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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
LSP, TDC	8/23/19	Download LEAP 2025 student score and prepare them for distribution	School and District Testing Coordinators
All nonpublics	8/23/19	Complete teacher and school leadership surveys	Teachers and school leaders

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Opening of Data Certification

Please share with accountability contacts.

The Louisiana Data Review System will open on August 5 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of requesting changes to data used in the calculation of the 2018-2019 school, school system, and subgroup performance scores. School system accountability contacts will receive an email with timelines, reminders, and resources. If the accountability contact has changed, it is extremely important that the Department is notified by email to assessment@la.gov with a completed [DTC and Accountability Contact Update Form](#).

Please note: This is the final opportunity for schools and systems to request changes to data. Schools are not eligible for appeals based on any data that could have been corrected during the official data certification period. See below for scheduled

release of rosters.

Timeline	Roster Type	Data Provided
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August 5-16	ACT and WorkKeys Roster	Highest score earned by students enrolled in grade 12 in 2018-2019
August 12-23	DCAI Roster/Core Credit for Alternative Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Credits earned by students who were in grade 8 in 2017-2018 and in a public high school in 2018-2019, as well as dropouts 2. Credits earned toward alternative school DCAI and Core Credit Attainment Index
Week of August 19	Assessment Roster	Scores earned on state assessments for grades 3-12 in 2018-2019 and prior year banked scores; ELPT proficiency levels for EL students
TBD	Progress Rosters	Points earned for growth on state assessments for students in grades 4-12: Downloadable file only; no additional data certification
TBD	EL Progress Rosters	Points earned for growth on ELPT for information only. Will not be included in 2018-2019 SPS; no additional data certification

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Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 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](#).

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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

General:

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- 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.
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LEAP 360

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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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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

Reminder: 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](#).

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All Nonpublics

New: Save the Date: 2020 Teacher Leader Summit

Save the date for the 2020 Summit, which will take place May 27-29 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

The 2019 Teacher Leader Summit was our largest and most successful event to date. It is inspiring to see so many talented, dedicated educators from across the state come together to share innovative ideas and time-tested best practices in the name of improving outcomes for our students. A special thank you to the many teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders who led sessions at the Summit.

2019 Summit session materials are available in the Summit app and the [Teacher Leader library](#).

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions.

New: Fall 2019 Teacher and School Leadership Surveys

As students head back to school this fall, the Department is launching new [teacher](#) and [school leadership](#) surveys. Information gathered from the anonymous surveys will help school systems and the Department understand how:

- teachers are approaching the planning, delivery, and adaptation of their curriculum; and
- principals and leadership teams are supporting teachers.

School systems are encouraged to share the surveys with [teachers](#) and [school leadership teams](#) through their staff newsletters, at upcoming professional development events, and through any other school system communications.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and will close on August 23. Respondents are asked to share their school system name so that the Department can provide school system leaders with the information collected from their staff.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

New: U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Opportunity

The Department and the [William Randolph Hearst Foundation](#) are pleased to announce the launch of the 2020 United States Senate Youth Program. Two outstanding students from Louisiana will be selected to spend a week in Washington, D.C. in March of 2020 and will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Hearst Foundation. The Department requests your assistance selecting these students.

Please distribute to juniors or seniors who hold elected or appointed offices in school or community groups listed in the [national program brochure](#) and the [logistics memo](#) which includes the application and selection procedures. Please ensure that students understand the rules and regulations governing this competition. For test security reasons, the test secure essay topics will only be released to school systems and will not be available on the Department's website. High school personnel should contact marian.johnson@la.gov as soon as a student request is made for the essay topics.

The names of the students selected and their application portfolios must be received at the email address below no later than October 1. Finalists will be notified by October 21.

If further assistance is needed, please contact marian.johnson@la.gov.

New: Developing School Emergency Operations Plans Workshop

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The [LDOE/NSRF/Academy of Council for Postsecondary Education at Louisiana State University](#) is holding a unique training opportunity for school and school system representatives to learn about developing School Emergency Operations Plans. Important information will be shared as well as instructions on creating and maintaining school crisis plans and emergency operations plans. Training is free to all Louisiana K-12 school personnel and community partners, but seating is limited. Please register below.

Date and Time	Location and Registration
August 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Westside Regional Library 5416 Provine Place Alexandria, LA
August 19 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Calcasieu Public Library-Central Branch 301 W. Claude Street Lake Charles, LA 70605
August 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Calcasieu Public Library-Central Branch 301 W. Claude Street Lake Charles, LA 70605
September 12 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning 1020 Innovation Drive Bossier City, LA 7111

Please contact catherine.pozniak@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **July 30th District Newsletter** or the **July 25th 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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