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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

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TDC	2/28/20	Upload Q3 enrollment to Portfolio FTP	School Tuition Organizations
All nonpublic high schools	3/6/20	Order diplomas for 2019-20 graduates	School leaders
SCP	3/13/20	Submit returning student applications to the FTP	School leaders or School Choice contacts
All nonpublic high schools	4/1/20	Submit nominations for the Principal Fellowship Cohort	School leaders

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support the use of the EAGLE system as an instructional resource, the platform is being phased out and all items from the EAGLE system will be exported and made available on the [Department's website](#) no later than July 1. A subset of the item bank is [available now](#), and additional grades will be posted as available.

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- An English III test materials folder is available on the secure FTP, which includes all materials needed to administer and score English III assessments provided three times yearly through a process determined by the school system. Included in the folder are manuals that include specific directions.
- Requests for braille forms of the test are provided as needed by the Department and should be addressed to assessment@la.gov.
- Please contact jennifer.baird@la.gov with questions.

LEAP Connect

- The LEAP Connect testing window is now-March 13. All students who are eligible to take alternate assessments should now be identified with documentation in SER.

ACT and WorkKeys

- Recordings of the ACT Test Administration Q&As [1](#) and [2](#) can be accessed using the links provided.

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- **Webinar Date and Time:** March 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646-876-9923
- **Meeting ID#:** 202 189 164

Reminder: Transfer Window Opened

The transfer window for the 2019-20 school year is now open. If a student wishes to transfer a Scholarship award to your school, please have the parent/guardian complete the [2019 transfer form](#). If the student is a newly awarded student, the parent must have registered at the awarded school by the May 28th deadline in order to be eligible to request a transfer.

Transfers are at the discretion of the receiving school; however, schools may not exceed new student caps (if applicable). Schools that received an enrollment sanction for the 2019-20 school year are not eligible to accept transfer students.

The receiving school should submit the completed transfer form to studentscholarships@la.gov. Transfer forms forwarded from parents will not be accepted.

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Reminder: Q3 Count Due February 28th

All STO's must upload the [Q3 enrollment spreadsheets](#) to the FTP by 2/28. The report should also include all students' LASIDs.

This spreadsheet is to be completed by the Student Tuition Organizations, not individual schools.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lindsey.Rhodes@LA.gov.

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Reminder: Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Information

Information about the Tuition Donation Credit 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 Credit Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, and Son of a Saint. Schools interested in participating in the TDC 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
Aspiring Scholars	New Orleans Archdiocese	https://aspiringscholarsla.org/	info@aspiringscholarsla.org	504-513-4140
Son of a Saint	Orleans	www.sonofasaint.org	hello@sonofasaint.org	504-561-7508

School Choice Program

New: School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities Applications Available

The application for the School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities has been emailed to all approved participating schools for the 2020-21 school year. Applications are due **March 13th**.

Given the current level of funding, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is unable to accept applications for new students to the School Choice Program (SCP) for the 2020-21 school year at this time. However, the LDOE will continue to fund awards for all current School Choice students that submit an application at an eligible school for the 2020-2021 school year. **As a reminder, all current students must reapply each year to keep their award.**

Returning students should submit their application to the school in advance of the March 13th deadline. Once schools have collected applications from all returning students who wish to apply, school contacts should upload the applications to the FTP all at one time.

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

All Nonpublics

New: Every Child Counts - 2020 Census

Census Day is observed nationwide on April 1. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that communities receive each year for programs and services that are critical for schools, students, and younger children, such as:

- Special education, Head Start, after-school programs, and classroom technology.
- Food assistance, including free and reduced-price school lunches.
- Maternal and child health programs.

Completion of the census ensures federal funding to support Louisiana students. The Department encourages school systems to explore the newly available [2020 Census Toolbox](#) to find activities specially designed to be engaging and appropriate for each grade level, from counting for kindergarteners to examining career statistics for high schoolers. Each activity also teaches students about the importance of a complete count in the 2020 Census.

Please contact ldoecommunications@la.gov with questions.

New: 2019-2020 Graduate Diploma Orders

Please share with principals, professional school counselors, and data coordinators.

The deadline to order 2019-2020 diplomas and seals is **March 6**. Please use the new [Diploma Order Form](#) to submit an order for the 2019-2020 graduates. All diploma requests must be submitted through the [Diploma Order Form](#). Only one form should be completed for each school system. The Department will cover the costs for the initial order and distribution.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

New: 2020 Super Summer Institute - Save the Dates

Please share with CTE supervisors, professional school counselors, CTE teachers.

Super Summer Institute (SSI) will be offered regionally across the state to secondary and post-secondary educators. SSI provides educators the opportunity to attend training sessions with many offering the opportunity to earn statewide industry-based certifications aligned to Jump Start pathways.

Registration will open in Eventbrite on March 3 and will close on May 11. Registration for National Emergency Services Academy (NEMSA) only will end on April 17. Registration costs must be paid through Eventbrite at the time of registration by credit card only. Lunch will be provided for educators attending SSI.

School systems are responsible for all travel expenses, textbooks, and the registration fee of \$250 per session.

Information regarding locations, dates, and trainings currently scheduled are listed below.

Location	Date	Trainings
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Lafourche	June 1-5	Quest for Success, Cyber Society, New Instructor Workshop (CTTIE), Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA), FAA Drone Part 107, Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) (specific modules TBD)
Winn	June 8-12	Quest for Success, Cyber Society, Adobe Visual Design Specialist, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, FAA Drone Part 107
Calcasieu	June 15-19	Quest for Success, Cyber Society, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CIW Web Foundations Series, AutoDesk Inventor
Bossier	July 13-16 (10/hr day)	Quest for Success, Cyber Society, CompTIA A+, CIW Web Foundations Series, FAA Drone Part 107
Livingston	July 13-17	Quest for Success, Cyber Society, Adobe Visual Design Specialist, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
NEMSA	May 4-July 17	EMR Refresher, BLS Provider, BLS Instructor, EMR Initial Skills
Operation Spark	TBD	Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming and Web Development

Additional training opportunities for Universal courses are being developed. Please visit the [Jump Start Training Calendar](#) to learn about additional training opportunities related to NCCER, ESRI Industry-Based Certification, and other CTE related topics.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

New: 2020 Spring Counselor Institutes

Please share with professional school counselors.

[Registration](#) for the Department's Spring Counselor Institutes is now open. Topics to be discussed include school counseling resources, middle and high school updates, and Jump Start 2.0.

Please click on the date in the chart below to register for the Spring Counselor Institutes. **All events are from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** Please email the network point of contact (POC) for registration support and with questions about locations.

Network **South** POC: jamie.blanchard@la.gov

Date	Location
March 31	Acadia Parish Education Center 2402 N. Parkerson Avenue Crowley, LA 70526
April 1	St. Charles Professional Learning Center 12727 US-90 Luling, LA 70070
April 2	Tangipahoa Parish School Board Office 59656 Puleston Road Amite, LA 70422

Network **North** POC: emily.bradley@la.gov

Date	Location
April 7	Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning 1020 Innovation Drive Bossier City, LA 71111
April 8	Ouachita Parish School Board 1600 North 7th Street West Monroe, LA 71291
April 9	St. Landry Parish School Board 1013 E Creswell Lane Opelousas, LA 70571

Please contact leslie.gilliland@la.gov with general questions.

New: Annual Vaccination Assessment

In accordance with [RS 17:170](#), chief administrators of schools are responsible for electronically reporting student immunization or exemption information to the Office of Public Health (OPH). School immunization requirements help safeguard children and adolescents by making sure they are protected when they get to school, where the potential for vaccine-preventable disease transmission is higher. School vaccination assessments identify pockets of under-vaccinated students.

The [Annual Vaccination Assessment Memo](#) and ranked parish reports for both [kindergarten](#) and [grade 6](#) for school year 2019-2020 are now available. Please note: These reports reflect parish-level results for the percentage of complete records and, for the first year, exemption data is available for [kindergarten](#) and [grade 6](#).

Maps depicting these results are on the [LDH Immunization](#) webpage under "Data & Charts." In collaboration with Public Health Informatics, the Immunization Program anticipates being able to share data to the school-level within the next month.

Please contact stacy.hall@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: School Emergency Management Workshops

The Department and LSU NCBRT/ACE have partnered with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to host the following school emergency management workshops. These courses build on the concepts outlined in the [Developing and Enhancing School Emergency Operations Plans](#) workshop. Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to take this workshop before registering for the following classes. All workshops are available to Louisiana school and school system crisis teams at no cost through the Grants to States for School Emergency Management (GSEM) Program. Register for a scheduled workshop at the links below, or contact schoolsafety@ncbrt.lsu.edu to schedule a workshop.

Workshop Title	Data and Time	Location
Risk Assessments for K-12 Schools: Building a School Profile	March 19 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 7667 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Emergency Operations Functional Planning	March 19 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 7667 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Integrating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in K-12 Schools	March 20 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 7667 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Introduction and Application of Exercise Planning for Schools	March 20 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 7667 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Please contact rlandry@ncbrt.lsu.edu with questions.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **February 18th District Newsletter** or the **February 14th Nonpublic Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

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

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