



EDUCATION'S NEXT HORIZON

Contract with Louisiana

Our state's mission in PreK-12 education is to raise student achievement for all children, eliminate the achievement gap, and enable all children to be effective citizens in the global marketplace. In complex and challenging times, we cannot expect the education community to bear sole responsibility for the vision. We are all responsible.

The Commitment of Education's Next Horizon

First, we will be a **platform for partnerships** – a connector of Louisiana's education, government and business leadership as a force supporting school improvement.

Second, we will be an **advocate for investment in quality early childhood education** at the national, state, and local level.

Third, we will **fulfill Louisiana's Promise** – to create local community solutions to increasing the graduation rate in every community in Louisiana.

Fourth, we will **support large scale middle and high school transformation** – change aimed at increasing graduation rates and preparing all students to be college and career ready.

Fifth, we will work to create **schools where every child reads at grade level**.

Sixth, we will focus on **reform based on quality teaching** and the interaction of teacher and child in the classroom – a strategy based on innovation and attracting, retaining and developing talent in the classroom.

Seventh, we will be an honest broker dedicated to **helping frame the public debate** on PreK-12 education.

This reform agenda addresses improvement at every step of the education pipeline – from PreK to elementary school literacy and numeracy to improvement of graduation rates and preparation of students for post-secondary education and careers – to give every child in Louisiana the opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential.

