

# Important News for NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS



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## Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
SCP	8/7/20	Submit SCP applications and application spreadsheet to FTP	School leaders or School Choice Contacts
Nonpublics	8/7/20	Attend Reopening Roundtable	Diocesan Superintendents

## Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

### **Reminder: Reopening Roundtable: A Virtual Series for Superintendents**

Superintendents are invited to participate in a Reopening Roundtable virtual series hosted by Dr. Brumley. This call will be held at 9 a.m. each Friday during the month of August beginning **Friday, August 7**. Every week a panel of superintendents and school leaders will share their experiences reopening and operating schools during the health crisis. Along with the panel discussion, each session will include a Q&A session. It's important that the Department is a support agency during these uncertain times, and this series will help facilitate discussions of best practices. Information needed to join this series is included below.

- Webinar Date and Time: Friday at 9 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97826043901>
- Webinar Password: 5v7Dwq
- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 978 2604 3901
- Dial-in Password: 556910

Please enter your full name and school system name when logging in.

### **Reminder: 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](mailto: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](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with any questions.

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

### **ACT**

- **New: ACT Webinar Opportunities**
  - August 11: Attend a Q&A session about WorkKeys online test administration. [Register to attend.](#)
  - August 18: Attend a Q&A session about ACT accommodations and supports and test administration for the October testing. [Register to attend.](#)
- All school systems that tested students in June 2020 and/or who plan to test students during the October 2020 makeup for 2019-2020 juniors must sign the ACT MOU Addendum that is posted in the [Assessment Library](#).
- 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 applicable student.
  - **Important: Materials will be shipped separately for each administration.**
  - Currently, ACT does not offer remote administrations for any scheduled testing dates.
  - The [Schedule of Events](#) for the October ACT administration is posted on the [ACT State Testing](#) site.
  - The [Schedule of Events](#) for the 2020-2021 WorkKeys administration is posted on the [ACT State Testing](#) site.
  - [PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>](#) (PANext) is open through August 28 to manage participation and verify secure district shipping addresses for both the ACT October administration and the 2020-2021 WorkKeys assessments.

### **Assessment Administration Support and Training Office Hours**

The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be on **August 11 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for Office Hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 11 at 3:45 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646-876-9923
- **Meeting ID#:** 202 189 164
- **Password:** 2020202!

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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	<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

Aspiring Scholars	New Orleans Archdiocese	<a href="https://aspiringscholarsla.org/">https://aspiringscholarsla.org/</a>	<a href="mailto:info@aspiringscholarsla.org">info@aspiringscholarsla.org</a>	504-513-4140
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

### **New: School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities Applications Due Friday, August 7th**

The applications deadline for the School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities will close **tomorrow, August 7th**. Applications can be found [here](#).

Once schools have collected applications from all students who wish to apply, school contacts should upload the applications and supporting documentation to the [FTP](#). Applications and supporting documentation should be uploaded as an individual PDF for each student saved as the student's name. The applications should be uploaded to the 2020-21 SCP folder in the FTP.

Schools will also be required to enter applicant information into [this spreadsheet](#). A completed spreadsheet that includes all new applicants' information should be uploaded to the FTP along with scanned copies of paper applications and supporting documentation. This spreadsheet is also due on August 7th.

Only schools that previously submitted a Notice of Intent to Participate for the 2020-21 school year may submit applications for new awards.

Please reach out to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov) with any questions.

### **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](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

## All Nonpublics

### **New: Continuous Learning Updates for Social Studies**

Please share with social studies supervisors, administrators and social studies teachers

For unit 2 distance learning packets, the teacher materials and student materials sections will be separated. The teacher materials have been [password protected](#) to help ensure only teachers have access to the answer keys. For more information on distance learning packets, see below.

In an effort to provide standards-aligned content experiences and enable continuous learning in the event of school facility closures at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, [distance learning packets](#) are being developed for each course in grades 3-8 and US History for units 1 and 2. The packets do not cover the entire content of the unit but instead focus on a key topic. Teachers can use the packets as a cornerstone to build materials for additional content coverage. The materials are designed to be low tech but can be adapted for schools using an online learning platform. The Department will evaluate the need for more distance learning support throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Unit 2 packets will be released on a rolling basis from now until September and will be posted on the [K-12 Social Studies Resources](#) page when completed.

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

### **New: Updated Guidance for Criminal Background Checks for Service Providers in K-12**

All K-12 essential visitors and contractors, including mental health consultants and special education service providers, must have a child care criminal background check (CCCBC) in order to provide services at an early learning center and a registered in-home or family home provider. The background checks approved by the school systems for K-12 purposes are not acceptable for child care security purposes.

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

### **New: Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Resumption of Training**

**Please share with school system secondary supervisors, career and technical education supervisors/coordinators and CNA instructors.**

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) regularly updates the [health standards section of their website](#) with information regarding

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) regularly updates the [health standards section of their website](#) with information regarding effects of COVID-19 on Nurse Aide Training programs. Several key updates are available for Nurse Aide Training programs relative to the resumption of training.

- Prior to beginning a new class, written verification from the nursing home that students will be allowed to complete clinical training during the COVID crisis should be acquired and submitted to [HSS-CNA-DSW-Request@la.gov](mailto:HSS-CNA-DSW-Request@la.gov).
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has mandated that nursing homes conduct weekly COVID testing of all residents and employees. Students are considered employees and will, therefore, require weekly testing.
- Please notify the LDH Program Desk of nursing facilities that are unable/unwilling to accommodate students. While it is certainly the right of the facility to restrict students, the LDH would like to ensure the reason is not due to misinformation regarding current recommendations related to the pandemic.

Please notify the program manager of any decisions to place the program on hold or close at [ash-leigh.garcia@la.gov](mailto:ash-leigh.garcia@la.gov).

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

### **New: Career and Technical Education Webinar**

**Please share with CTE leaders.**

The Department will host a Career and Technical Education Webinar on **August 13 at 11 a.m.** The webinar will include updates on the following:

- Jump Start 2.0 implementation
- Quest for Success
- Industry-Based Certification Fact Sheets
- Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice

Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 13 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93182712471>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 931 8271 2471
- **Password:** 536014

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

### **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.

New or updated information will be highlighted in yellow within the document.

This week, the following entries have been significantly **updated**:

<b>Instructional Materials Guidance</b>	<b>Professional Development Guidance</b>
Kaplan Early Learning Company, Connect4Learning	
Kaplan Early Learning Company, Learn Everyday: Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	
JUMP Math, Grades K-8	
Kendall Hunt, Illustrative Mathematics, Grades 6-8, Algebra I	
McGraw Hill, Illustrative Mathematics, Grades 6-8	

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

### **Reminder: U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program**

Due to the many uncertainties posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP)-Washington Week 2021-is currently on hold. Applications nationwide are not being accepted at this time. The Department will post USSYP updates in upcoming newsletters and [on the website](#) when available.

Please contact [marian.johnson@la.gov](mailto:marian.johnson@la.gov) with questions.

## **Reminder: World Languages Strong Start Guidance**

**Please share with World Language Supervisors and teachers.**

The Department recently published the [Louisiana World Languages Resources Guidance](#) and the [World Languages Blended and Asynchronous Learning Guidance](#) to help teachers and school systems prepare for the upcoming school year. This guidance contains information on World Languages best practices and tools for teachers as well as alternative scheduling suggestions for schools with immersion.

For school systems that host International Associate Teachers (IATs), the Department published [Strong Start 2020 for International Associate Teachers](#). This guidance includes tips for welcoming and onboarding new IATs as well as the new [International Associate Teacher Exchange Planning Document](#).

Please contact [languageacquisition@la.gov](mailto:languageacquisition@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.**

NCCER [remote proctoring](#) will continue to be available through December 31 should circumstances prevent classes from meeting in person at accredited training and education facilities. If using the online testing system for written assessments, craft instructors are reminded to continue to submit performance profiles through the registry by creating a registration of training modules using actual dates for the performance profile evaluations. To access the [online testing system](#), contact the sponsor representative, [martha.moore@la.gov](mailto:martha.moore@la.gov).

Please contact [martha.moore@la.gov](mailto:martha.moore@la.gov) with questions.

## **Reminder: National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded Louisiana \$597,050, provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), to be distributed to School Food Authorities (SFA) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals, improve food safety and expand access to school meals in the NSLP and School Breakfast Program. Priority will be given to schools where the greatest percentage of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Reference the [2020 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants](#) document for additional grant-related information. Online applications will be accessible at the [Child Nutrition Programs website](#) on October 1. A School Food Service (SFS) Memo will be forthcoming to inform SFAs of dates for the open application period.

Please contact [helen.folks@la.gov](mailto:helen.folks@la.gov) with questions.

## **Reminder: 2020-2021 Reopening and Operations Resource Updates**

The Department and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) have been working together to provide updated resources and guidance for schools relative to reopening and operations for the 2020-2021 school year. The most recent updates include:

- [Self-Monitoring Checklist](#)
- [COVID-19 Positive Test Result Process Sample Letters](#)
- [LDH Return to School/Work Self-Certifications](#)
- [LDH Guidance for Common School Scenarios](#)
- Critical Infrastructure Workers

In addition, the Department is holding office hours **every Thursday at 3 p.m.** for school system leaders and support staff to hear the latest updates on policy implementation, supportive guidance and tool development. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Thursdays at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91419461028>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 301-715-8592
- **Meeting ID#:** 914 1946 1028
- **Meeting Password:** 408891

Please contact [LDOECOVID19support@la.gov](mailto:LDOECOVID19support@la.gov) with questions.

## **Reminder: Virtual Town Hall Series for Schools**

**Please share with school system leaders, administrators, school nurses and teachers.**

COVID-19 guidance experts from Children's Hospital New Orleans (CHNOLA), in partnership with the Department, will host an upcoming virtual town hall series. During this virtual series, guidance experts will:

- provide updates on the current state of COVID-19 pandemic across Louisiana, specifically in regard to children under ages 18;
- speak to frequently asked questions that will be collected in-between town halls through the Children's Hospital New Orleans' website in the Return to School FAQ Entry Form;
- provide education/guidance training on targeted topics relevant to schools; and
- facilitate open Q&A.

Scheduled topics for the remaining town hall meetings and details needed to join are listed below.

#### Tips for School Support Staff

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 18 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95976608543>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Webinar ID#:** 959 7660 8543
- **Webinar Password:** 8182020

Please contact [school-wellness@LCMHealth.org](mailto:school-wellness@LCMHealth.org) with questions.

#### **Reminder: Every Child Counts - 2020 Census**

Every home has received an invitation to participate in the [2020 Census](#). Louisiana's self-response rate is just under 57 percent, which is below the national average. There are a number of parishes where the rate is in the 30s and 20s. Please consider using your system's communications channels to encourage employees, families and other stakeholders to complete 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 [2020 Census Toolbox](#) to find general resources and activities specially designed to be engaging and appropriate for each grade level, from counting for kindergarteners to examining career statistics for high schoolers.

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

## Other Department Newsletters

To view the **August 4th District Newsletter** or the **July 30th Nonpublic Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

**To be added to the newsletter distribution list, please send an email to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).**

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