McDonogh 35 Career Academy	1	Test administered wrong day or outside window
	McMain Secondary School	7	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
Rapides	Glenmore High School	1	Timing shortage
Sabine	Florien High School	1	Accommodations misadministration
St. Charles	Hahnville High School	2	Security concerns
St. Helena	St. Helena Central High School	6	Unauthorized break

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District	School	# of Voids	Reason for ACT Void
St. John	East St. John High School	5	Timing overage
St. Mary	West St. Mary High School	1	Timing shortage
St. Tammany	Northshore High School	1	Timing overage
Tangipahoa	Loranger High School	1	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
Terrebonne	H. L. Bourgeois High School	2	Test administered out of sequence
Vernon	Hicks High School	2	Timing shortage
	Vernon Parish Optional PM	9	Test administered with the wrong materials
Washington	Mt. Hermon High School	1	Timing overage
Webster	Doyline High School	1	Timing overage
Webster	North Webster High School	1	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
City of Monroe	Carroll High School	12	Test administered out of sequence
	Carroll High School	3	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
AMIKids, Inc.	AMIKids Southwest	2	Late start
Louisiana Connections Academy	Louisiana Connections Academy	1	Timing overage
		1	Timing shortage
RSD	Istrouma High School	10	Accommodations misadministration
	O. Perry Walker Senior High	5	Tested with unauthorized or unapproved accommodations
	Walter H. Cohen High School	2	Accommodations misadministration
RSD-Crescent Leadership Academy	Crescent Leadership Academy	26	Timing shortage
RSD-Future Is Now Schools: New Orleans	John McDonogh Senior High	1	Accommodations misadministration
RSD-Miller McCoy Academy	Miller-McCoy Academy	7	Late start
<b>Total</b>		208	

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### Administrative Errors

Administrative errors that result in questions regarding the security of the test or the accuracy of the test data are considered testing irregularities. If an administrative error has occurred resulting in invalid test data for tests that are high stakes for students (i.e., LEAP grades 4 and 8 English Language Arts and Mathematics tests, GEE tests, EOC tests, and LAA 2 grades 10 and 11 tests), the Local Education Agency (LEA) superintendents, or the parent or legal guardian of an affected student, may initiate a request to the state superintendent of education to retest prior to the next scheduled test administration. The LEA superintendent or parent must provide the state superintendent of education with school- and student-level documentation describing the administrative error. If the LDE determines that an administrative error that allows for a retest did occur, the tests will be voided. LDE then notifies the LEA of the determination and of arrangements for the retest. The LEA must provide a corrective action plan. The district void counts indicated above include the administrative error retests if the request was made prior to score release. In some situations, the irregularity is discovered or reported after the voids are entered into the system. To offset costs involved in retesting, the vendor will assess the LEA a fee for each test.

**Fall 2012 GEE, EOC, and LAA 2 Administrative Errors:** For fall 2012, 11 GEE administrative error retests at 2 high schools in 2 districts were requested. For fall 2012, 7 LAA 2 administrative error tests at 1 high school in 1 district were requested. For December 2012, 6 EOC administrative error retests at 3 high schools in 3 districts were requested.

**Spring 2013 GEE, EOC, LEAP, and LAA 2 Administrative Errors:** For spring 2013, no GEE and no LAA 2 administrative error tests were requested. For spring 2013, 13 EOC administrative error retests were requested at 8 high schools in 7 districts. For spring 2013, 8 GEE administrative error tests at 2 schools in 1 district were requested. For spring 2013, 82 LEAP administrative error tests at 15 schools in 12 districts were requested.

**Summer 2013 GEE, EOC, LEAP, and LAA 2 Administrative Errors:** For summer 2013, no GEE, EOC, LEAP, and LAA 2 administrative error tests were requested.

Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Fall 2012			
District	School	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
Bossier	Haughton High School	English Language Arts	1
		Science	2
		Social Studies	2
Jefferson	Helen Cox High School	English Language Arts	3
		Mathematics	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>

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LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2) Fall 2012			
District	School	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
Calcasieu	Lagrange High School	Mathematics	3
		Science	2
		Social Studies	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>

End-of-Course Tests (EOC) December 2012			
District	School	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
Terrebonne	South Terrebonne High School	Geometry	2
City of Baker	Baker High School	Geometry	1
RSD-Educators for Quality Alternatives	The NET Charter High School	English II	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>

Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Spring 2013			
District	School	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
Lafayette	Carencro High School	Science	2
		Social Studies	2
	Northside High School	Science	2
		Social Studies	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>

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Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Spring 2013				
District	School	Grade	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
Ascension	Duplessis Primary School	4	Mathematics	1
Claiborne	Homer Junior High School	8	Mathematics	19
Lafayette	Broadmoor Elementary School	4	English Language Arts	4
	Broussard Middle School	8	English Language Arts	1
	Evangeline Elementary School	4	English Language Arts	1
			Mathematics	1
LaSalle	Goodpine Middle School	4	English Language Arts	1
Orleans	Einstein Charter	4	Mathematics	1
Ouachita	Riverbend Elementary School	4	English Language Arts	4
			Mathematics	4
Pointe Coupee	Rougon Elementary School	4	Mathematics	12
Red River	Red River Elementary School	4	English Language Arts	4
			Mathematics	4
St. Mary	Berwick Elementary	4	English Language Arts	1
Terrebonne	Evergreen Junior High	8	English Language Arts	1
			Mathematics	1
	Houma Junior High School	8	Mathematics	1
Vernon	Pitkin High School	8	English Language Arts	5
			Mathematics	5
RSD-ICS Charter	The Intercultural Center	4	English Language Arts	7
			Mathematics	7
<b>Total</b>				<b>82</b>

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End-of-Course Tests (EOC) Spring 2013			
District	School	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
Assumption	Assumption High School	Algebra I	1
East Baton Rouge	Tara High School	English III	1
		U.S. History	1
Iberia	Jeanerette High School	Algebra I	1
	New Iberia Senior High	Biology	3
St. Mary	Morgan City High School	Geometry	1
Terrebonne	Terrebonne High School	English II	3
Washington	Franklinton High School	Algebra I	1
RSD-Miller McCoy	Miller-McCoy Academy for Mathematics and Science	U.S. History	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Summer 2013 Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Summer 2013 LAA 2 Summer 2013 End-of-Course Tests (EOC) Summer 2013				
District	School	Grade	Test(s)	Number Administrative Error Retests
<b>Total</b>				<b>0</b>

### Erasure Analyses

Erasure analyses are conducted to investigate excessive wrong-to-right erasures on student answer documents for the multiple-choice portions of tests. Answer documents with wrong-to-right erasures that exceed the state average by more than four standard deviations are identified for further investigation.

**Spring 2013 GEE, LEAP, and iLEAP Erasure Analyses:** During the spring 2013 test administration, 11 classrooms at 11 schools in 10 districts were identified as having violations of test security based on erasure analyses. As a result of the analyses, 58 test scores which were identified were lowered to the lowest scaled score for school accountability in both the School Performance Score (SPS) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the schools and classes identified.

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Erasure Analyses					
Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) Spring 2013					
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District	School	Name of Test	Grade	Subject(s)	Number of Tests Voided
Avoyelles	Marksville Elementary School	iLEAP	3	English Language Arts	6
Caddo	Oak Park Microsociety Elementary School	iLEAP	3	Mathematics	5
	Walnut Hill Elementary/Middle School	LEAP	8	English Language Arts	3
Concordia	Vidalia Upper Elementary School	iLEAP	3	Mathematics	8
Desoto	Logansport High School	LEAP	8	English Language Arts	3
East Baton Rouge	Merrydale Elementary School	LEAP	4	English Language Arts	8
Iberville	Dorseyville Elementary School	LEAP	4	Science	3
Pointe Coupee	Valverde Elementary School	iLEAP	5	English Language Arts	3
Rapides	Mabel Brasher Elementary School	iLEAP	3	English Language Arts	3
				Science	8
St. Martin	Parks Primary School	LEAP	4	Social Studies	3
Tangipahoa	O.W. Dillon Memorial Elementary School	iLEAP	3	Mathematics	5
<b>Total</b>					<b>58</b>

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