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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
All nonpublics	8/1/19	Register for Equitable Services meeting	Superintendents or school leaders
LSP, TDC	8/23/19	Download LEAP 2025 student score and prepare them for distribution	School and District Testing Coordinators

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: LEAP 2025 Student Reports Available

LEAP 2025 score reports for individual students are now available in eDirect. Louisiana Revised Statute 17:4023 requires that participating Scholarship schools provide all students with their individual score reports. In order to access student reports, please follow directions below. Screenshots of instructions can be found [here](#).

- On DRC homepage, select "Report Delivery".
- When you are redirected, select "View Reports"
- Select a specific test administration
- Select school (scholarship schools will have some nonpublic kids that should be on a separate site code of 997 (scholarship site code is always the XXX001 option.
- Under the Report filter, select Student Reports

Testing coordinators will have the option to save, show or download pdf versions of the report.

Score reports should be downloaded by August 23 and provided in a timely manner to all parents of Scholarship students who

took LEAP 2025 assessments in the 2018-2019 school year. Scholarship families will receive a communication from the LDOE in August that score reports are available for review.

If your school has a new testing coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year and you need to inform the LDOE Assessment team, please complete and submit a [District Test Coordinator and Accountability Contact Information Form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact assessment@la.gov.

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.

Reminder: For School and District Testing Coordinators

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- 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 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](#).
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LEAP 360

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- Diagnostic accommodated materials and teacher study guides are available in [eDIRECT](#).

LEAP 2025

- Practice test accommodated materials and teacher study guides are available in [eDIRECT](#).
- 2019-2020 Assessment Guides are now available in the [Assessment Guidance Library](#).

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#:** 393 463 942

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Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News

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Reminder: Prior School Check Process Open

The Department is accepting prior school checks every two weeks on Tuesday. The next submission is due August 6th. 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 when uploaded.

If you have any questions, please reach out to 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	www.acescholarships.org	TDR@acescholarships.org	504-491-1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	www.aretescholars.org	maryhw@aretescholars.org	225-245-3610
Son of a Saint	Orleans	www.sonofasaint.org	hello@sonofasaint.org	504-561-7508

School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)

New: SCP Award Amounts for 2019 Determined

The School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities award amount is equal to 50% of MFP for the parish in which the student resides. MFP amounts per parish as well as award amounts can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to nonpublicschools@la.gov.

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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](#).

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All Nonpublics

New: The 2019-2020 Virtual AP®Classroom

Please share with administrators, AP coordinators, and AP teachers.

On August 1, AP® Coordinators, teachers, students and school-level administrators will have access to the new Advanced Placement classroom registration, ordering and resources portal. After logging in or creating "first time" professional accounts, each stakeholder should expect to receive the following based on their role:

- AP® Coordinators - access to the AP® registration and ordering system
- AP® Teachers - access to the virtual AP® Classroom system, resources, and tools
- AP® Students - access to My AP® to enroll in designated AP classes
- School Level Administrators - access to AP® Classroom usage, performance, and progress data

Schools who are administering AP® programs for the first time, or teachers who are teaching AP® courses for the first time, will need to work with their coordinator to create a College Board professional account at myap.collegeboard.org.

The [AP Changes 2019-2020](#) one-pager provides a list of recommended practices and provides links to the College Board's data sharing agreement.

For more information, please email collegereadiness@la.gov.

New: 2019 College Board Counselor Workshops

Please share with counselors and administrators.

Registration is currently open for fall annual [College Board Counselor workshops](#). 2019 workshop topics include:

- College Board Opportunity Scholarships
- AP® Program updates and changes
- College advising resources

The [University of New Orleans](#) will once again host the sole Louisiana-based workshop on September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., but there are two additional nearby opportunities in neighboring states that may be more regionally convenient.

- **September 4:** [Lamar University](#), Beaumont, TX
- **September 12:** [Millsaps College](#), Jackson, MS

For more information, please email collegereadiness@la.gov.

Reminder: 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	Avoyelles Parish Avoyelles Parish School Board 221 Tunica Drive W. Marksville, LA 71351	Registration 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	Registration 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 with questions.

Reminder: 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**.

Please email childnutritionprograms@la.gov for more information.

Reminder: 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 with questions.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **July 23rd District Newsletter** or the **July 18th 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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