

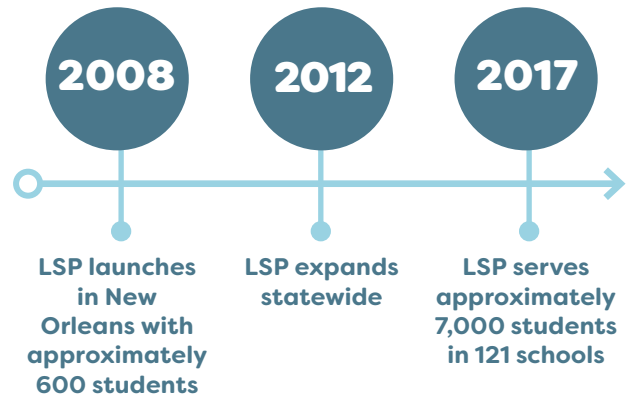
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE LOUISIANA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (LSP)?

The Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) provides thousands of low-income families with the opportunity to send their child to the participating school of their choice. For the 2016-2017 school year, more than 11,000 students applied for scholarships and nearly 6,900 enrolled in a participating nonpublic school.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must have a family income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty line and must either be entering kindergarten or be enrolled in a public school with a C, D, or F letter grade. Funding for LSP is allocated by the Louisiana Legislature.

In 2017-2018, the demand for LSP remained strong, with over 10,000 applicants, and the program will serve approximately 7,000 students in 121 schools.



WHAT IMPACT HAS THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAD ON STUDENTS IN LOUISIANA?

A review of student academic performance shows that students enrolled in the Scholarship program are growing at a rate faster than the state average.

- From 2015 to 2017, the rate of students earning Basic and above increased by 7.4 percentage points in ELA and 4.3 percentage points in math. In the same time span, students in the scholarship program have outperformed the state's growth in students earning mastery and above for ELA and math by 3%.
- From 2015 to 2016, the percentage of schools that met academic expectations on their Scholarship Cohort Index increased by 12.6%
- The percentage of students earning a college going score of 18 or above on the ACT has more than doubled with 34 percent of students achieving a passing score in 2017, compared to 15 percent in 2014.

Additionally, a [recent study](#) by the University of Arkansas and the Education Research Alliance found that after three years, the performance of Scholarship students was statistically similar to non-Scholarship students in ELA and math. The same study revealed that the lowest-performing students in the Scholarship Program experienced statistically significant positive effects in ELA after three years within the Louisiana Scholarship Program.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE LOUISIANA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

The Department continues to focus on expanding access to high-quality scholarship options for families by:

- working closely with Legislators on continued funding for a maximum number of scholarships;
- connecting participating schools with academic resources to improve student learning; and
- implementing processes to hold schools to high standards for academic achievement and student health and safety.

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