

Important News for NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
LSP, TDC	6/26/20	Submit updated LEAP 360 MOU	District test coordinators
All nonpublics	7/15/20	Submit textbook reimbursements requests	School leaders or finance directors

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Transfer Window Opened

The Scholarship team has been processing a significant number of transfer requests and will continue to do so in the coming weeks. Please remember, in order for newly awarded students to transfer a Scholarship, the student must have registered at the awarded school by the May 15th deadline. If a family is interested in a transfer, please have the family complete the [transfer form](#) and submit it to a school representative. The representative at the school must then sign the form and email it to studentscholarships@la.gov. Forms submitted by parents will not be considered.

Transfers are at the discretion of the receiving school; however, schools may not exceed new student caps (if applicable) based on [accountability results](#) for the 2019 school year.

Please email studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: For School and District Testing Coordinators

New: LEAP 360

- School systems that plan to administer any or all of the assessments in the LEAP 360 suite in 2020-2021 must submit an [updated MOU](#) by June 26 to assessment@la.gov. A copy of the MOU has been posted to the [Assessment Library](#).

New: High School Summer Test Administration

- The high school summer test administration schedule has changed to July 13-24.
- There is no remote access option.

New: ACT

- ACT announced new flexibilities for summer testing and new test-at-home options that will become available in the fall and winter. Information about at-home testing with remote proctoring will be shared as it becomes available.
- ACT State Administration
 - October 6 and October 20 paper-based administration only for students who were juniors in 2019-2020 and were unable to test in March or June. The Department will cover the cost for one administration per student.

Update: Waivers for Testing

- To date, the only students who have a waiver from the assessment graduation requirements are graduating seniors who were enrolled at the time of school closing and were in the February 1 enrollment report.
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- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646-876-9923
- **Meeting ID#:** 202 189 164

Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News

Reminder: Prior School Check Process Open

The Department is accepting prior school checks from School Tuition Organizations every two weeks. The next prior school check will be accepted Tuesday, June 16th. 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	Regional		
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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

Reminder: SCP Transfer Window Open

Students wishing to transfer SCP awards from one school to another participating school for the 2020 school year can complete the [SCP transfer form](#). The form must also be signed by a representative of the receiving school.

Please send completed form to nonpublicschools@la.gov.

All Nonpublics

New: Strong Start 2020 Instructional Material and PD Vendor Guide Updates

Please share with Chief Academic Officers, curriculum coordinators, professional development coordinators, and purchasing directors.

The Strong Start 2020 plan includes [Instructional Materials Guidance](#) and [Professional Development Guidance](#), and the Department continues to work with publishers and vendors to update each guide as they build and refine their supports.

This week, the following entries have been added:

Instructional Materials Guidance	Professional Development Guidance
MyPerspectives: Savvas Learning Company	Agile Mind Louisiana Mathematics: UT Dana Center
	Eureka Math: UT Dana Center
	Open SciEd: UT Dana Center

This week, the following entries have been significantly updated:

Instructional Materials Guidance	Professional Development Guidance
Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA): Amplify	

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

New: 2020 Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series Follow-Up

Thank you for attending the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series.

Download Summit Materials

Educators can find materials from most sessions in the [Teacher Leader library](#).

Watch the Session Videos

If participants missed a session or weren't able to register, most sessions were recorded. The recordings are shared on the Department's [YouTube playlist](#).

Confirmation of Attendance

A full list of registered participants can be found in the [Teacher Leader library](#). The Department did not track individual session attendance. However, a school system may choose to ask participants to login to [Sched](#) and print a copy of their full schedule as

proof of attendance, as desired.

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with any questions.

New: Expanded SNAP Benefits Application Deadline Extended

[Louisiana received approval](#) for the new Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. This program will provide extra help buying groceries for the families who normally receive free and reduced-price meals at school. This includes all families attending a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. To receive these benefits, families must be notified of the benefits and must [complete an application by June 15](#).

The Department has created a [digital flyer](#), which links to the application portal and FAQs, that can be used to notify parents of their eligibility for these benefits.

Please visit the [Ask LDOE](#) page and choose *P-EBT* from the subject dropdown with questions.

New: Advanced Placement Exam Updates

Please share with Advanced Placement coordinators, high school counselors, and principals.

AP Exam final invoices will be generated through [AP Registration and Ordering](#). Schools will be emailed next week when the invoice is available. The postmark deadline for payment is June 26.

To ensure accurate score reporting for Spring 2020 AP Exams, confirm students have the **correct school code** listed on the student roster in [AP Registration and Ordering](#) and help them correct any mistakes. For more information, view a short video on [Student Rosters](#).

Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

New: Quest for Success Super Summer Institute Digital Training Opportunities

Please share with CTE supervisors/coordinators, school system leaders, and counselors.

The dynamic [2020 Jump Start Super Summer Institute Digital Training Opportunities](#) guide has been updated to include additional Quest for Success training opportunities. This training opportunities document is not comprehensive and will continue to be updated as additional training options are confirmed.

Registration costs for training sessions are paid directly to the provider and not to the Department. Carl Perkins and Career Development Funds are eligible funding sources for registration.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Science Content Leader Training

BESE has approved three providers to begin offering Science Content Leader training:

- University of Texas, Dana Center
- Great Minds, PhD Science
- SchoolKit Group

The training details, including contact information, can be found on page 7 of the [approved provider list](#).

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Back-to-School Resources

The Department released a suite of free resources to help parents and educators address unfinished learning from the 2019-2020 school year and ensure a strong start to the 2020-2021 school year.

The 2020-2021 back-to-school resources include:

- The [2020-2021 Educator Resource Guide](#), which highlights instructional priorities and resources to support educators with a strong start to the 2020-2021 school year. The guide is located in the [School System](#), [Principal](#), and [Teacher](#) Toolboxes and will be updated each month.
- An updated [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#), which details training sessions, virtual support, tools and resources, and communication streams designed to support educators.
- [Parent Back-to-School Guides](#) that provide families with information and resources to support learning, whether it takes place in the traditional classroom or at home, for the 2020-2021 school year. Guides are currently available for parents of students in grades pre-K-2, 3-12, English Learners, and students with disabilities. Translated versions will soon be available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic.
- [School Plan Family Presentation](#), which, as required by law, provides a template for school leaders to communicate school performance data, their school improvement plan, timelines for implementation and attainment of performance goals, and implications to families.

Please contact ldocommunications@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Work Permits for Minors

State law requires any business hiring a minor to obtain an employment certificate. These employment certificates are to be issued by either:

- The Parish or city public school superintendent or by his designated representative
- The principal of a public or private school or by her designated representative

To fill the gap at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, LWC began issuing blanket work permits for minors throughout the entire state. However, these temporary certificates are good for only 60 days and have since expired. Because of this, school systems are urged to immediately begin reissuing work permits.

Please review the following statutes under Title 23:

- [§182. Employers to keep record](#)
- [§188. Records kept by issuing authority](#)
- [§183. Persons authorized to issue](#)
- [§192. Certificate as evidence of age of minors](#)
- [§187. Signing of certificate by minor; return by employer after termination of employment](#)

Please contact dlarocca@lwc.la.gov with questions.

Reminder: NCCER Module Assessments and Performance Profile Evaluations

Please share with school system secondary supervisors and career and technical education supervisors/coordinators, school leadership, and professional school counselors.

As Louisiana is now in Phase II of reopening, Craft Instructors can [provide face-to-face proctored pen and paper](#) for NCCER Module assessments and NCCER Performance Profile evaluations. These may occur as long as the Craft Instructor is following the state and school system's guidance during this health emergency.

To access the [online testing system](#), contact the Sponsor Representative at martha.moore@la.gov. [Remote proctoring](#) will continue to be available through July 31 should circumstances prevent classes from meeting in person at Accredited Training and Education Facilities.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Louisiana Principal Fellowship (NISL) Nominations and Orientation Dates

The deadline for the [nomination form](#) for school leaders and upcoming school leaders to participate in the 2020-2021 Louisiana Principal Fellowship (operated by the National Institute of School Leadership) has been extended and should be completed no later than **June 5**. Completion of this form will enroll participants in NISL's Executive Development Program (EDP) for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Participants nominated by June 5 will be emailed a link to reserve their choice of dates for a mandatory virtual orientation. Participants only need to enroll in one of the orientation sessions available July 10, 17, or 24 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please note, this year's program will be held virtually until further notice.

School systems will be invoiced by NISL after participants complete orientation and Unit one of the EDP. More information about the Louisiana Principal Fellowship is also [available](#).

Please contact jennie.moctezuma@la.gov for more information.

Reminder: Intervention Content Leader Registration

Registration is now open for 2020-2021 [Intervention Content Leaders](#). Intervention Content Leaders will serve as school building level experts to support ELA and math teachers, along with instructional leadership teams, in using the diverse learners cycle to ensure all students, including diverse learners, achieve mastery of grade level standards. School systems should register participants with strong content knowledge and expertise in Tier 1 curriculum.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: School-based Medicaid

If applicable, school systems should update current Medicaid contact information by providing changes in name, email address, physical address and/or phone number to anissa.young@la.gov for the following positions:

- Medicaid Coordinator
- Business Manager
- Special Education Director

School systems that will not be in operation for the upcoming school year must notify DXC immediately. Please contact DXC Provider Enrollment via the address below or fax (225-216-6392) the closing date of the school system.

School systems that will not be in operation for the upcoming school year must also contact anissa.young@la.gov with a future billing address and/or contact person for inquiries regarding final cost report settlement transactions.

Please contact anissa.young@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: COVID-19 Guidance

Louisiana's school facilities were closed in March 2020 through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Please reference the Department's [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#) webpage for regularly updated guidance. Review the [K-12 Frequently Asked Questions](#) document that is specific to the concerns of school systems for the most up-to-date information. Child care providers should refer to the [Early Childhood Frequently Asked Questions](#) for specific guidance. For education-specific information, contact the Department at LDOECOVID19Support@la.gov.

Please contact the Louisiana 211 Network with questions about coronavirus, or text the keyword LACOV1D to 898-211 for the most current information about the outbreak as it becomes available.

Reminder: Every Child Counts - 2020 Census

By now, every home has received 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.
- Planning, preparedness, and recovery efforts for national emergencies, including [COVID-19](#).

Self-responses, which can be completed [online](#), by phone, or by mail until October 31, **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.

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To view the **June 9th District Newsletter** or the **June 4th Nonpublic Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

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