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SECTION:

Workforce Education and Training

TITLE OF INITIATIVE:

Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Louisiana **EPAS™ Educational Planning and Assessment System** was developed by ACT in response to the need for all students to be prepared for high school and the transitions they make after graduation.

The Louisiana EPAS system provides a longitudinal, systematic approach to educational and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation. The system focuses on the integrated, higher-order thinking skills students develop in grades K-12 that are important for success both during and after high school. Louisiana EPAS is an assessment for ALL students beginning in the 8th grade that supports a common, rigorous curriculum for ALL students throughout high school.

EPAS focuses on a number of key transition points that young people face:

- **8th/9th grade**—Preparing for high school studies
- **10th grade**—Planning and preparing for college and the workplace
- **11th/12th grade**—Being ready for life after high school

EPAS is unique in that its programs can be mixed and matched in ways that meet the needs of individual schools, districts, or states.

- **Increase student participation and provide support for data interpretation.**
- **Increase EPAS awareness to teachers, counselors and district administrators.**
- **Continue to maximize EPAS assessment results to other agencies and users.**

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