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## Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
LSP, TDC	7/19/19	Complete the <a href="#">End of Year Assessment and Accountability Survey</a>	District test coordinators
All nonpublics	8/1/19	Register for Equitable Services meeting	Superintendents or school leaders

## Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

### **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](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov). Transfer forms forwarded from parents will not be accepted.

### **Reminder: For School and District Testing Coordinators**

General:

- All changes to secure shipping addresses, DTCs, or Accountability Contacts must be submitted to the Department using the [DTC and Accountability Contact Update](#) form found in the [Assessment Library](#).
- District Test Coordinators and Accountability Contacts should complete the [End of Year Assessment and Accountability Survey](#) by July 19.
- 2019-2020 administrations are now live in eDIRECT. DTCs should ensure all users have the appropriate permissions for the new administrations.
- DTCs should ensure that Central Office is installed prior to testing during the 2019-2020 school year. Testing cannot begin in the 2019-2020 school year until this is completed.
- DTCs should use the State Placement Test 2018-2019 to administer placement tests for the upcoming school year for any student enrolling into grades 5 or 9 into a Louisiana public or charter school from out of state, non-public, or home school. For additional information, please reference the [State Placement Test Overview](#), located in the [Assessment Library](#).

#### LEAP 360

- The 2019-2020 Diagnostic and Interim Quick Start Guides are now available in the [Assessment](#) and [LEAP 360](#) libraries.

#### Assessment Administration Support and Training Office Hours

The next monthly Assessment and Accountability Office Hours call will be August 6 at 1:00 p.m.

- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/393463942>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 669-900-6833
- **Meeting ID#:** 393463942

The [Office Hours Questions and Answers](#) document is posted in the [Assessment Library](#). Email [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

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## Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News

### Reminder: Prior School Check Process Open

The Department is accepting prior school checks every two weeks on Tuesday. The next submission is due July 23rd. Verified prior school checks will be returned to STOs within a week. Please upload the prior school template to your FTP and email [lindsey.bush@la.gov](mailto:lindsey.bush@la.gov) when uploaded.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [lindsey.bush@la.gov](mailto:lindsey.bush@la.gov).

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## 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 four School Tuition Organizations participating in the Tuition Donation Credit Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund, 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	<a href="http://www.acescholarships.org">www.acescholarships.org</a>	<a href="mailto:TDR@acescholarships.org">TDR@acescholarships.org</a>	504-491-1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.aretescholars.org">www.aretescholars.org</a>	<a href="mailto:maryhw@aretescholars.org">maryhw@aretescholars.org</a>	225-245-3610
Son of a Saint	Orleans	<a href="http://www.sonofasaint.org">www.sonofasaint.org</a>	<a href="mailto:hello@sonofasaint.org">hello@sonofasaint.org</a>	504-561-7508

## School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)

### **New: Transfer Window Opened**

The transfer window for the 2019-20 school year is now open. If a student wishes to transfer a School Choice award to your school, please have the parent/guardian complete the [2019 transfer form](#).

The receiving school should submit the completed transfer form to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov). Transfer forms forwarded from parents will not be accepted.

### **Reminder: SCP Award Amounts for 2019**

The School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities award amount is equal to 50% of MFP for the parish in which the student resides. Once MFP has been determined, DOE will email all schools with exact award amounts per parish.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

## All Nonpublics

### **New: Equitable Services Regional Meetings**

The Division of Federal Support will conduct two regional meetings on purposed equitable services guidance updates from the U.S. Department of Education and important information related to equitable services compliance for the 2019-2020 school year. Several key topics will be discussed, including but not limited to, transferability, rollover, carryover, administrative cost, equitable services forms, equitable services program design vs. nonpublic plans, Title II and IV Needs Assessment, and implementation.

The Department is asking all nonpublic school officials, administrators, and school system federal program directors, and support staff to attend one of the regional meetings listed below.

Participants must register at the link below. Registration is open and will close on **August 1**.

Date	Region	Location	Time
July 30	Northern Region	Avozelles Parish Avozelles Parish School Board 221 Tunica Drive W. Marksville, LA 71351	<a href="#">Registration</a> 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Meeting/Network Session 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
August 1	Southern Region	Archdiocese of New Orleans Schulte Auditorium Notre Dame Seminary 2901 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118	<a href="#">Registration</a> 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Meeting/Network Session 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please contact [daphne.flentroy@la.gov](mailto:daphne.flentroy@la.gov) with questions.

### **New: School Year 2019-2020 Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review (AR) Schedule**

Please share with Child Nutrition Supervisors.

As part of the Louisiana Department of Education's USDA Child Nutrition Program monitoring, the Department has released the [2019-2020 Administrative Review Schedule](#).

The Department's AR team leader will contact each school system that is scheduled for review. The deadline to submit off-site [AR forms](#) is **September 13**.

### **New: Release of 2019-2020 Back-to-School Materials**

Please share with principals and teachers.

The Department is committed to providing all educators-teachers, principals, and school system leaders-with the supports and resources they need to continue raising the bar for students in Louisiana.

Below, please find resources released today by the Department to support the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

- [2019-2020 Educator Resource Guide](#): Highlighting instructional priorities and resources to support educators within the first 90 days of the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The guide is located in the [School System](#), [Principal](#) and [Teacher](#) Toolboxes and will be updated weekly through October.
- Updated [2019-2020 School System Support Calendar](#): Updated to include dates and locations for School Support Institutes, Super App Collaborations, and Spring Collaborations.
- [Back-to-School Night Presentation](#): Customizable presentation that school leaders and teachers can use to provide parents with information on 2018-2019 academic goals, standards, and assessments which help to meet ESSA parent engagement requirements.
- [Parent Back-to-School Guides](#): Provide families with information and resources to support learning at home for the 2019-2020 school year for students in grades [PK-2](#), [3-12](#), [English learners](#), and [students with disabilities](#). Translated versions will be available later this month.

Email [doecommunications@la.gov](mailto:doecommunications@la.gov) with questions.

### **New: 2019-2020 High School Planning Guidebook**

**Please share with high school administrators, counselors, and teachers.**

Louisiana's comprehensive plan to prepare students for college and career success includes a system of related policies and programs to provide all students with pathways to future prosperity. The [2019-2020 High School Planning Guidebook](#) is designed to consolidate those policies and programs and provide educators with the resources they need to ensure all students are successful from the time they arrive on the high school campus until the day they graduate. Topics include:

- developing a plan for student success;
- creating a layered continuum of support;
- understanding diploma pathways;
- maintaining individual graduation plans;
- supporting students with diverse needs; and
- understanding the Louisiana accountability system.

Note: The guidebook has been updated since the June 2019 printed version. Please visit the [Louisiana's Guidebooks web page](#) to access all Department guidebooks.

For additional questions please contact [highschoolacademics@la.gov](mailto:highschoolacademics@la.gov).

### **New: Quest for Success Registration and Additional Training**

**Please share with Career and Tech Supervisors, administrators, counselors, and teachers.**

Quest for Success (QFS) is the new innovative, high school-level, career exploration course that will fully replace Journey to

Careers beginning in 2020-2021. Any teacher that will be teaching QFS must attend a state sponsored training. Teachers that were unable to attend any of the summer 2019 trainings have an opportunity to register for the [July 29-30 training located in Baton Rouge](#). Registration will close on July 26.

For any teacher unable to attend a summer session, there will be an opportunity to participate in a QFS introductory webinar in August, as well as a mid-September QFS training in Baton Rouge. Details regarding these upcoming trainings will be communicated in future newsletters.

For questions regarding Quest for Success, contact [tedrick.holmes@la.gov](mailto:tedrick.holmes@la.gov).

### **Reminder: June BESE Meeting Summary**

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) met on June 20 and approved a number of bulletin revisions and recommendations. A [summary](#) of the approvals that directly impact the activities of local education agencies is available.

Please email [ryan.n.gremillion@la.gov](mailto:ryan.n.gremillion@la.gov) for more information.

## Other Department Newsletters

To view the **July 16th District Newsletter** or the **June 27th Nonpublic Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

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