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EAGLE items will continue to be available to teachers in the online platform for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. To 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.
These items may be used by Louisiana educators for educational purposes. To access items, a password key will be required to open the file. Please share these instructions with all educators.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

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- 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 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**

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

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<td><a href="http://www.acescholarships.org">www.acescholarships.org</a></td>
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<td><a href="mailto:hello@sonofasaint.org">hello@sonofasaint.org</a></td>
<td>504-561-7508</td>
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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](mailto: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](mailto:ldoeCommunications@la.gov) 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](mailto: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](mailto:jumpstart@la.gov) to submit an order for the 2019-2020 graduates. All diploma requests must be submitted through the [Diploma Order Form](mailto:jumpstart@la.gov). 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](mailto: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.
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<td>Calcasieu</td>
<td>June 15-19</td>
<td>Quest for Success, Cyber Society, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CIW Web Foundations Series, AutoDesk Inventor</td>
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<td>Bossier</td>
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<td>Livingston</td>
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<td>Operation Spark</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming and Web Development</td>
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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

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<td>April 1</td>
<td>St. Charles Professional Learning Center 12727 US-90 Luling, LA 70070</td>
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<td>Tangipahoa Parish School Board Office 59656 Puleston Road Amite, LA 70422</td>
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**Network North POC:** emily.bradley@la.gov

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<td>April 8</td>
<td>Ouachita Parish School Board 1600 North 7th Street West Monroe, LA 71291</td>
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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.

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