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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

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LSP	3/31/20	Confirm primary registration contact	School leaders or Scholarship contacts
All nonpublic high schools	4/1/20	Submit nominations for the Principal Fellowship Cohort	School leaders
TDC	4/7/20	Submit prior school checks to FTP	STO's

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Registration of Newly Awarded Scholarship Students

Due to school closures, the Department is asking for Scholarship schools to provide a primary registration contact for newly awarded Scholarship students once lottery results are released. Families should be able to contact this individual to confirm intent to enroll at awarded school for the 2020-21 school year. Schools should select a registration contact who will be available to families via phone and email even if schools remained closed beyond April 13th. Please complete this [jotform](#) by **Wednesday, March 31st, 2020**. Only schools that opted to accept new Scholarship students should complete this form.

More details about the registration of new scholarship students will be forthcoming in future newsletters. If you have any questions, please reach out to studentscholarships@la.gov.

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Reminder: Louisiana Scholarship Program Award Status

The LDOE is taking steps to finalize the lottery for statewide Scholarship schools. In the coming days/weeks, schools will receive an email asking them to verify rosters prior to sending award notifications to families. Please complete this task as soon as possible once you receive it. At this time, we intend to notify families outside of Orleans parish of their award in late April.

Please email studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: Transfer Window Closed

Due to testing and the upcoming lottery for Scholarship students, **the transfer window for Scholarship students wishing to transfer for the remainder of the year is closed at this time.** Transfers submitted will not be approved unless due to extenuating circumstances.

Families that wish to transfer their Scholarship award from one school to another due to extenuating circumstances for the remainder of the school year must complete a transfer form. The school leader or Scholarship contact of the student's new school must sign off on the transfer and submit to studentscholarships@la.gov for approval.

Completion of the transfer form is not a guarantee that a transfer will be granted, and schools can not exceed their student enrollment caps. Families should not buy uniforms or other supplies until the Department has approved the transfer.

The transfer window to transfer awards for the 2020 school year will open in the summer.

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Reminder: For School and District Testing Coordinators

Update: All ACT testing dates have been postponed. Schools should return secure materials using one of the options below.

- Contact ACT to reschedule at 800-553-6244, ext 2800.
- Take materials to FedEx for return to ACT.

Update: DRC Deliveries and Opening of Test Setup

- DRC deliveries that were scheduled for March 16 and the opening of test setup in DRC INSIGHT, also scheduled for March 16, have been postponed. DTCs will be notified when revised schedules have been finalized.

Update: Cohort Graduation Data Certification

- The opening of cohort graduation data certification scheduled for this week has been postponed. Accountability contacts will be notified when a new schedule has been finalized.

- Webinar Date and Time: March 31 at 4:15 p.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 202 189 164

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Reminder: Prior School Check Process Open

The Department is accepting prior school checks every two weeks. The next prior school check will be accepted Tuesday, April 7th. Verified prior school checks will be returned to STOs within a week. Please upload the [prior school template](#) to your FTP and email lindsey.rhodes@la.gov when uploaded.

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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

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Reminder: Awarding Process for Continuing SCP Students

The Department is in the process of reviewing all submitted applications and awarding continuing students to the School Choice Program for the 2020 school year. At this time, parents should receive award notification in late April or early May.

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