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Important Dates for Nonpublic School Choice Programs

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
LSP, TDR	12/15/17	LEAP 2025 and EOC High School Testing Window closes	High school testing coordinators
TDR	1/1/18	Submit annual report and quarterly enrollment	STOs
LSP	1/8/17 or 1/9/17	Attend one of the 2018-19 student application and enrollment webinars	School leaders/Scholarship contacts for schools accepting new students
All nonpublics	1/12/18	Register for JumpStart convention	School leaders
SCP	1/12/18	Complete Notice of Intent to Participate	School leaders
All nonpublics	1/31/18	Apply for Louisiana Team Nutrition Training Grant	School leaders

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Attend the 2018-19 Student Application and Enrollment Webinar

All schools accepting new students for the 2018-19 school year should send at least one representative to one of the two 2018-19 student application and enrollment webinars. This webinar will highlight school responsibilities in regards to verifying student eligibility as well as the award process for the 2018-19 school year. The same information will be provided at both webinars.

In order to access either webinar, use the following information:

In order to access this website, see the following information:

Link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/lspenrollment201819/>

Phone Number: 1-855-240-2575

Access Code: 80736353

If you have any questions, please reach out to studentscholarships@la.gov.

New: Updated School System Support Calendar Released

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- Update to the date of the 2018 Teacher Leader Summit
- Addition of Special Education Supervisor webinars January-May
- Addition of Individual Graduation Plan webinars in January
- February Counselor Collaborations
- Updates to release of Teacher Leader newsletters

Email districtsupport@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Save-the-Date for February Counselor Collaborations

Please share with counselors.

Registration for the **spring Counselor Collaborations, taking place February 14-22, 2018, is now open.** The meetings are for middle and high school counselors focusing on developing appropriate pathways and guiding students to resources that provide post-secondary training opportunities. Counselors are encouraged to attend a collaborative in their area; however, they may attend a collaborative in another region if necessary.

February 14, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Bossier Instructional Center
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February 15, 2018	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Alexandria Senior High School
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February 20, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Acadia Parish Education Center
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For more information contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov.

Reminder: Nonpublic Testing Coordinator Call

The Monthly Nonpublic Testing Coordinator Call will take place on Tuesday, December 19th at 2:00pm. All testing coordinators for Scholarship schools are encouraged to attend.

In order to access the call:

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- Toll access number (Toll): 1-646-307-1380
- Toll free access number (Toll Free): 1-855-240-2575
- Participant pin code: 89147656

If you have any questions, please reach out to assessment@la.gov.

Reminder: Reminders for District Testing Coordinators

LEAP 360

- **Teacher Access for grades 3-8 Math Interim 2 is now available.** The [Interim Quick Start Guide](#) has been updated with usernames and passwords.
- Interim 1 summary reports and csv files are posted in [eDIRECT](#).

ACT

- Through February 2
 - STCs request ACT-approved accommodations in the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA)
 - STCs verify and upload student data in PearsonAccess^{next} (PANext) for ACT
 - STCs order ACT WorkKeys accommodation materials in PANext
- New high schools who have not received an ACT school code should submit requests using this link: [ACT/SAT Common High School Code Request](#)
- Requests should be submitted by the school and will take approximately three weeks to process.

ACT Online

- Through February 2
 - Install ProctorCache software and setup proctor caching in PANext (ACT online only) *Note: the administration will be switched from online to paper if ProctorCache software is not installed by this deadline.*

Fall High School Testing

- **LEAP 2025 and EOC High School testing window is open now through December 15.**
- Test administrators and proctors should be familiar with the [technical troubleshooting tips](#) if an issue arises.
- The only students who are eligible to take the four-level U.S. History EOC are students who are graduating in 2017-2018 and retesters who are not repeating the course. EOC tests taken for courses earned prior to 2017-2018 will be accepted. For more information, consult the [2017-2018 High School Assessment Frequently Asked Questions](#).
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LEAP Connect

- **The Department will host a webinar for special education teachers and specialists on the LEAP Connect on December 19 from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 pm.** See details in [Special Education](#) section.

Assessment Administration Support and Training

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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.

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Reminder: Annual Report Due 1/1

As per [Bulletin 134](#), each school tuition organization shall annually provide a public report to the LDE that contains information regarding all scholarships awarded or granted in the previous fiscal year. The report shall be prepared by a certified public accountant and shall be submitted to the department no later than the first day of January each year.

For more information on the contents of the report, please reference Chapter 7 of [Bulletin 134](#) or contact lindsey.bush@la.gov.

Reminder: Q2 Count Due 1/1

The quarter two enrollment file is due by **January 1st**. Please upload to your STO FTP. This action item is only for the STO's, not individual schools.

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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: Complete NOI for 2018-19 School Choice Program

New and continuing schools wishing to participate in the School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities for the 2018-19 school year must complete and submit the [Notice of Intent to Participate](#) by **January 12, 2018**.

Schools new to the program must also submit supporting documentation as is outlined in the NOI.

For more information, please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov.

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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **December 12th District Newsletter** or the **December 7th 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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