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## Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

Office Hours	
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<a href="#">Assessment and Accountability Office Hours</a>	<a href="#">October 27 at 3:45 p.m.</a>
Data Coordinator Office Hours	<a href="#">October 29 at 1 p.m.</a>
Educator Development Office Hours	<a href="#">November 17 at 12 p.m.</a>
Monthly Calls*	
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Academic Content and Educator Development Monthly Call	<a href="#">October 28 at 1 p.m.</a>
Data Coordinator Monthly Call	<a href="#">November 5 at 1 p.m.</a>
System Leaders Monthly Call	<a href="#">November 6 at 9 a.m.</a>
Legislative and Policy Support Monthly Call	<a href="#">November 16 at 10 a.m.</a>
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	<a href="#">November 17 at 3:45 p.m.</a>
Federal Programs and Grants Management Monthly Call	<a href="#">November 19 at 10 a.m.</a>
Career and College Readiness Monthly Call	<a href="#">November 19 at 3 p.m.</a>
Reopening Roundtable for System Leaders	<a href="#">November 20 at 9 a.m.</a>

Upcoming Events	
Event Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Meeting	<a href="#">October 26 at 11 a.m.</a>
Healthy Schools Academy	<a href="#">October 27 at 9 a.m.</a>
LDOE Virtual Fall Counselor Institute	<a href="#">October 28 at 9 a.m.</a>
LDOE Virtual Fall Counselor Institute	<a href="#">October 29 at 8 a.m.</a>
LDOE Virtual Fall Counselor Institute	<a href="#">October 29 at 12 p.m.</a>
2021-2022 Super App Launch	<a href="#">November 6 at 10 a.m.</a>
Important Deadlines	
Document Link	Deadline
<a href="#">LEAP 2025 Science Grades 3, 5, 7, and 8 Stimuli Review Committees Interest Survey</a>	October 29
<a href="#">Complete Notice to Participate in Louisiana Scholarship Program</a>	October 30
<a href="#">USDA 2020 NSLP Equipment Grant Application</a>	November 2
<a href="#">U. S. Presidential Scholar Program Nomination</a>	November 13

## All Nonpublics

### **October Nonpublic Monthly Call Deck**

Yesterday's nonpublic monthly call gave updates in regards to teacher certification as well as information specific to the Louisiana Scholarship program (LSP). The slides from the call can be found [here](#).

Calls will be the third Wednesday of every month at 2:00. Please see login information below for November's monthly call:

- Webinar Date and Time: **Wednesday, November 18th**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92282614317>
- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 922 8261 4317

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

### **U. S. Presidential Scholar Program**

**Please share with counselors and school system administrators.**

The nomination process for the [U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#) to honor our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors is now open. This is a joint program of the Department and the U.S. Department of Education.

The [U. S. Presidential Scholar program information guide](#) provides key details about the program and submission procedures. School systems may submit, for consideration, up to two students in the General Component and up to two students in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Component. In order to recommend students for nomination to the program, school systems are required to submit to the LDOE a [parental release form](#) for each nominated student and a nomination letter for each nominated student not to exceed one page for each student.

Nomination letters and the parental consent form are due by **4 p.m. November 13**. Please submit these documents to [jumpstart@la.gov](mailto:jumpstart@la.gov) with U.S. Presidential Scholar Program in the subject line. Additional information is available on the [Department's website](#).

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

### **Blue Ocean High School Entrepreneur Pitch Competition**

**Please share with counselors, school administrators, and career and technical education instructors.**

The [Blue Ocean High School Entrepreneurship Competition](#) is a virtual entrepreneurship competition in which individual students or teams pitch their innovative business concepts to experienced entrepreneurs and business people, receive feedback on their ideas,

Join a community of like-minded students, and compete for thousands in cash prizes.

Blue Ocean offers prize money for students or schools and the competition is free to educators, students, and schools. Schools and students can win up to \$1,000 in prize money. The due date for pitch submissions is **February 19, 2021**.

Please visit the [Blue Ocean website](#) for more information and to register for the competition.

Please contact [blueoceancompetition@gmail.com](mailto:blueoceancompetition@gmail.com) with questions.

## **Louisiana Vision Screening Guidelines**

The Department, in collaboration with the School Nurse Advisory Council and the Louisiana Department of Health, has developed [Louisiana Vision Screening Guidelines](#) - Procedures for vision screening in Louisiana Schools. These guidelines are based on national recommendations for an evidence-based vision screening and eye health program for students in Louisiana schools.

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

## **Virtual Support Tools**

The Department, in partnership with NIET, has developed Virtual Classroom Support Tools. The K-2 Virtual Classroom Tool, 3-12 Virtual Classroom Tool, Common Planning Support Tool, ELA Common Planning Companion Tool, Math Common Planning Companion Tool, and Science Common Planning Companion Tool can all be found now in the [School Improvement Library](#), under the Implementation Resources section.

These tools will serve as the basis of the NIET Virtual Instruction Training for Teachers and Leaders. School system leaders received this training information last week via email from their School System Relations coach.

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

## **ELA Guidebooks: High School Guidebooks (2020) Updates**

**Please share with ELA supervisors for grades 9-12.**

The [Louisiana's ELA Guidebooks 9-12 \(2020\)](#) standards overview document is now [available](#).

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

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

The USDA 2020 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Grant applications are open for submission. Apply now for this funding opportunity before the application period closes on **November 2**.

USDA awarded Louisiana \$597,050, provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), to be distributed to School Food Authorities (SFA's) participating in the NSLP to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and expand access to school meals in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Priority for awards will be given to schools where the greatest percentage of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Additional information on the [2020 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants](#) is now available. Online applications will be accessible at the [Child Nutrition Programs Website](#).

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

## **Reminder: Disaster Recovery Guidance**

The Department has released [disaster recovery guidance](#). Please continue to check [this link](#), as the guidance will be updated as new information becomes available. The document includes guidance and resources on the following topics:

- Enrollment of displaced students
- Damage to facilities and supply needs
- Staffing capacity
- Issues related to the start of the school year
- Charter school specific guidance

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

## **Reminder: Super App Launch**

This year's **Super App Launch is scheduled for November 6 and will be all virtual**. Sessions will be pre-recorded, shared in the weekly newsletter, and posted to the Department's [School Improvement Library](#) on **November 6**.

During November, December, and January, regularly scheduled team monthly calls and office hours will provide opportunities for school system leaders to learn more about specific sections, ask questions, and receive guidance.

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With this year, the Department will offer Super App training support starting in December. Training teams can request one-on-one targeted guidance and support with planning, completing the workbook, and aligning funding to priorities.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Questions should be emailed to [LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov). Please include "Super App" in the email subject line.

### **Reminder: Federal Policy on Military Recruiting in Schools**

**Please share with principals and counselors to ensure systems are in compliance with federal law.**

Representatives of military recruiting offices have recently contacted the Department to express concerns regarding access to student contact information. By federal law according to 20 U.S.C. 7908, all school systems that receive funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must provide student's names, addresses, and telephone listings to military recruiters unless the student's parents or guardians have individually opted out of providing this information. Local education authorities cannot adopt a blanket opt-out policy and 20 U.S.C. 7908 supersedes any conflicting state law.

In addition, please be mindful that schools are to allow recruiters from the various branches of service equitable access to classrooms and/or facilities. School systems must allow equal access and accommodation to all branches of services in accordance with a consistent application of their local policies. Students interested in joining the military after high school should be allowed to receive information from all branches of service so they can make an intelligent decision if they are considering joining the military.

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

### **Reminder: Student Well-Being Monthly Call: Added Date**

**Please share with the Urgent Intervention Required for Discipline (UIR-D) school leadership team(s).**

The Department has added an additional Student Well-Being Monthly Call date for the month of November. This call will serve as an opportunity for student well-being vendors to attend and share more information about their services. Supervisors of school improvement, supervisors of student services/programs/life, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, and supervisors of pupil appraisal are encouraged to attend. **Please note:** This additional date in November has a different Zoom link than the other monthly call dates.

Information needed to join this newly-added call is included below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 9 at 3:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91427137294>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 914 2713 7294

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

### **Reminder: School Year 2020-2021 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Application**

Applications for the 2020-2021 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program are available for returning sponsors via the [Child Nutrition Program \(CNP\) website](#). Applications must be completed and submitted by **November 10**.

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

### **Reminder: ELA Guidebooks: Updates**

**Please share with ELA supervisors, administrators, and ELA teachers.**

The ELA Guidebooks landing [page](#) on the [Louisiana Believes website](#) has been updated to include download boxes with ELA Guidebook resources and distance learning resources.

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

### **Reminder: ELA Guidebooks: Foundations Supports Update**

**Please share with ELA supervisors, administrators, and ELA teachers for grades 3-5.**

The ELA Guidebooks Foundations Supports to support students in grades 3-5 who struggle to read fluently have been updated. These resources include both teacher-facing directions and student-facing materials.

- The teacher-facing directions provide guidance for explicitly teaching foundational phonics skills and practicing grade-level fluency.
- The student-facing materials include targeted skill activities and fluency practice passages directly related to the grade-level ELA Guidebook unit texts used during whole-class, core instruction.

The updated materials will be available for download through the [bulk downloader tool](#) on [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#). Each ELA Guidebook unit folder will have a folder entitled "Foundations Supports."

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

**Reminder: ELA Guidebooks: High School Guidebooks (2020) Updates**  
Please share with ELA supervisors, administrators, and ELA teachers for grades 9-12.

[Louisiana's ELA Guidebooks 9-12 \(2020\) Pilot Overview](#) document has been updated to include the most recent information about the 9-12 units on [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#). The Life of Pi unit for grade 10 is now available on [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#).

The Department is also soliciting teacher feedback through [Louisiana's ELA Guidebooks 9-12 \(2020\) Pilot Feedback Form](#) for the units being implemented this year. Please encourage educators to bookmark this link for use throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

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

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## Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

### **New: 2020 Louisiana Scholarship Program Notice of Intent Due 10/30**

All currently participating Scholarship schools as well as schools that indicated they would like to participate in the Louisiana Scholarship Program for 2021-2022 school year were emailed a link to the Notice of Intent, which can also be found [here](#).

Even if your school does not plan to accept new students next year, you must complete the NOI in order to keep current Scholarship students. The Notice of Intent is due by **Friday, October 30th**.

If you have any questions, please email [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).

### **Reminder: 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 23, 2020** via e-mail to [staudit@la.gov](mailto:staudit@la.gov).

### **Reminder: 2020-21 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. You can access a copy of the PowerPoint [here](#).

Please contact [Ronnie.DavisJr@la.gov](mailto:Ronnie.DavisJr@la.gov) with audit-specific questions and [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with Scholarship Program specific questions.

### **Reminder: Scholarship Program Budget**

The initial Scholarship Program budget is due **Friday, October 23, 2020**. Schools should provide specific details in this budget demonstrating how the total estimated SSEP revenue will be allocated and spent for the 2019-2020 school year.

Things to know

1. No actual expenditures should be reported in the expenditures column at this time.
2. The total enrollment on the budget should exclude Pre-K students.

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

Please contact [Ronnie.DavisJr@la.gov](mailto:Ronnie.DavisJr@la.gov) with any questions or concerns about the audit process.

### **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](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**

- Last week, the Department released ACT summaries to all school systems. A student-level roster has been placed on the ETP that provides school systems with the students who were included in the summaries.

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- Please check the [ACT State Testing](#) site for an updated [Schedule of Events](#).
- October 20 - Administer the makeup ACT for standard time testing.
- October 20-26 - Administer the makeup ACT for accommodations and/or supports.
- October 22 - Pre-scheduled FedEx pickup for standard time ACT materials at the district office.
  - Note: Receipt deadline at ACT is October 27. Late arriving answer documents will not be scored.
- October 28 - Pre-scheduled FedEx pickup for ACT materials from accommodations and/or supports at the district office.
  - Note: Receipt deadline at ACT is November 2. Late arriving answer documents will not be scored.
- Important: Test coordinators are reminded to only use ACT test materials sent for the October test. Answer documents from spring 2020 will be rejected if used in October, as well as any spring 2020 answer documents that are returned with barcode labels from October placed over the spring barcode labels.
- October 6-April 30: The 2020-2021 WorkKeys testing window is open.
  - Please refer to the Quick Start Guide for Assigning TTS to a Single Examinee for WorkKeys. The document will be posted to the ACT State Testing site in the [WorkKeys](#) section.
  - The Department will cover the cost for one WorkKeys administration for students who are on the Jump Start pathway and are in grade 11.
- Please check the [ACT State Testing](#) site for an updated [Schedule of Events](#).

#### **LEAP 2025 Assessment Development**

- LDOE Assessment Development will convene LEAP 2025 Science Stimuli Review Committees in Lafayette for the following grades at the listed dates and times:
  - Grade 3: November 14 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
  - Grade 5: November 21 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
  - Grade 7: November 14 (1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.)
  - Grade 8: November 21 (1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- The committees will review stimuli to ensure the materials that will be used to develop item and task sets on the LEAP 2025 Science tests are fair and appropriate for all students and will allow an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in science. Participants may each earn a stipend and be reimbursed for mileage to and from the meeting.
- Interested science teachers (including those who work in special education or with English Learners), supervisors, and content specialists should complete the [interest survey](#) to apply to participate by October 29.

#### **LEAP 2025 Enrollment Verification**

- Now-October 31: School systems should log into DRC INSIGHT and complete the enrollment information for third and fourth grade that is required no later than October 31.
  - Schools testing third or fourth grade on paper should also indicate the number of test booklets needed.
  - School systems need to verify the number of braille tests necessary for testing grades 3-8 for both paper-based or computer-based testing formats.

#### **Advanced Placement® Results**

- The 2019-2020 Advanced Placement Results® rosters are now posted to secure FTP. The roster includes, for the total population and for student groups, exams taken, exams passed (scoring 3+), and student counts for the school system and schools. Suppressed public data has been made available in the Department's [High School Performance Library](#). Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

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

The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be on October 27 at 3:45 p.m. A password will now be required for office hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- Webinar Date and Time: October 27 at 3:45 p.m.
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- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
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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	<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

### 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).

## Other Department Newsletters

To view the **October 20th District Newsletter** or the **October 15th 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).**

### LDOE Contacts

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 State Superintendent of Education  
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