Louisiana Department of EDUCATION

Louisiana's Value Added Assessment Initiative

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What does value added assessment look like in education?

Use achievement history and key factors to predict each student's achievement



Assess actual academic achievement



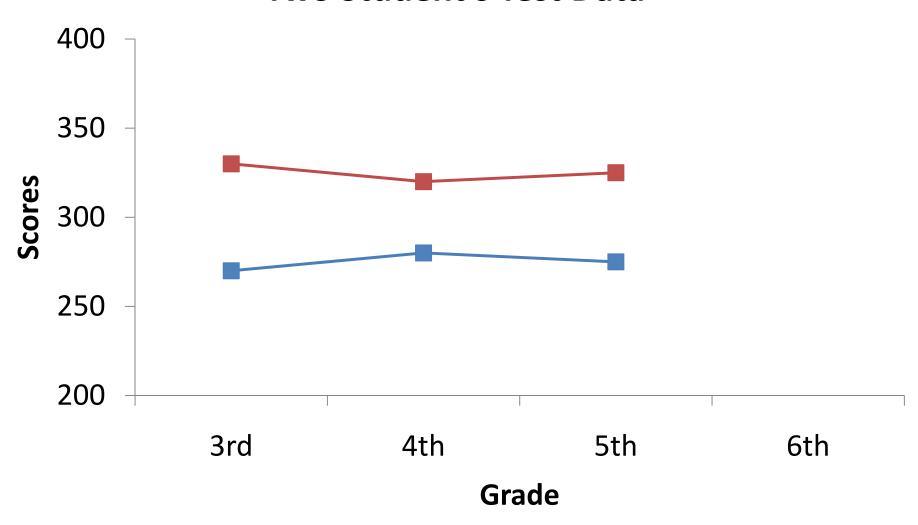
Compare actual achievement to predicted achievement



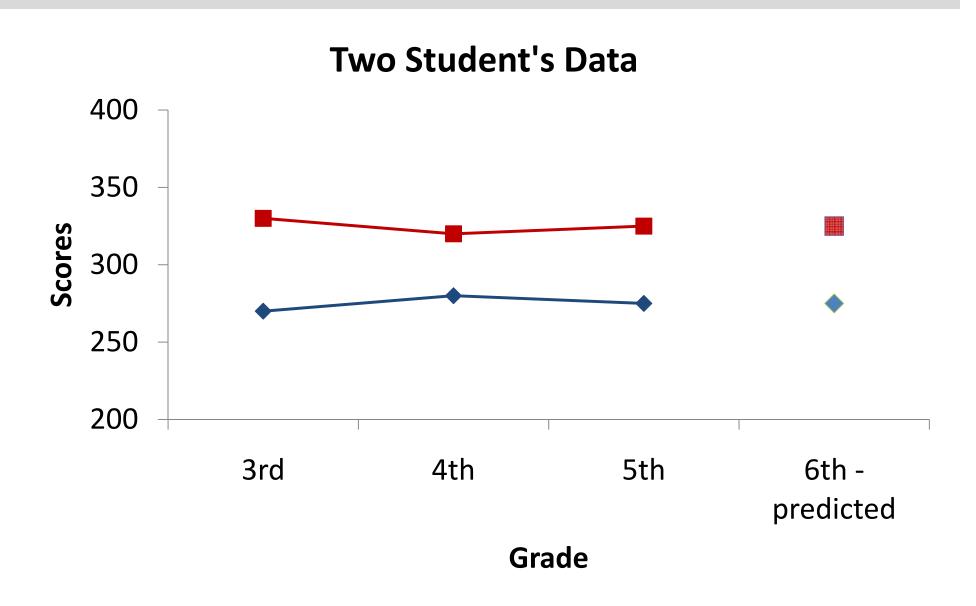
Provide the information to responsible educators and leadership

What score would you expect for this youngster this year?

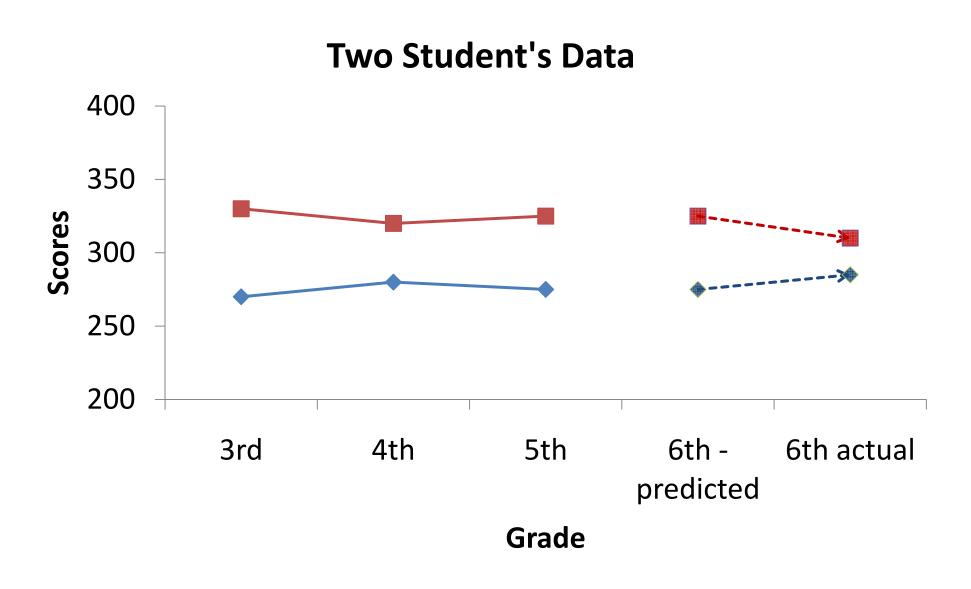
Two Student's Test Data



The pattern should come from the trajectory

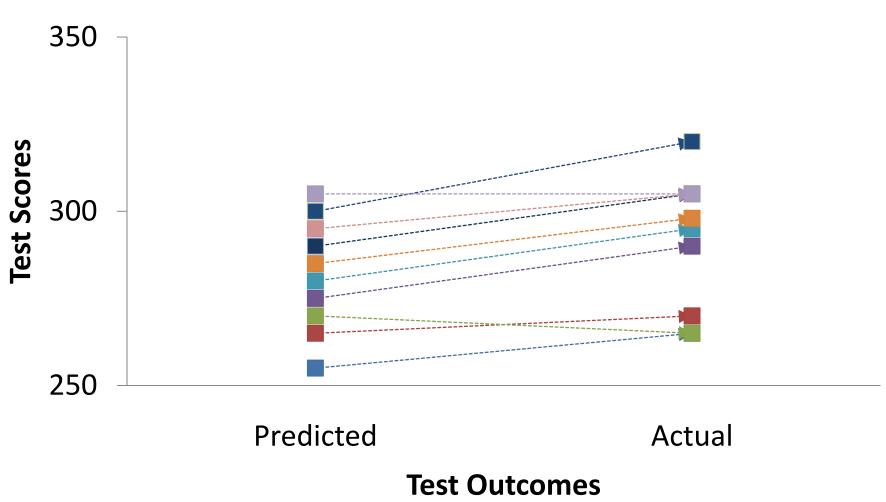


Which student made more progress in 6th grade?



So what does this look like for a class?





Stages in the VAA Process

1. Check with teachers to make sure rosters are correct

2. Compare how students did on state assessments compared to their trajectory

3. Share results with teachers, principals, and superintendents

CVR: Verifying Rosters



2 Students. If you have no changes, 'Select' another Class

Which students does Louisiana's VAA include?

Students are <u>included</u> in the assessment if.....

- Prior achievement data are available
- ❖ Attended school for a full year
- ❖ Take the regular state assessment
- ❖ Enrolled in 4-9 grade levels
- If their teacher agrees that they taught that student

Students are <u>excluded</u> from the assessment if.....

- NO Prior achievement data is available
- ❖ Moved during the school year
- Take an alternative state assessment
- ❖ Enrolled in K-3 or 10-12 grade levels

What information is used to predict achievement?

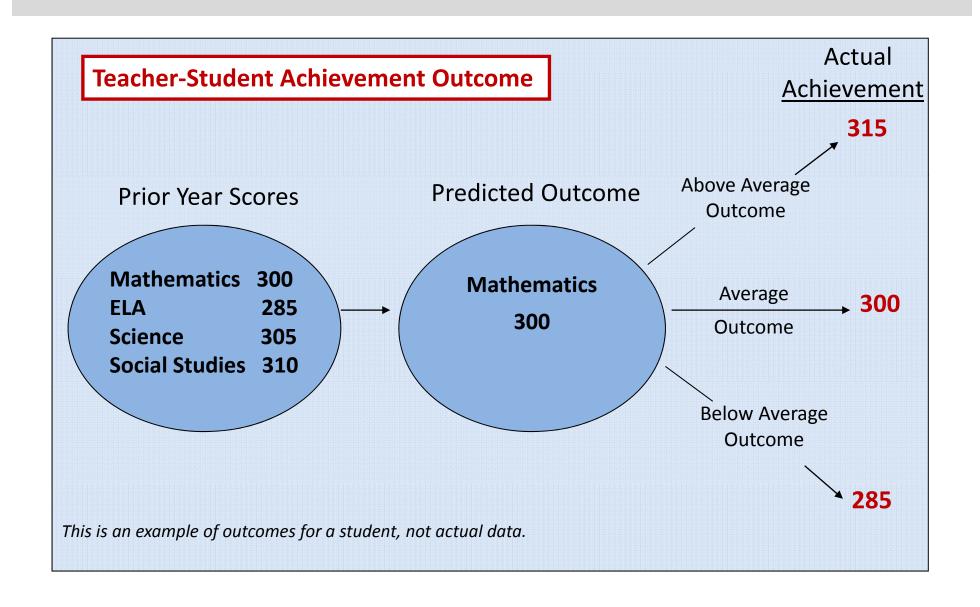
Variables that went into the model:

- **Prior achievement** on state assessments (ELA, reading, mathematics, science, social studies)
- Gifted Status
- Section 504 Status
- ❖ Free Lunch Status
- ❖ Reduced Lunch Status
- Student attendance

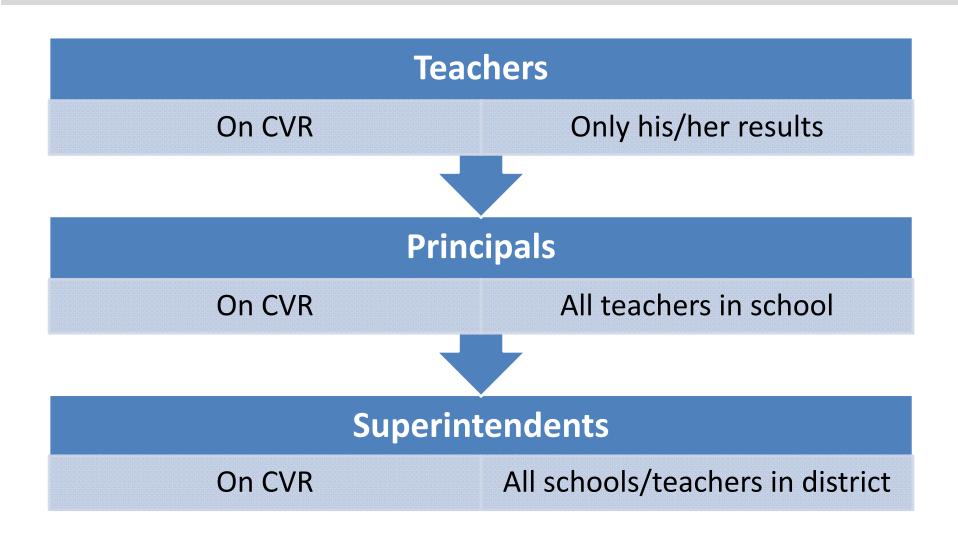
Note: VAA is based on a mathematical model that determines how much each factor contributes to estimating expected student achievement. By far the strongest predictor is prior achievement.

- ❖ Disability status (emotionally disturbed, speech and language, mild mental retardation, specific learning disability, other health impaired, other)
- Discipline Record (count of suspensions and/or expulsions)

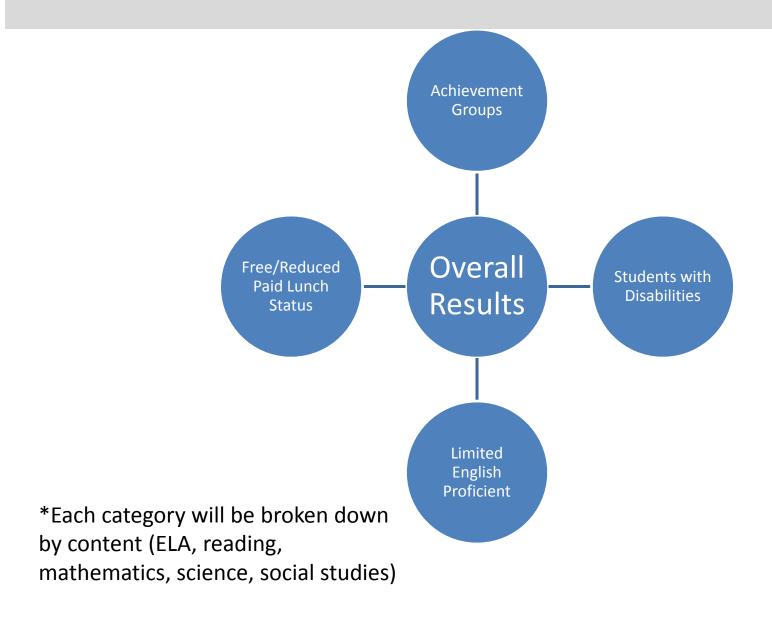
An Illustration of Value Added Assessment



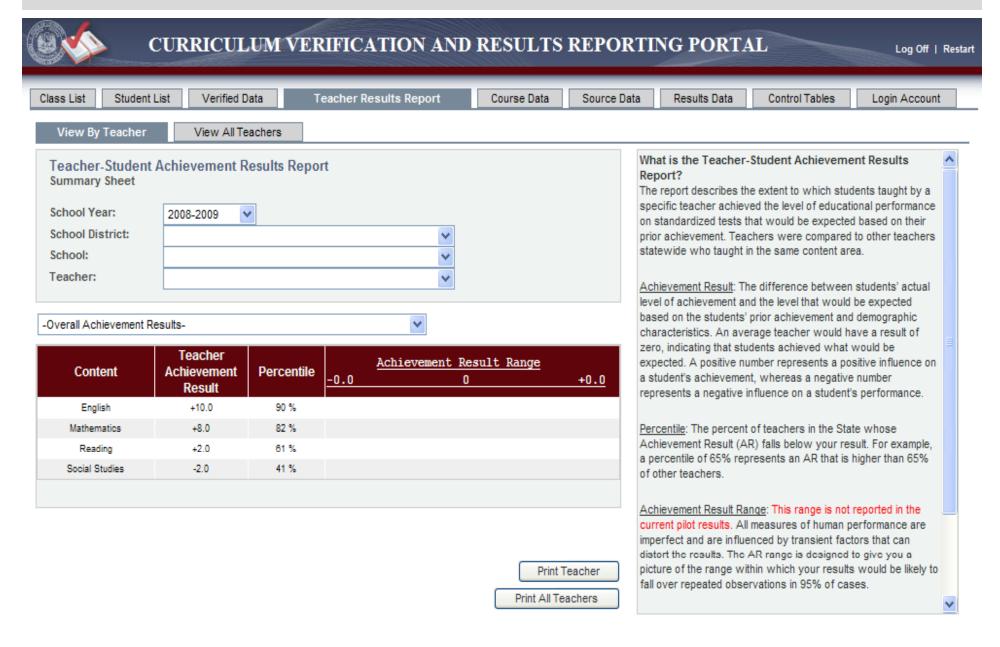
How and to whom are results reported?



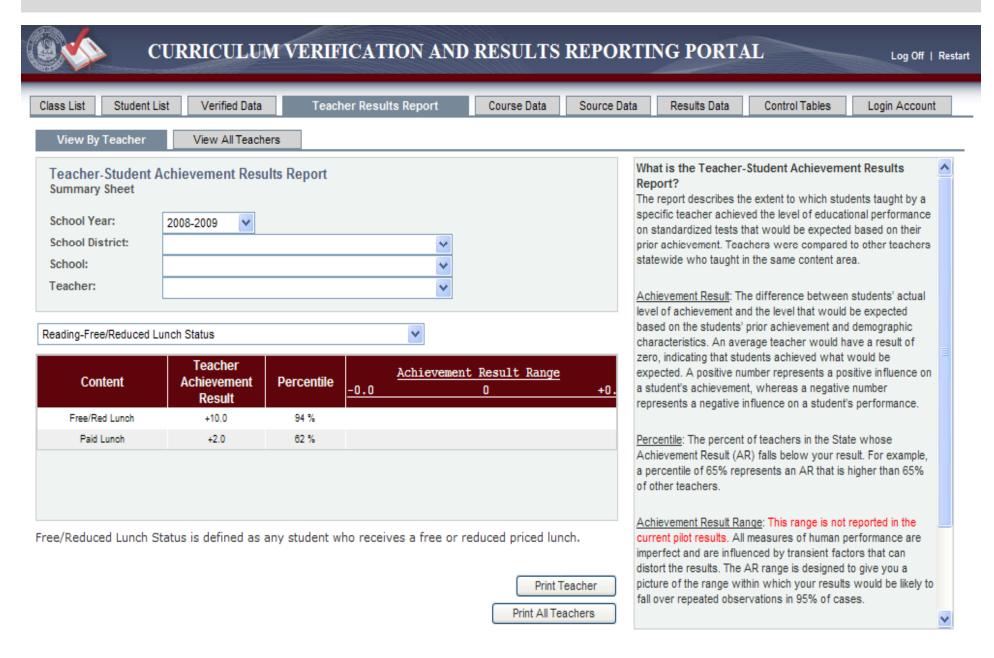
CVR users can view results by subgroups



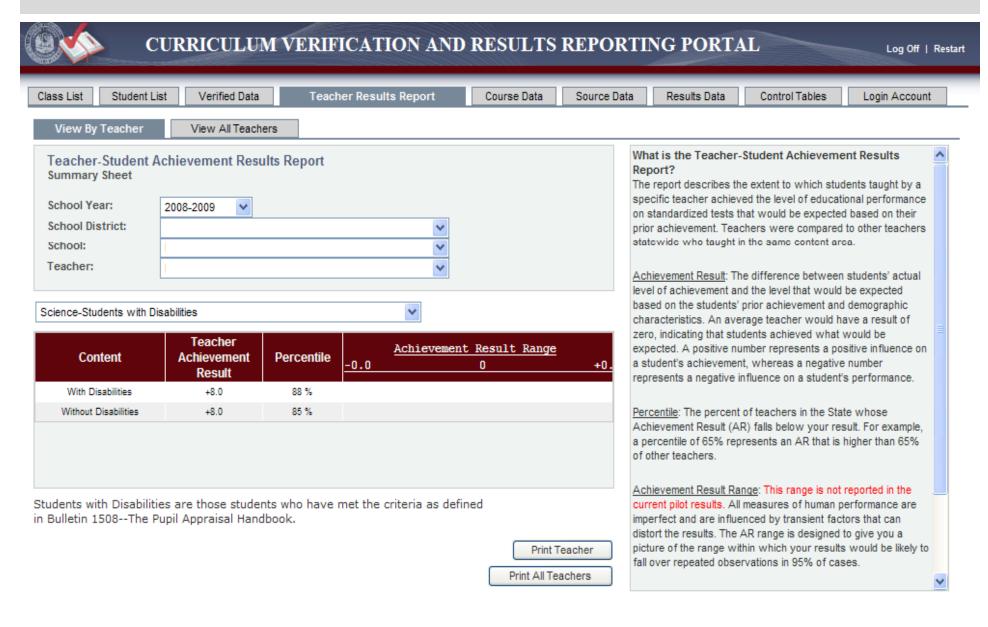
Sample Teacher Results Report



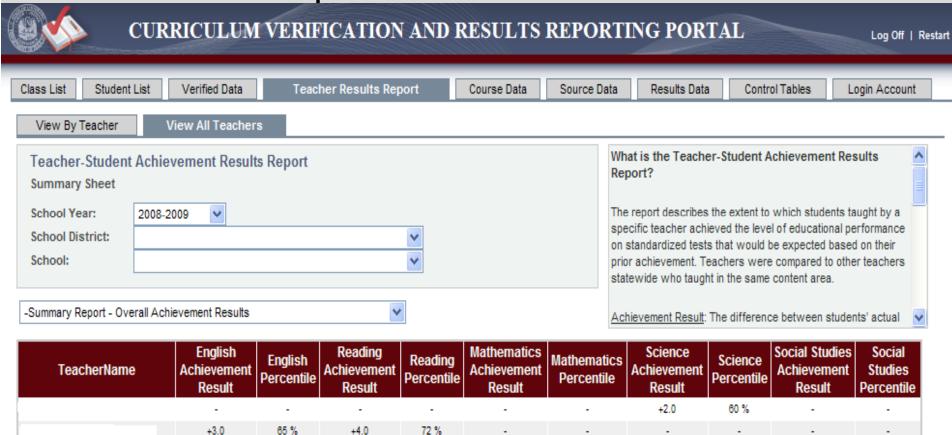
Sample Teacher Results Report



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Sample Teacher Results Report Principal's View of All Teachers



94 %

47 %

65 %

+12.0

+4.0

-4.0

+5.0

123

93 %

70 %

30 %

74 %

+15.0

-1.0

+15.0

98 %

43 %

98 %

+14.0

-1.0

+3.0

Print Category

83 %

71 %

71 %

+9.0

+5.0

+5.0

30 %

-4.0

Value Added Assessment: Uses and limitations

Strengths

- Can be used to identify strengths and weaknesses based on student outcomes
- Can be used to organize resources to improve outcomes
- Can guide the use of resources to strengthen areas of concern (PD)

Limitations

- We will only know about the grades and subjects we assess
- In the beginning, data will be limited to global measures
- The data may suggest areas of concern, but not why we are struggling there

Timeline for Deploying Value Added Assessment up to 2012-2013

Current 24
Pilot Schools

- 2009-2010 (2008-2009 data)
- Develop tools & gather stakeholder input

20 Districts

- 2010-2011 (2009-2010 data)
- Develop communication & PD tools
- Gather feedback and revise our tools

Statewide

- 2011-2012 (2010-2011 data)
- Statewide deployment: communication focus
- Gather feedback and revise our tools