

# NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE NEWS

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## Key Highlights: Important Dates for School Choice Programs

### Key Info New to the Newsletter:

Section	Key New Info
Assessment News	Assessment Data Certification
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## Assessments News (LSP & TDR)

*Unless otherwise noted, the following information applies to schools participating in both the Louisiana Scholarship Program and Tuition Donation Rebate Program.*

### Assessment Data Certification

Annually, school systems have the opportunity to certify and make changes to assessment data to ensure its accuracy prior to the calculation of school performance scores (SPS). To facilitate this process, LA Data Review will open in early August for accountability contacts to review and request changes to student scores in the system, prior to SPS scores being released.

Accountability contacts will receive an email with user ID/password information and user guides when the system is ready. Updates or changes to LEA accountability contact information must be submitted to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) no later than Friday, July 29, to assure that the email notification is sent to the appropriate contact for each LEA/school.

- **ACT, DCAI, and high school progress points:** LA Data Review will **open the week of August 1** for accountability contacts to review of ACT<sup>®</sup> scores, DCAI points, and high school progress points.
- **K-8 progress points:** Assessment rosters and K-8 progress points will be available for accountability contacts to review in LA Data Review the **week of August 16**.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with any questions.

## **2016 EOC and LEAP Science Results Released**

The following 2016 assessment results have been released.

- **Spring 2016 LEAP (Science) Assessment Results:** The Spring 2016 LEAP science results are currently available in [eDirect](#). The release includes student reports, school rosters, and CSV files.
- **End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Results:** 2015-2016 summary results for EOC assessments will be available in the [EOC test system](#) by the end of this week.

Please email questions to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov).

## **District Test Coordinator Reminders**

This entry provides DTCs with reminders and updates related to testing.

- **EOC System Maintenance:** Maintenance to the EOC system has been **rescheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016**. School systems will not be able to access the EOC system on this date.
- **EOC Rescore: July 22** is the last day to submit EOC rescore requests for the June 2016 administration. The Request for Rescoring form is available on the [EOC homepage](#), under the Test Coordinator Materials tab.
- **2016-2017 Summative Assessments:** The [Overview of 2016-2017 Summative Assessments](#) provides timelines for assessment changes and resource releases for both end-of-year (grades 3 through 8) and End-of-Course (high school) assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Please email questions to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov).

## **School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)**

Educational Certificates are awarded contingent upon funding availability.

### **Student Transfers:**

Families seeking to transfer their educational certificate should complete a transfer form with the receiving school. Please note that the submission of this form is not a guarantee that a transfer will be approved.

- Students must have been awarded an educational certificate for the 2016-2017 school year to qualify for a transfer.
- This form must be signed by the parent/guardian and a representative of the receiving transfer school.
- The receiving school should submit this form to the Louisiana Department of Education.

Please contact [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov) for a School Choice Program transfer form.

## **Other Department Resources for Nonpublic Choice Schools**

### **Non-Public School Registration Deadline for ACT Testing for 2016-2017**

Non-public schools will have two test dates for Spring 2017, and will contract directly with ACT for non-scholarship students.

Any non-public schools that plan to test non-scholarship students on the ACT assessment in February or March (paper) and February - March (online) must register and submit their contract to ACT by August 26. If a non-public school plans to test non-scholarship students on the ACT assessment in April or May (paper) and April - May (online), they must register and submit their contract to ACT by October 28.

	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Initial Test Date (Paper)</b>	<b>Make-up Test Date (Paper)</b>	<b>Online Testing Window</b>
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	Deadline	(Paper)	(Paper)	
Spring 2017*	August 26, 2016	February 28, 2017	March 21, 2017	February 28, 2017- March 14, 2017
	October 28, 2016	April 19, 2017	May 3, 2017	April 19, 2017- May 3, 2017

All non-public schools with scholarship students will administer the ACT to only the scholarship students on March 21 (initial test date) or May 3 (make-up test date).

## Back-to-School Resources Released

The Department is committed to providing educators at each level of the education system - teachers, principals, and LEAs - with the [supports and resources](#) they need to continue raising the bar for students in Louisiana.

- The [2016-2017 Back-to-School Package](#) provides all educators with resources, tools, and support structures to support planning and instruction, goal-setting, assessments, and parent communications for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.
- The [Back-to-School Parent Night Presentation](#) is a customizable presentation that schools can use to provide parents with information on 2016-2017 academic goals, standards and instruction, and understanding student LEAP results.
- The [Parent Guide to the LEAP Student Reports](#) helps parents read and interpret the LEAP student reports, with accompanying online resources.
- The [Louisiana Student Standards Parent Guide](#) is an overview of what the Louisiana Student Standards are, how they were developed, and how they will impact student learning and assessments this school year.

Please email [districtsupport@la.gov](mailto:districtsupport@la.gov) with any questions.

## Tuition Donation Rebate Program (TDR) News

Information about the Tuition Donation Rebate Program can be found in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Scholarship Programs Comparison Chart](#). Currently, Louisiana has three School Tuition Organizations participating in the Tuition Donation Rebate Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, and New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund. Schools interested in participating in the TDR program should communicate directly with one or more School Tuition Organizations.

School Tuition Organization	Regional Focus	STO Website	Email	Phone
ACE Scholarships Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.acescholarships.org">www.acescholarships.org</a>	<a href="mailto:TDR@acescholarships.org">TDR@acescholarships.org</a>	504.491.1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.aretescholars.org">www.aretescholars.org</a>	<a href="mailto:maryhw@aretescholars.org">maryhw@aretescholars.org</a>	225.245.3610
New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund	Baton Rouge	<a href="http://newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund">newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund</a>	<a href="mailto:esf@newschoolsbr.org">esf@newschoolsbr.org</a>	225.395.1686

## Other Department Newsletters

Read the [July 27 District newsletter](#).

- Back to School Resources
- Statewide ESSA Forum Schedule

Read the [July 21 Nonpublic School Choice newsletter](#).

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