

Important News for NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
All nonpublics	9/1/20	Attend Children's Hospital Town Hall webinar	School leaders
LSP, SCP	9/4/20	Complete Q1 enrollment	School leaders or Scholarship contacts
Nonpublics	9/4/20	Attend system leaders monthly call	Diocesan Superintendents
All nonpublics	9/25/20	Submit Required Services items	School leaders or business managers

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Q1 Count Opens Next Week

The Quarter 1 enrollment verification window for the Louisiana Scholarship Program will be September 2-4 in [SEE](#). Please complete the enrollment verification process by 5:00 P.M. on **Friday, September 4th** to ensure prompt payment.

Additionally, student absences and suspensions can be reported in [SEE](#). The Scholarship Cohort Index includes a Progress Index that measures student growth using the value-added model. Student attendance and discipline are used in the model. If no data are reported, absolute values will be used (zero absences and zero discipline incidences) and your school's SCI may be negatively impacted. Reporting this data is optional.

Please remember that you will need to complete the required enrollment verification process by the deadline.

Please remember that your LEADS password may have expired. In order to reset your password, please visit <https://password.doe.louisiana.gov/>.

Please contact studentscholarships@la.gov.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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

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: Fall LEAP 2025 High School Assessment Administration

- Fall LEAP 2025 High School Assessments administration is currently scheduled for December 1-18. In response to delayed school openings, a second window has been scheduled for January 6-26. School systems will be asked to submit their choice of window to the Department in October through DRC INSIGHT.

Additional dates and reminders are forthcoming.

Updates to District Test Coordinator and/or Accountability Contacts

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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 **September 1 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for Office Hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 1 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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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 four School Tuition Organizations participating in the Tuition Donation Credit Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, Aspiring Scholars, 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

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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: Required Services for FY2020-21

Please share with business managers.

The 2019-2020 Required Services collection is currently ongoing. All guidelines and forms for submission are available on the Department's [Nonpublic Schools Finance](#) webpage. Please note that the Reimbursement Request Form, Time Log and Summary Time Record Form with backup must be for the 2019-2020 school year, and all forms must be emailed no later than the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on **September 25**.

A [W-9 form](#) must be submitted to the Department for all school addresses that have changed, indicating the new address. Schools must be both academically approved and Brumfield v. Dodd approved to be eligible to participate in the Required Services Program.

For questions regarding the submission of the reimbursement request forms or guidelines, please contact nonpublicfinancehelpdesk@la.gov or 225-342-3617.

New: School System Support Calendar

The [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#) has been updated to include weekly office hours and monthly calls. Changes are highlighted yellow within the calendar.

Please contact ldoecommunications@la.gov with questions.

New: Children's Hospital Town Hall Meetings Extended

The Department and Children's Hospital New Orleans (CHNOLA) are excited to announce that our partnership has been extended. Children's Hospital will continue to provide town hall meetings throughout the month of September. These meetings provide opportunities for school systems to ask questions of CHNOLA regarding COVID-19 and school reopening.

The first September meeting will be held on **September 1 at 3 p.m.** Additional Town Hall meetings will be held on September 15 and September 29. Webinar details are below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 1 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar link:** <https://zoom.us/j/92567891261>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 9256 789 1261
- **Passcode:** 912020#

Please contact LDOECOVID19support@la.gov with questions.

New: Learning Environment and Connectivity Tool for Systems

The Department has developed a tool for systems and schools to easily track student learning environments as well as device and connectivity data. This tool will also help the Department and systems identify where additional student connectivity supports are needed. System leaders will receive an email from LDOE next week with system specific access information needed to complete a brief survey.

School systems are encouraged to add current data as soon as possible. This will help ensure access to the system well before initial data is pulled for BESE on September 18.

Data submitted to this survey will automatically populate dashboards for systems, charter schools and non-public schools. Links to these dashboards will be added to the "School Reopening Resources" section of the [Strong Start](#) page on August 31. LDOE will pull data on **September 18 at 5 p.m.** to create an initial report for BESE and other stakeholders. Systems should update their dashboard throughout the school year as new information becomes available. The most current data will appear on the dashboard as soon as it is submitted through the survey.

Please contact kim.nesmith@la.gov with questions.

New: Quest for Success

Please share with CTE leaders and Quest for Success instructors.

A [Quest for Success Curriculum crosswalk](#) has been created to help facilitate virtual and hybrid learning. The guide includes alternate face-to-face activities that may be challenging to complete in a virtual environment or while maintaining social distancing. The tips included provide suggestions for both synchronous and asynchronous learning and alternative activities for virtual environments. A webinar is scheduled to provide an overview of the Quest for Success Unit 2 resources and answer questions pertaining to these resources.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 31 at 4 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98206897192>
- **Webinar Password:** quest1
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646-876-9923
- **Dial-in Passcode:** 714594
- **Meeting ID#:** 982 0689 7192

Please contact ted.holmes@la.gov with questions.

New: LaGov Payment System Change **Please share with business managers.**

Recently, the Louisiana Department of Education underwent a change to the payment system. The ISIS payment system has migrated to the LaGov payment system, and payments will look different as a result of this change. Continue to use the [DOA Vendor Payments](#) website and select "LaGov" to look for information on payments received beginning July 1. Reference the available [help document](#) for assistance with using the LaGov payment system and how to locate information on payments.

Please contact natoria.ingram2@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 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.

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.

- 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.

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: 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:

- Facial Coverings
- Cleaning Protocols
- Hearing/Vision Screening Update
- Student Illness at School Protocol
- CHNOLA Town Hall Updates

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

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- Meeting Password: 408891

Please contact LDOECOVID19support@la.gov with questions.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **August 24th District Newsletter** or the **August 20th 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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