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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

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LSP	8/21/20	Complete registration workbooks	School leaders or Scholarship contacts

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Registration Workbooks Due Tomorrow

All Scholarship schools have received their Registration Workbooks via their FTP. On this workbook, schools should report whether awarded students are enrolled and attending their school. Any students not enrolled will be dropped from their roster. Completed registration workbooks are due by **Friday, August 21st**.

Please do not email these workbooks as they contain student personal information that should not be communicated electronically.

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

New: Parent/Student Registration Forms

During the registration process, all schools should have shared a copy of all school rules and policies regarding discipline, enrollment, and academic performance. In addition, all Scholarship students, whether they are enrolling at your school for the first time or are returning, must complete three registration forms every year. Please have parents fill out the forms linked below and maintain a record of these forms at your school:

- Scholarship Program: [Receipt of Rules and Regulations Form](#)
- Scholarship Program: [Parent Acknowledgments Regarding Scholarship Funds](#)
- Scholarship Program: [Special Education Waiver](#)

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

New: System Leaders Monthly Call

Superintendents are invited to participate in a System Leaders Monthly Call hosted by Dr. Brumley on **September 4 at 9 a.m.** Information needed to join this call is included below.

- Webinar Date and Time: September 4 at 9 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97982207566>
- Webinar Password: @Ax4Q3
- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 979 8220 7566
- Dial-in Password: 744001

New: 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 and will continue monthly beginning in September. Every week a panel of system leaders will share their experiences reopening and operating schools during the health crisis. 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:** August 21 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

Reminder: Transfer Window Opened

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: Data Certification for DCAI, Partial Assessment and Alternative School Indices

- Data certification for DCAI, ELPT, LEAP Connect and alternative school indices will open in Louisiana Data Review on August 24 and will remain open through September 11.
- All accountability contacts will receive individual emails with login credentials and resources when the system opens.
- Immediately following Office Hours on August 25, there will be a webinar for users new to Louisiana Data Review.

Updates to District Test Coordinator and/or Accountability Contacts

- In order to access Louisiana Data Review and many testing vendor platforms, it is important that school systems record changes to the district test coordinator and/or accountability contact in the [Louisiana School System Contact Form](#). To expedite changes needed for assessments, please contact assessment@la.gov.

ACT

- **ACT Webinar Opportunities**
 - 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^{next}](#) (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 25 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for Office Hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 25 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!

Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News

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- **Password:** 2020202!

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	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: Awarding Process for New SCP Students

The Department is in the process of reviewing all applications that were submitted by the August 7th deadline and awarding eligible students. Schools will be sent a copy of their rosters by August 21st to review and mark the students that are currently accepted and enrolled.

Please contact 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.

All Nonpublics

New: Immunization Update

The Louisiana Department of Health Immunization Program has received many questions about school entry requirements and reporting and has provided a [memo](#) and [guidance](#) for vaccine providers.

Please contact stacy.hall@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**:

Instructional Materials Guidance	Professional Development Guidance
Teaching Strategies, The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, & Twos, 3rd Edition	
Teaching Strategies, The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, Ages 3-4	

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

New: Quest for Success Teacher Training

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

The dynamic [2020 Jump Start Super Summer Institute Digital Training Opportunities](#) guide has been updated to include additional Quest for Success training opportunities. The next virtual training opportunity will occur **August 24-27 from 4 to 8 p.m.** each day.

[Registration is through Eventbrite](#) and registration costs for training sessions are paid directly to the provider.

Additional Quest for Success training opportunities will be available throughout the school year and will be communicated in an upcoming newsletter entry. These additional training opportunities will include a variety of flexible training opportunities for new Quest for Success instructors such as once a week, weekly and weekend opportunities.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Strong Start 2020: Virtual Teaching and Learning Guidance

The [Louisiana Virtual Instruction Guide](#) is now available. It is designed for educators and outlines the expectations for teaching and learning in a virtual setting.

The guide outlines the expectations of four characteristics of high-quality virtual instruction for students in grades pre-K through 12:

- High-quality, standards-aligned curriculum
- Interactive, engaging instruction
- Monitoring student progress
- Student support

A [Louisiana Virtual Instruction Guide for Parents](#) is also now available.

Please contact districtsupport@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Quest for Success

Please share with career and technical education leaders.

The dynamic [2020 Jump Start Super Summer Institute Digital Training Opportunities](#) guide has been updated to include additional Quest for Success training opportunities.

- August 24 to 27 from 4-8 p.m. each day (all days required)
- September 2, 9, 16 and 23, in the evening (all days required)

- October 5, 6, 7 and 8, in the evening (all days required)
- October 19 and 26 and November 5 and 12, in the evening (all days required)

Registration costs for training sessions are paid directly to the provider. Carl Perkins and Career Development Funds are eligible funding sources for registration.

Additional Quest for Success training opportunities will be available throughout the school year and will be communicated through the newsletter. These additional training opportunities will include a variety of flexible training opportunities for new Quest for Success instructors such as once a week, weekly and weekend opportunities.

Quest for Success teachers, who begin the school year without having attended training, have multiple resources available to assist teachers prior to attending a training including [Recorded introduction and refresher session](#) and [Unit overviews and preparation points videos](#).

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Quarterly Personnel Director Webinar

Personnel directors and staff are invited to attend the final Quarterly Personnel Director Webinar on **August 20 at 10 a.m.** Key topics will include certification extensions due to COVID-19, BESE's consideration of the Mentor waiver request, Mentor/resident data collection process and certification updates.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 20 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93475503910>
- **Webinar Password:** 46E%cl
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 934 7550 3910
- **Dial-in Password:** 658750

Moving forward, information pertinent to certification and educator workforce concerns will be discussed on the Policy and Governmental Affairs monthly calls beginning in September.

Please contact sara.delano@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 2020-2021 Reopening and Operations Resources

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:

- [Room Partition Guidance](#)
- [Physical Education 9-12 Guidance](#)
- [Virtual Learning Resource](#)
- Vision/Hearing Screening Process
- [Gifted and Talented Screening](#)
- School Staff Safety Best Practices
- Regulatory waivers related to transportation, K-8 physical activity and camps

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 with questions.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **August 18th District Newsletter** or the **August 13th 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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