

Important News for **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**



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Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

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Real-time Early Access to Literacy (REAL) Program Webinar	November 9 at 1 p.m.
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Super App Launch

On Friday, November 6, the Department will launch the Super App via webinar. This webinar will support school system planning teams in reviewing Louisiana's Academic Plan, exploring accountability updates, discussing Schools in Need of Intervention and the rationale for the 2021-2022 CIR and UIR requirements, viewing the 2021-2022 New Optional Funding Opportunities, and unpacking the resources and support available to school systems.

To gain access to all Super App launch presentations on and after November 6, view the [2021-2022 Super App Launch Session List*](#), which includes virtual session descriptions as well as presentation and recording information.

Information needed to join the Super App Launch Kick-off Webinar is included below.

- Webinar Date and Time: November 6 at 10 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/9198036620>
- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 919 803 6620

Please contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

*This list will not be available until November 6.

School Reopening Dashboard 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 also helps the Department and systems identify where additional student connectivity supports are needed. System leaders received an email from LDOE in September with system-specific access information needed to update the dashboard.

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.

Data submitted to this survey will automatically populate dashboards for systems, charter schools, and nonpublic schools. A [link to the dashboard*](#) has been added to the "School Reopening Resources" section of the [Strong Start page](#).

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.

*This link can only be accessed via Chrome.

Real-time Early Access to Literacy (REAL) Program

[Real-time Early Access to Literacy \(REAL\)](#) provides individualized support for students in pre-K through grade 3 to make progress in their literacy development, with a focus on support for virtual learning. REAL provides devices, connectivity, and tutoring services to eligible students in pre-K through grade 3. School systems receive funding to authorize families to establish microgrant accounts in the REAL Family Portal, where families can browse and select services.

Information needed to join the REAL Program Webinar is included below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 9 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/4418921159>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 441 892 1159

Please contact earlyliteracy@la.gov with questions.

2021 Jump Start Virtual Convention

Please share with career and technical education leaders, school systems administrators and counselors.

[Registration](#) is open for the 2021 Jump Start Virtual Convention. The convention will be held the afternoons of **January 26-27, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** each day. Prior to the event, convention registrants will receive communication to select the sessions they will attend each day.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

Crisis Communication Planning and Implementation for School Leaders

LSU's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training is hosting a virtual workshop on crisis communications for school leaders. This 4-hour workshop provides an overview of the role of communications in planning for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies in K-12 schools. Participants will discuss critical tasks for managing communications during all phases of an incident, outline a process for creating crisis communications plans, and identify communications and warning best practices.

Click on the links below to register:

- [Register](#) to attend the workshop scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 12-4 p.m.
- [Register](#) to attend the workshop scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please contact rlandry@ncbrt.lsu.edu with questions.

Immersion Program Interest Meeting

Please share with administrators of schools considering adding a One-Way or Two-Way Immersion program.

Join the Department on **December 10 at 3 p.m.** to explore the benefits of immersion programs and receive guidance on staffing, scheduling, student recruitment, and resources among other related topics.

[Register](#) to attend this virtual meeting.

Please contact language.acquisition@la.gov with questions.

ELA Collaborative Launch - Apply Now

The Department is excited to launch the Believe and Prepare ELA collaborative. This ELA Collaborative will bring together some of the best minds from both higher education and K-12 to design teaching methods syllabi for elementary and secondary literacy courses. These syllabi will, in turn, be available for public use. The goal of the collaborative is to ensure that teachers completing teacher preparation programs are well prepared to effectively implement standards-aligned instruction using high-quality curriculum materials grounded in complex text.

Strong K-12 educators who help support ELA (e.g., ELA curriculum coaches, current ELA content leaders, district ELA supervisors) should apply. Participants will be compensated a total of \$4,500 for participation in the collaborative. The [application](#) is due

November 6.

Please email believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: 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>

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- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 922 8261 4317

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 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 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 with questions.

Reminder: 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 with questions.

Reminder: 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 with questions.

Reminder: 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.

Please contact systemrelations@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 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 with questions.

Reminder: 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 with questions.

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Tuition and Fee Certification Sheets Forthcoming

Next week, all currently participating Scholarship schools will be emailed their approved tuition and fees certification sheet. This sheet must be signed by the school leader and emailed back to studentscholarships@la.gov. More information will be communicated via email and newsletters.

Please contact studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: 2020 Louisiana Scholarship Program Notice of Intent Due Tomorrow

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.

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

ACT

- 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.*
- **November 2:** [PANext](#) opens for the spring administration of ACT. Test coordinators should verify system and school contacts and manage participation for both ACT and WorkKeys as soon as possible.
- It is no longer necessary to mail MOUs to the Department. Once the new 2020-2021 ACT MOUs are posted to the library, please complete, sign, scan, and email the MOU and estimation worksheet to patricia.newman@la.gov or assessment@la.gov.
- 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**.

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- 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.

● **November 1:** For school systems that are participating in the December window of the LEAP 2025 high school fall administration, testing schedules should be emailed to assessment@la.gov no later than **November 1**.

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 with questions.

Assessment Administration Support and Training Office Hours

There will be no office hours on November 3, as state offices are closed. The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be on **November 10 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for office hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 10 at 3:45 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646-876-9923
- **Meeting ID#:** 202 189 164
- **Passcode:** 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

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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **October 27th District Newsletter** or the **October 22nd 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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