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Important Dates for Nonpublic School Choice Programs

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
LSP	10/20/17	Submit Internal Control Questionnaire	School leaders or finance directors
All nonpublics	10/23/17	Complete annual report in NPS	School leaders
LSP	10/27/17	Submit Scholarship budget form and allocation spreadsheet	School leaders or finance directors
All nonpublics	10/27/17	Complete NSECD Application	Orleans Parish school leaders or early childhood directors
All nonpublics	10/27/17	Submit Educational Excellence Fund Application	School leaders or finance directors
LSP	11/3/17	Register for November Supervisor and Principal Collaborations	School leaders and testing coordinators

New: Register for the November Supervisor and Principal Collaborations

Sessions at the November Supervisor and Principal Collaborations will focus on topics relevant to school system leaders including but not limited to accountability, assessment, high school opportunities, early childhood, and academics. Please refer to the [Supervisor Collaboration Event Overview](#) and [Principal Collaboration Event Overview](#) documents for more information on sessions offered.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Thursday, November 9</u>	<u>Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning Bossier City</u>
<u>Monday, November 13</u>	<u>Claiborne Building Baton Rouge</u>
<u>Wednesday, November 15</u>	<u>Bayou Church Lafayette</u>
<u>Thursday, November 16</u>	<u>Jefferson Parish Public School Board Harvey</u>
<u>Supervisor Collaborations: 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.</u> <u>Principal Collaborations: 12:00 until 4:00 p.m.</u>	

Registration is now open and will close on **Friday, November 3**.

The registration code for the supervisor collaborations is **NOV2017SUP**.

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions related to this event.

New: School Finder and Scholarship Cohort Index Webinar Presentation

Earlier today, the LDOE hosted a webinar to preview the new School Finder tool and to provide information on how the Scholarship Cohort Index is calculated in advance of scores being released publicly later this Fall.

The PowerPoint from the webinar can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to studentscholarships@la.gov.

New: Assessment Resources Released

Several assessment resources have been updated and added to the Department's website. Please share these resources with principals and teachers.

Teacher Support Toolbox: The updated [2017 Teacher Guide to LEAP Results](#) now includes social studies. The appendix of this guide is organized by the Louisiana Student Standards. For math and social studies, the LEAP 2025 Practice Test items are identified by individual standards and resources to support instruction in teaching the standard. For ELA, the appendix is organized by reading and writing standards with resources to support an integrated instructional approach.

Assessment Guidance: The updated assessment guides for social studies include new information about test design and, for U.S. History, session time limits.

Practice Test Resources:

- Updated practice test answer keys for social studies grades 3-8 (now include annotated student responses to help teachers and students better understand scoring)
- New answer keys for U.S. History, Algebra I, Geometry, English I, and English II
- Presentation and link to the recording of the [LEAP 2025 High School Practice Tests Webinar for Teachers](#)

Please email assessment@la.gov for more information.

New: Science Standards Support

Please share with science teachers.

The Department is committed to helping educators transition to the [Louisiana Student Standards for Science \(LSSS\)](#) in the 2017-2018 school year by releasing tools to support science instruction.

During the September Collaborations, the Department hosted a [session](#) on the new standards which allowed participants to explore the new science scope and sequence documents and phenomenon-based instruction. During the session, participants learned how to use the [scope and sequence documents](#) to engage students in learning and how to adjust their instructional practices to align with the Louisiana Student Standards for Science. Please visit the Department's YouTube channel for a [recording](#) of this session.

Please email lydia.hill@la.gov for more information.

New: Louisiana Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Meeting

The Louisiana Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (LCSM), the state affiliate of the [National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics](#), will meet the afternoon of Monday, November 6 in Baton Rouge.

Please email sabrina.smith@jppss.k12.la.us if you have questions or wish to receive additional information.

New: Save the Date for the 2018 Jump Start Convention

Registration for the 2018 Jump Start Convention Registration will be open in [WisdomWhere](#) from November 1, 2017, until January 12, 2018. This year's conference will be held on January 23, 2018, at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge. Session topics will include

- Micro-Enterprise
- CTE Leadership Academy
- K-16 pathways
- Jump Start and students with disabilities
- Building Relationships with Industries
- JAG
- CTTIE
- Jump Start 101
- Jump Start Summer Grants
- Jump Start Scheduling
- EMR, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, CompTIA, NCCER, C4M, and Agriculture Tech credentials
- Counselor information

Attendees will include school system administrators, high school principals, teachers, professional counselors, Jump Start regional team members, and regional economic development and workforce development organizations.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: Scholarship Audit - Internal Control Questionnaire

Participating Scholarship schools are required to complete the [Internal Control Questionnaire](#). This information is provided to assist in evaluating that financial operations are effective and efficient and that schools have a reliable financial reporting system and comply with applicable laws and regulations. The completed questionnaire is due by **Friday, October 20, 2017** via e-mail to staudit@la.gov.

Reminder: Scholarship Program Budget

The initial Scholarship Program budget is due **Friday, October 27, 2017**. Schools should provide specific details in this budget demonstrating how the total estimated SSEEP revenue will be allocated and spent for the 2017-2018 school year (No actual expenditures should be reported in the expenditures column at this time).

Should your school decide to utilize an allocation methodology to segregate funds, the allocation spreadsheet must also be submitted with your initial budget. Click [here](#) for allocation methodologies.

Submit your [budget form](#) and [allocation spreadsheet](#) (if applicable) via e-mail to staudit@la.gov.

Please reach out to Christina.Pitre@la.gov with any questions or concerns about the audit process.

Reminders for District Testing Coordinators and Accountability Contacts

LEAP 360

LEAP 360 interim assessments provide two checkpoints for grades 3-8 and three checkpoints for Algebra I, Geometry, English I, and English II. Find assessable content for each form in [A Teacher's Guide to LEAP 360](#) to begin planning for interim

and English II. Find accessible content for each form in [AP Teachers' Guide to LEAP 2009](#) to begin planning for interim assessments.

Fall 2017 WorkKeys

- Register for the [Introduction to ACT WorkKeys Online Test Administration](#) webinar that is being offered on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
- See the [October Assessment and Accountability Monthly Webinar](#) for updates on WorkKeys 1.0 and 2.0.

Assessment Administration Support and Training

Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

- Webinar link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/assessment-accountability/>
- Phone Number: 1-646-307-1380
- Participant PIN code: 89147656

The updated [Office Hours Questions and Answers](#) document is located in the Assessment Library.

Please email assessment@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: TOPS University Diploma AP[®] Physics I and II Update

At its meeting on June 21, 2017, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved changes to the TOPS University Diploma as it pertains to AP[®] Physics I and AP[®] Physics II such that a student can meet high school graduation requirements by taking either course and that each course will be given a full Carnegie Unit of credit.

Please be advised that this change does not apply to TOPS eligibility requirements. Students who choose to use AP[®] Physics I and AP[®] Physics II to fulfill their TOPS Core science requirements for a TOPS Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award must take and earn credit for both AP[®] Physics I and AP[®] Physics II. Students completing and earning credit for both courses will receive two of the required four units of science required for TOPS. If a student only takes one of these courses, he/she will not receive any credit toward the two units of science electives required for TOPS.

Please see the [AP[®] Physics I and II High School Advisory](#) for more information, including options that satisfy science requirements for both the TOPS University diploma and the TOPS Core Curriculum.

Please contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: Join the AP[®] Course Audit Webinar

Please share with AP teachers.

To support Advanced Placement (AP[®]) programs statewide, the Department will host a webinar providing AP[®] teachers and administrators with clear guidelines on building and sustaining an [AP[®] program](#) as well as curricular and resource [requirements](#) that must be in place for AP[®] courses. Teachers of AP[®] courses are invited to participate, whether for the first time or as a refresher.

To join the AP[®] Course Audit Process Webinar on November 2 from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m.

- Go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/apcourseauditprocess/>
- Dial 855-240-2575
- Enter meeting room number 38582295

For more information, please email highschoolacademics@la.gov.

Reminder: Submitting Transfers for the 2017-18 SY

As in previous years, [transfer forms](#) must be completed and signed by the **receiving school** and sent to StudentScholarships@LA.gov. Families in Orleans parish should be directed toward the receiving school, not the Family Resource Centers. Students should not purchase uniforms or begin attending the new school until the transfer has been processed and approved by the Department of Education.

If you have a particular question or concern regarding a transfer request, you can email studentscholarships@la.gov or call (504) 304-5467.

Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Information

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

School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)

Reminder: Submitting Transfers for the 2017-18 SY

If a student wishes to transfer a School Choice Award for Students with Exceptionalities, [transfer forms](#) must be completed and signed by the receiving school and sent to nonpublicschools@la.gov.

All Nonpublic Schools

New: Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Application

The submission deadline for the FY2017-2018 [Education Excellence Fund \(EEF\)](#) application is **Friday, Oct. 27, 2017**. For assistance with creating, completing, and submitting applications in eGMS, see the Training section of the [eGMS Logon page](#). **Schools that have not yet completed the nonpublic annual school report will not be eligible to receive EEF funds until the nonpublic annual school report is completed.**

For more information about EEF, please email ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov.

New: Nonpublic Annual School Report Past Due

According to Bulletin 741 Nonpublic, each nonpublic school seeking state approval is required to submit a Nonpublic Annual School Report in the NPS data system by October 15th. However, the NPS portal has been reopened to allow schools with outstanding submissions to complete. The system will again close on **October 23rd**. The Nonpublic Annual School Report requires schools to submit basic enrollment and school information and is submitted electronically using the data system known as LEADS.

To complete this action item, follow these four steps or consult the [Nonpublic Annual School Report User Guide](#):

- Log in to the [LEADS](https://leads3.doe.louisiana.gov/pt/) portal (<https://leads3.doe.louisiana.gov/pt/>).
 - If you need to reset your password, go to <https://password.doe.louisiana.gov>.
 - Pop-up blockers on your browser must be turned off.
 - If you are a new school or a new user to LEADS, email a completed [Site Level Security Request Form](#) (NP-002) to nonpublicschools@la.gov. If the information listed for your school is incorrect, submit a [Nonpublic School Information Change Form](#) (NP-005) to nonpublicschools@la.gov.
- Click on the "NPS - Nonpublic Schools Data Collection" link.
- Follow the instructions listed on Pages 18 - 29 of the [Nonpublic Annual School Report User Guide](#).
- Complete all sections and click the "Submit Section [X] Data" buttons to save data. Once you have completed your submission, you do not need to notify the LDOE of submission via email.

Reminder: 2018 Student of Year Guidelines and Documents

Each year, the Department recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of our students through the Louisiana Students of the Year Awards Program. The Department strongly encourages all school systems to play an active role in celebrating the exceptional students in their area. To participate, please review the revised written [guidelines](#) for the program and [logistics memo](#).

To ensure your school system is represented, please

1. Complete the school system [Information Form](#) and email it to [Marian Johnson](#) by November 1.
2. Make the [logistics memo](#) available to the parents of students eligible to participate in the program.

If you have any questions, please contact marian.johnson@la.gov or call 225-219-7372.

Reminder: Farm to School Conference

Please share with child nutrition program supervisors, principals, and other interested stakeholders.

The Louisiana Farm to School Conference will take place October 24, 2017, at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC) in Baton Rouge. The statewide conference is a forum for attendees to become familiar with the three aspects of farm to school: school gardening, education, and local food procurement. Participants will also have an opportunity to learn from successful programs in the state. Please see the [conference website](#) for event and registration information.

Please email melissa.campbell@la.gov for more information.

Reminder: Louisiana Seafood Student Design Competition

The Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board (LSPMB) is hosting a student design competition for a new Louisiana Seafood logo. All high school-aged students in Louisiana are encouraged to use their creativity, innovation, and love for Louisiana seafood to design and submit a new logo for the program. Submissions will be accepted through December 15, 2017.

Please visit the [LSPMB contest webpage](#) for more information.

Orleans Parish

Reminder: New Orleans Applications for 2018-19 NSECD Program Due October 27, 2017

Any New Orleans nonpublic school wishing to continue participation or begin participation in the NSECD (Nonpublic Schools Early Childhood Development) program for the 2018-19 school year must submit an application to the New Orleans Early Education Network by **October 27, 2017**.

For detailed information, including the nonpublic school application and rubric, please visit

<http://www.agendaforchildren.org/coordinated-funding-request.html>. There will also be an informational webinar on October 12th from 11:00 a.m. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

- **School Eligibility:** Registered nonpublic schools and Type III early learning centers
- **School Year 2017-2018 Enrollment:** There are approximately 460 four-year-olds enrolled at 14 different nonpublic schools and early learning centers located in Orleans Parish.
- **Target population:** Four-year-olds from households at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line.
- **Program description:** NSECD provides four-year-olds from low-income families the opportunity to attend Pre-K in state-approved nonpublic schools and early learning centers. Funding for the NSECD program is limited statewide, so not every operator requesting NSECD seats will be granted them.

If you have any questions about the Coordinated Funding Request or these recommendations, please contact falgoust@agendaforchildren.org or 504-586-8509.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **October 17th District Newsletter** or the **October 12th Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

To be added to the newsletter distribution list, please send an email to studentscholarships@la.gov.

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