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Important Dates for Nonpublic School Choice Programs

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
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	11/3/17	Submit Educational Excellence Fund Application	School leaders or finance directors
All nonpublics	11/3/17	Register for November Supervisor and Principal Collaborations	All nonpublic school leaders and testing coordinators
SCP	11/3/17	Complete Q2 enrollment in SCS	School leaders or School Choice contacts

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: LASIDs Uploaded in SEE

LASIDs for all Louisiana Scholarship students can be found on student profiles in SEE. Please see the attached [instructions](#) for locating LASIDs in SEE. The Scholarship team will be following up within the next few weeks with LASID rosters to all Diocese or independent schools.

New: Updated Grade 7 Social Studies Scope and Sequence Document Released

Please share with social studies teachers.

The [Grade 7 Social Studies Sample Scope and Sequence](#) document has been updated to provide support around the three shifts in social studies:

1. Instructional tasks that build content knowledge and skill with sources.
2. Coherent yearlong frame that makes connections among content ideas.
3. Assessments that measure how well students express informed opinions with evidence and outside knowledge.

Updated versions of grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and Civics are also available on the [K-12 Social Studies Resources](#) page and in each [grade level teacher library](#).

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with any questions.

New: LEAP Connect and ELPT Assessment Guides and Achievement Level Descriptors

Assessment Guides

- Assessment guides for social studies have been updated to include new information about test design and, for U.S. History, session time limits.
- [LEAP Connect](#) and [ELPT](#) Assessment Guides have been posted to the Assessment Guidance library. Each guide contains information about
 - the purpose of the assessment
 - test designs
 - test administration policies
 - sample test questions
 - Resources
 - rubrics

Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

ALDS for [LEAP Connect](#) and [ELPT](#) have been posted to the Assessment library, and describe the knowledge, skills, and abilities that students generally demonstrate on the assessment at each achievement level.

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: Data Files Available

(Please note that posting location for the files below are not the same.)

2016-2017 Subgroup CSV Files

This week, the Department will provide districts and schools with LEAP spring 2017 results by subgroup in the DRC eDIRECT portal with file name LEA/Site Code_LEA/School 2017_LEAP_Subgroup_Summary_File.

2016-2017 Progress Points for Fall 2017 SCI

The 2016-2017 K8 progress point rosters will be posted to the secure FTP no later than Friday, November 3. The rosters will include lists of

- all schools and the total number of K8 progress points awarded to them for the 2016-2017 SCI
- students eligible for consideration of progress points with their expected scale score and their actual scale score

The progress point calculation in 2016-2017 is based on previous policy, which did not include student background characteristics. The [K8 Progress Points FAQ](#) can be found in the accountability library.

Please contact assessment@la.gov if you have any questions.

Reminder: School Finder and Scholarship Cohort Index Webinar Presentation

Last week, 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.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

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 email jumpstart@la.gov with any questions.

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

- School Summary and Test Session Summary reports are available for diagnostic assessments in [eDIRECT](#).
- Interim assessments 1 and 2 for high school are available for both teacher and student access.
- Teacher Access is available for high school LEAP 360 Interim 3. Usernames and passwords are located in the [Interim Quick Start Guide](#).

ACT

- New high schools that have not received an ACT school code should submit requests through the [ACT/SAT Common High School Code Request](#).
- Requests should be submitted by the school and will take approximately three weeks to process.

WorkKeys

- Register for the [Introduction to ACT WorkKeys Online Test Administration Webinar](#): 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6.
- 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 31, 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: 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.

Tuition Donation Rebate Program (TDR) News

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)

New: Q2 Count Opens on November 1st

The Quarter 2 enrollment verification window for the School Choice Program will be November 1st-3rd. Please be prepared to complete the enrollment verification process on time to ensure prompt payment.

Please remember that LEADs passwords expire every 30 days and must be reset at <https://password.doe.louisiana.gov/>. Additionally, pop-up blockers must be turned off.

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with any questions.

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: October 2017 BESE Meeting Summary

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) met on October 18 and approved a number of bulletin revisions and recommendations. Please see the [October 2017 BESE Summary](#) for the approvals that directly impact the activities of local school systems.

Update: Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Application Extended

The submission deadline for the FY2017-2018 [Education Excellence Fund \(EEF\)](#) application has been extended to **Friday, Nov. 3, 2017**.

For assistance with creating, completing, and submitting applications in eGMS, see the Training section of the [eGMS Logon page](#). **Schools that did not complete the nonpublic annual school report will not be eligible to receive EEF funds.**

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

Reminder: 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.

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

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.

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.

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- **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 talgoust@agendaforchildren.org or 504-586-8509.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **October 24th District Newsletter** or the **October 19th 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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