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## Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

| School Choice Program | Date     | Action, Event, or Deadline  | Owners                              |
|-----------------------|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| LSP, TDC              | 10/4/18  | Update student data in eDirect  | Testing coordinators                |
| All nonpublics        | 10/12/18 | Complete annual data submission in <a href="#">NPS</a>                    | School leaders                      |
| LSP                   | 10/19/18 | Submit <a href="#">ICQ</a> and <a href="#">Scholarship Program Budget</a> | School leaders or finance directors |

## Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

### **New: Scholarship Audit - Internal Control Questionnaire**

Participating Scholarship schools are required to complete the [Internal Control Questionnaire](#). This information is provided to assist in evaluating that financial operations are effective and efficient and that schools have a reliable financial reporting system and comply with applicable laws and regulations. The completed questionnaire is due by **Friday, October 19, 2018** via e-mail to [staudit@la.gov](mailto:staudit@la.gov)

### **New: Scholarship Audit Engagement Letters**

Pursuant to Section 1303 of Bulletin 133, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education requires the Department to audit the financial performance and capacity of Scholarship schools as a criterion for continued participation in the Scholarship

the financial performance and capacity of Scholarship schools as a criterion for continued participation in the Scholarship program.

Beginning Monday, October 8, the audit firms conducting the financial audits will begin contacting schools via an engagement letter. The letter will include audit dates and an in-depth description of the process and school responsibilities.

The audit firm assigned to your school is based on the district in which your school is located. Please click [here](#) for the list of districts covered by each firm.

If your school has not been contacted by the assigned audit firm by October 12, or if you have any questions, please contact Andy Ahmed at [Anindya.Ahmed@la.gov](mailto:Anindya.Ahmed@la.gov).

### **New: 2018-19 Scholarship Financial Audit Information**

The LDOE finance team has prepared a presentation on the financial audit which include instructions on how to ensure your school is prepared for this year's financial audit.

A conference call will be setup for participating schools new to the Scholarship program to review the presentation in more detail and answer any questions you may have.

You can access a copy of the PowerPoint [here](#).

You may contact [Anindya.Ahmed@la.gov](mailto:Anindya.Ahmed@la.gov) with audit-specific questions and [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with Scholarship program-specific questions.

### **New: Scholarship Program Budget**

The initial [Scholarship Program budget](#) is due **Friday, October 19, 2018**. Schools should provide specific details in this budget demonstrating how the total estimated SSEEPR revenue will be allocated and spent for the 2018-2019 school year (No actual expenditures should be reported in the expenditures column at this time).

Submit your [budget form](#) via e-mail to [staudit@la.gov](mailto:staudit@la.gov).

Please reach out to [Anindya.Ahmed@la.gov](mailto:Anindya.Ahmed@la.gov) with any questions or concerns about the audit process.

### **New: Mobility Rate Data Released Next Week**

The Department monitors and reports publicly the student re-enrollment rates for all participating Scholarship schools. A participating school's student mobility rate is defined as the percentage of students enrolled in a non-terminal grade in Q1 of the previous school year that are not enrolled at the same school for Q1 of the current school year.

Schools whose mobility rate consistently or significantly exceeds the average of all schools participating in the Louisiana Scholarship Program may receive a Notice of Violation and face enrollment sanctions up to and including removal from the program.

The bullet points below outline the Mobility Rates that may lead to an enrollment sanction. Schools whose Mobility Rate significantly exceeds the average of all participating schools and that have a history of academic, health and safety, financial, or other issues may be removed from the program entirely.

- Mobility Rate Result Mobility rate  $\geq$  75% in one year: Total enrollment sanction
- Mobility rate 2x LSP average for one year: Notice of Violation
- Mobility rate 2x LSP average for two consecutive years: Total enrollment sanction

This mobility rate data will be published next week. Schools that qualify for a Notice of Violation or total enrollment sanction will be notified individually. All schools receiving a Notice of Violation or enrollment sanction will be given the opportunity to appeal to the Department to discuss extenuating circumstances.

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

### **New: Social Studies Test Reduction Pilot**

After analyzing the past two years of assessment data and holding many conversations with stakeholders, the Department is shortening the LEAP 2025 grades 3 and 4 social studies summative assessments to reduce testing time by approximately twenty-five percent.

- The new design of the grades 3 and 4 social studies assessments reduces the number of sessions from three sessions to two by eliminating the task set and one of the item sets.
- The grades 5 to 8 social studies assessments will be shortened by removing an item set and the field-test portion of the tests. The grades 5 to 8 field tests will only be required for a sample of students, rather than all students statewide.

More specific test design information is detailed in the updated [social studies assessment guides](#), which will be available tomorrow, October 3, and provided on the [LEAP 2025 practice test webinars](#). Details below.

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Although the 2018-2019 practice tests for social studies do not reflect the new social studies test designs, the [LEAP 2025 Social Studies Practice Test Guidance](#) will be updated to include recommendations on how to address the design changes, especially in grades 3 and 4.

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

### **New: LEAP 2025 Practice Test Webinars**

Please share with school leaders and teachers.

DTCs, STCs, and school system supervisors interested in learning general information about reference materials, and test set-up, administration, scoring, and reporting should join any one of the following practice test webinars.

- Webinar Date and Time: October 16 at 9:30 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/645134288>
- Webinar Phone Number: 669-900-6833
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Teachers and instructional supervisors or coaches interested in learning general information about resources, and specific information about best uses and common misuses of the practice tests should join any one of the following practice test webinars.

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### **Reminder: Principal Training Deck for SCI Release**

Please share with principals.

Scholarship cohort index (SCI) is calculated similarly to School performance score (SPS). During the September Collaborations, the Department previewed a training deck to be used with principals to help them prepare for the release of the 2017-2018 school performance scores. That [presentation](#) is now final and available in the [Principal Support Toolbox library](#) in the "School Finder Toolkit" section.

Schools that want to estimate their SCI for 2017-18 can use the [SPS calculator](#).

If you have questions about your data or how to use the calculator, contact [Assessment@LA.gov](mailto:Assessment@LA.gov).

### **Reminder: 2018-19 Transfer Window Opened**

Families that wish to transfer their Scholarship award from one school to another may complete the attached [transfer form](#). The school leader or Scholarship contact of the student's new school must sign off on the transfer and submit to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov). Transfer forms must be submitted by the school--forms submitted by parents will not be accepted.

Completion of the transfer form is not a guarantee that a transfer will be granted. Schools can not exceed their student enrollment caps. Families should not buy uniforms or other supplies until the Department has approved the transfer.

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

### **Reminder: Important Information for District Testing Coordinators**

#### **General**

- All changes to district test coordinators (DTCs) or accountability contacts must be submitted to the Department using the [DTC and Accountability Contact Update form](#) found in the [Assessment Library](#).
- At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, eDIRECT was populated with eSCHOLAR information from the 2017-2018 school year. By this Thursday, October 4, all eSCHOLAR data must be updated for the 2018-2019 school year in order for the students to remain populated in eDIRECT.
- DRC will only keep the following test results in eDIRECT based on the timeline below. For all administrations, notification will be posted at least 30 days in advance of the administration closure, so that DTCs can download any reports that are needed.
  - summative administration: keep for the two previous years
  - non-summative administration: keep current academic year after the administration
  - placement test: keep one full year after the administration
- Assessment windows are opening for Program for International Assessment (PISA) and IELTS. These assessments are administered to selected schools by Westat.

- o PISA: October 8 - November 30
- o IELS: October 15 - December 7

## LEAP 2025

- School systems can now indicate the delivery mode, online or paper, in eDIRECT for grades 3 and 4 LEAP 2025 testing. In addition, school systems will verify or adjust the number of test booklets needed for the following conditions:
  - o Grades 3 and 4 Regular Books (Paper Testers Only)
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  - o Grades 3 and 4 Large Print Books (Paper Testers Only)
  - o Grades 3 and 4 Spanish Mathematics Books (Paper Tests Only)
  - o Grades 3-8 Braille Kits
  - o Grades 3-8 Communication Assistance Scripts
- Directions are [available](#). The window for selecting test delivery mode and verifying student counts will close on October 31.

## LEAP 360

- Paper versions of the high school Interim Form 1 and 2 assessments and Interim Form 1 answer keys have been posted in [eDIRECT](#) under General Information → Documents → Diagnostic/Interim 18-19 → Paper Tests. Interim I for ELA and mathematics in grades 3-8 and high school will go live on October 23.

## ACT and WorkKeys

- October 2 - 16: WorkKeys initial accommodated testing window.
- October 3 - 11: Order WorkKeys accommodated materials for makeup testing.
- The [2018-2019 ACT MOU](#) and related documents are now posted in the [Assessment Library](#). The MOU and [ACT Estimated Number of Testers](#) form was due on September 20. Please mail the forms to the address on page 2 of the MOU.
- [The ACT and WorkKeys Updates for 2018-2019](#) contains the changes for ACT and WorkKeys testing for the current school year.
- Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. - Register for [ACT WorkKeys Online Administration Training](#) offered weekly. The link provided lists all current available dates and times.
- Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. - Register for [ACT WorkKeys Groups and Batch Load Training](#) offered weekly. The link provided lists all current available dates and times.

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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      | <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 |
| New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund | Baton Rouge    | <a href="http://newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund">newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund</a> | <a href="mailto:brandy@newschoolsbr.org">brandy@newschoolsbr.org</a>   | 225-384-0271 |

## **Reminder: Transfer Request Form Available**

In order to transfer a School Choice award from one participating school to another, families and receiving schools should complete a [transfer form](#). Please submit transfer forms to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

## **All Nonpublics**

### **New: ACT 634 Webinar**

During the 2018 Legislative session, the legislature passed [ACT 634](#) which requires the Department to issue teaching authorizations to substitute teachers in public schools, as well as to substitute teachers, teachers, and administrators in public charter schools and nonpublic schools in which teaching certification is not required. The Department is required to issue these authorizations provided the teacher or substitute teacher has not facilitated cheating, has not submitted fraudulent documentation to the Department, and has not been convicted of a felony or pled nolo contendere to a felony offense.

The Department will hold two webinars regarding ACT 634:

- Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., and you are requested to register [here](#) as there is limited space for registrants.
- Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., and you are requested to register [here](#) as there is limited space for registrants.

### **New: November Supervisor Collaborations**

The November Supervisor Collaborations will focus on providing resources and training for the new School System Planning Process and the launch of the Super App. This is an all-day event for Supervisors only. The originally scheduled Principal Collaborations will be held in January. Attendees should include those who supervise academic content, assessment, high schools, CTE, workforce development, diverse student populations (including SPED), federal grant programs, and budgeting and finance.

The Collaborations will be offered on the following dates and locations from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.:

- November 8: Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning, Bossier City
- November 13: Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge
- November 14: Calcasieu Parish School Board Assessment Building, Lake Charles
- November 15: Jefferson Parish School Board, Harvey

Registration will open in WisdomWhere on October 15. Supervisors do not need a code to register.

Please contact [districtsupport@la.gov](mailto:districtsupport@la.gov) with questions regarding these events.

### **New: Updated School System Support Calendar**

The [School System Support Calendar](#) has been updated to reflect the following changes highlighted in yellow in the calendar.

- October Assessment and Accountability Call moved to October 16
- Change of audience and locations for November and January Supervisor Collaborations
- Addition of the 2018-2019 Counselor Collaborations

Email [districtsupport@la.gov](mailto:districtsupport@la.gov) with questions.

### **New: Save-the-Date for the 2019 Jump Start Convention**

Please share with school leaders, counselors, and teachers.

The 2019 Jump Start Convention will be held at the Raising Cane Convention Center on January 29, 2019. Registration will open in early November.

For more information, please e-mail [jumpstart@la.gov](mailto:jumpstart@la.gov).

### **New: High School Planning Guidebook**

Please share with administrators, school counselors, and teachers.

Each year, the Office of Student Opportunities publishes the High School Planning Guidebook to help administrators, counselors, and teachers use key policies, programs, and resources to help both students and schools achieve their goals. Specifically, the guidebook focuses on the following processes:

- planning for struggling students;
- foundational academic skills in the first two years of high school;
- developing basic and advanced college and workplace skills;
- providing Jump Start opportunities that can help all students in all parts of the state create the foundation for a successful

- providing Jump Start opportunities that can help all students, in all parts of the state, create the foundation for a successful adulthood;
- counseling and supporting all students throughout their high school career; and
- earning recognition for school excellence through an accountability system that rewards schools for helping students successfully pursue their college and career aspirations.

The print version of the 2018-2019 High School Planning Guidebook will be distributed at the Fall Counselor Collaborations. The online version is now available on the Department's [Principal Support Toolbox](#).

## **New: Science Pilot and Professional Development Opportunities**

The Department is helping educators transition to the [Louisiana Student Standards for Science](#) (LSSS) in the 2018-2019 school year by offering a series of pilots and professional development opportunities.

### **Great Minds: Grades 3-5**

Great Minds is the first science curriculum to be rated Tier 1 in the Louisiana IMR process. While only grade 4 has been completed and reviewed, 3rd and 5th grade units will be released throughout the school year. Great Minds is hosting several one-day trainings for grade 3-5 educators in October and November. Educators can register for the sessions using the links below. School systems can also review the [PD vendor Guide](#) for additional professional development information. Registration is now open.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Registration Information</b>   |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| October 18  | Kenner, LA      | <a href="#">Registration Link</a> |
| October 19  | Kenner, LA      | <a href="#">Registration Link</a> |

### **OpenSciEd: Middle School**

Middle School Science teachers have the opportunity to receive training on and pilot high quality units by OpenSciEd, a project that is building out a full middle school curriculum. Middle school educators can register for the pilot and four-day professional development using the links below. Registration is now open.

| <b>Date</b>             | <b>Vendor</b>   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Registration Information</b>   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| October 6-7 and 13-14   | Louisiana Tech  | Ruston, LA      | <a href="#">Registration Link</a> |
| October 12-13 and 26-27 | LSU Cain Center | Baton Rouge, LA | <a href="#">Registration Link</a> |
| November 3-4 and 10-11  | Louisiana Tech  | Ruston, LA      | <a href="#">Registration Link</a> |

Email [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.

## **New: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for School Year 2018-2019**

Applications for the 2018-2019 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) are now available for returning sponsors via the [Child Nutrition Program \(CNP\)](#) website. The deadline for submission of the FFVP online application is **October 19**.

For additional information, please contact [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov).

## **New: Louisiana School Breakfast Challenge**

All schools participating in the School Breakfast Program are invited to [register](#) for the 2018 Louisiana School Breakfast Challenge. Schools with the greatest increase in student breakfast participation (October 2017 vs. October 2018) will be eligible to win monetary incentives, Fuel Up to Play 60 Saints gear, or a pep rally with a New Orleans Saints celebrity. The entry deadline is **October 31**.

Please contact [melissa.campbell@la.gov](mailto:melissa.campbell@la.gov) for additional information.

## **Reminder: Request for Nominations for the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program**

The nomination process for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is now open. Each state can nominate up to 25 students for one of the following [categories](#):

- General: outstanding academic performance on the ACT or SAT
- Career and Technical Education (CTE): outstanding performance in CTE (new this year)

The Department invites school systems to submit nominations for up to three outstanding students. The nominations must include a male and female student for the general category, and at least one nomination should be for a student who has been successful in career and technical education. Students must be high school seniors scheduled to graduate or receive a diploma between January-June of 2019. Additional program requirements are available on the U.S. Department of Education's [website](#).

Nominations should be submitted through a single nomination letter for all nominees (not to exceed three pages total), signed by the local superintendent or school leader, and emailed to [leslie.hill@la.gov](mailto:leslie.hill@la.gov) no later than November 2 at 4:30 p.m. with "Presidential Scholars" in the subject line. In the letter, please include the following information for each nominee:

- the student's name, home mailing address, gender, and email address; and
- high school name, mailing address, and (College Entrance Examination Board) CEEB code.

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

### **Reminder: 2018 Louisiana Counseling Association Annual Conference**

Please share with school counselors and system supervisors.

The Louisiana Counseling Association will hold its annual conference at the Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza hotel October 7-9 with pre-conference sessions from the [Louisiana School Counselor Association \(LSCA\)](#) and the [Louisiana Career Development Association \(LCDA\)](#) on October 6. This year's theme is Stronger Together: 50th Anniversary of Counseling and Advocacy. Counselors can expect the latest information in the field and earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Please visit the [LCA Conference](#) for more information.

### **Reminder: Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Equipment Grants**

The Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation provides resources needed to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers in Louisiana. In order to inspire Louisiana students to pursue STEM degrees and careers, they are offering [robotic equipment grants](#) to Louisiana schools in support of the Louisiana STEM (LaSTEM) Advisory Council.

Grant applications are due **October 26**. Details about the grant can be found in the [overview](#), by contacting [luis\\_medina@roboticseducation.org](mailto:luis_medina@roboticseducation.org), or calling 1-832-683-1674.

### **Reminder: Complete Annual Data Submission in NPS**

All BESE-approved nonpublic schools are required to submit the Nonpublic School Annual Data Submission in the [NPS](#) data system. The Nonpublic School Annual Data Submission (previously called the "annual report") requires schools to submit basic enrollment and school information and is submitted electronically using the data system known as LEADS.

Schools must complete the Nonpublic School Annual Data Submission in the LEADS portal in order to receive BESE approval for the 2019-20 school year. Failure to complete this action item by the October 12th deadline may impact a school from receiving district, state, or federal funding allocated to nonpublic schools.

If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to [NonPublicSchools@LA.gov](mailto:NonPublicSchools@LA.gov).

### **Reminder: Louisiana Farm to School Conference**

The 2018 Louisiana Farm to School Conference will be held October 10 at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. The conference brings together farmers, food distributors, school administrators, school nutrition program staff, teachers, and parents in the interest of Louisiana agriculture, school gardens, and healthy school meals. All stakeholders are invited to attend and take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities. Please see the [event flyer](#) for additional information, including registration.

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

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## Other Department Newsletters

To view the **October 2nd District Newsletter** or the **September 27th 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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