HOW ARE SCHOOL GRADES CALCULATED?

Starting with the 2012-2013 school year, the Louisiana Department of Education has improved the way schools are graded by aligning with higher standards, rewarding the gains schools have already made, and focusing on students below grade level. This means:

**OLD CALCULATION**

- **ELEMENTARY (K-6)**
  - 90% Tests + 10% Attendance

- **MIDDLE (K-8)**
  - 90% Tests + 5% Attendance + 5% Dropout

- **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)**
  - 70% Tests + 30% Graduation Rate

- **COMBINATION SCHOOL**
  - Average of: (K-8 SPS x # Students) + (HS SPS x # Students)

**NEW CALCULATION**

- **ELEMENTARY (K-6)**
  - 100% Tests

- **MIDDLE (K-8)**
  - 95% Tests + 5% High School Credits Earned by End of Freshman Year

- **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)**
  - 25% ACT Composite + 25% End of Course + 25% Graduation Rate + 25% Quality of Diploma

- **COMBINATION SCHOOL**
  - Average of: (K-8 SPS x # Students) + (HS SPS x # Students)

**WHAT HAS IMPROVED THIS YEAR?**

- **NO POINTS BELOW GRADE LEVEL**

- **PLACES VALUE ON RIGOROUS TESTING + PREPARES KIDS FOR POST SECONDARY**

- **FIRST TIME PROGRESS with Struggling Students**

  
  **UP TO 10 BONUS POINTS**

  “A” schools earn 5 bonus points or grows 5 points from old system.

  “B-F” schools earn 10 bonus points or grows 10 points from old system.

  * Cannot be in school improvement.