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Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

Completing and Returning Student Registration Workbooks

Student registration workbooks for new and continuing students and directions for completing the workbooks were sent to all Scholarship managers on, Friday, August 5. These workbooks were to be completed and returned to StudentScholarships@la.gov by Friday, August 12. If you have not yet returned your workbook, please do so as soon as possible.

School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)

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 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 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.

	Registration Deadline	Initial Test Date (Paper)	Make-up Test Date (Paper)	Online Testing Window
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 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	www.acescholarships.org	TDR@acescholarships.org	504.491.1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	www.aretescholars.org	maryhw@aretescholars.org	225.245.3610

New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund	Baton Rouge	newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund	esf@newschoolsbr.org	225.395.1686
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Other Department Newsletters

Note: *There was no newsletter distributed the week of August 12.*

Read the [August 16 District Newsletter](#).

- Flooding Update

Read the [August 6 Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter](#).

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