

Important News for NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
Nonpublics	9/8/20	Attend System Leaders Monthly Call	Diocesan Superintendents
LSP, SCP	9/9/20	Complete Q1 enrollment	School leaders or Scholarship contacts
Nonpublics	9/18/20	Attend Reopening Roundtable	Diocesan Superintendents
All nonpublics	9/25/20	Submit Required Services items	School leaders or business managers
TDC	9/30/20	Submit Q1 enrollment to FTP	School Tuition Organizations

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Q1 Count Extended

The Quarter 1 enrollment verification window for the Louisiana Scholarship Program has been extended until September 9th in [SEE](#). Please complete the enrollment verification process by 5:00 P.M. on **Wednesday, September 9th** 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 progress, allowing the school to understand student performance and identify areas for improvement. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Education at [1-800-393-7333](#).

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

Please contact studentscholarships@la.gov.

Rescheduled: System Leaders Monthly Call

Superintendents are invited to participate in a System Leaders Monthly Call hosted by Dr. Brumley . The call originally scheduled for September 4 has been rescheduled to **September 8 at 9 a.m.** Information needed to join this call is included below.

- Webinar Date and Time: September 8 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 Series

Superintendents are invited to participate in a Reopening Roundtable virtual series hosted by Dr. Brumley to be held on **September 18 at 9 a.m.** During this call, a panel of superintendents and school 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 call is included below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 18 at 9 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99887442568>
- **Webinar Passcode:** #0*a2n
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 998 8744 2568
- **Dial-in Passcode:** 752932

System leaders are asked to enter their full name and school system name when logging in.

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: 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: ACT Important Update

- The deadline for making requests for reconsideration of accommodations and/or supports in TAA for ACT is **September 4**. Please check the [ACT State Testing](#) site for an updated [Schedule of Events](#).
- **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.

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

- 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.

Assessment Administration Support and Training Office Hours

The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be on **September 8 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for Office Hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 8 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

New: Q1 Count Due September 30th

All STO's must upload the [Q1 enrollment spreadsheets](#) to the FTP by **September 30**. The report should also include all students' LASIDs.

This spreadsheet is to be completed by the Student Tuition Organizations, not individual schools.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [I indsey.rhodes@la.gov](mailto:indsey.rhodes@la.gov).

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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	Statewide	www.acescholarships.org	TDC@acescholarships.org	504.491.1813

Louisiana	Statewide	www.acescholarships.org	TDK@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

New: Q1 Count Extended

The Quarter 1 enrollment verification window for the School Choice Program has been extended until September 9 in [SCS](#). Please complete the enrollment verification process by 5:00 P.M. on **Wednesday, September 9th** to ensure prompt payment.

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

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

Rescheduled: Data Coordinator Webinar

Please share with data managers.

The Department has rescheduled its monthly webinar for data coordinators and data managers to September 10 at 2 p.m. (immediately following the EdLink 360 extract reviews). Topics will include a review of open collections, submission deadline updates and EdLink 360 Data Warehouse updates.

- Webinar Date and Time: September 10 at 2 p.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom/j/976397929>
- Webinar Phone Number: 408-638-0968
- Meeting ID#: 976 397 929

Please contact systemsupport@la.gov with questions.

Rescheduled: Quest for Success Webinar

Please share with career and technical education 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. This webinar has been rescheduled from August 31 and will now occur on September 14 at 4 p.m.

- Webinar Date and Time: September 14 at 4 p.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98206897192>
- Webinar Passcode: quest1
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Webinar Phone Passcode: 714594
- Meeting ID#: 982 0689 7192

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

New: 2019-2020 P-EBT Benefits

Louisiana is reopening the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program for families who did not apply in May and June.

Families of children who receive free or reduced-price school meals are eligible to receive financial benefits for meals missed in 2019-2020 when schools closed due to the pandemic.

This new application window is only for eligible families who did not apply in May and June . To receive these benefits, families must complete an application. Without the requested information, the Department of Children and Family Services cannot issue the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card and provide benefits.

The [application portal will be open](#) from September 8 at 8 a.m. to September 29 at 5 p.m. A link to P-EBT information and the application portal is available on the [Department's COVID-19 webpage](#). The Department will publicize the eligibility of these benefits, and in an effort to ensure families receive these benefits, school systems will receive communications to share with eligible families in next week's newsletter. Schools can use this toolkit for sample messages to share with families.

Please contact LDOECOVID19support@la.gov with questions.

New: Career and College Readiness Office Hours

Please share with school system supervisors, administrators and counselors.

The Office of Career and College Readiness will hold weekly office hours each Thursday at 3 p.m. beginning September 10. The same zoom link will be utilized each week. Details are included 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 Passcode: 408891

Please contact highschooladacemics@la.gov with questions.

New: Vaccination Update

The Louisiana Department of Health annually updates fact sheets to inform students and their families of the danger of [influenza](#)(Flu) and [Human Papillomavirus](#) (HPV). Vaccinated students protect themselves, their families, schools, communities and healthcare workers.

Flu vaccination is more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu and its potential [danger to students](#).

Please share these fact sheets with students and parents.

Please contact stacy.hall@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 was held on September 1. 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.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **September 1st District Newsletter** or the **August 27th 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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