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**Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools**

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**Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News**

**Reminder: November Supervisor Collaborations**

The November Supervisor Collaborations will focus on providing resources and training for the new School System Planning Process for 2019-2020 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, ECE, diverse student populations (including SPED), federal grant programs, and budgeting and finance.

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Please contact districtsupport@la.gov with questions regarding these events.

**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. 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 with any questions.

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

**General**

- The 2018-2019 Assessment Month-by-Month Checklist is located in the Assessment Library. The checklist identifies key dates and deadlines for statewide assessment programs and accountability processes for next school year; provides action steps to ensure readiness for administering statewide assessments; and recommends resources for school system and school staff.
- 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.

**LEAP 2025**

- Fall high school test setup opened October 29 in eDIRECT. STCs can create test sessions and Test Administrator numbers in eDIRECT in preparation for fall high school LEAP 2025 and print student test tickets using the eDIRECT User Guide.
- DTCs should deliver test security and LEAP 2025 administration training to School Test Coordinators (STCs) and other applicable school and school system personnel for fall high school LEAP 2025. Resources can be found in the Assessment Library.
- Assessment guides for grades 3 and 4, all content areas, have been updated to include the paper-based administration schedule. All science assessment guides have been updated to include test session times.
- Deconstructing Mathematics Constructed-Response Items Webinar
  - Mathematics teachers and instructional supervisors/coaches should join the Deconstructing Mathematics Constructed-Response Items Webinar to learn about the components necessary to effectively assess reasoning and modeling using constructed-response items.
  - Webinar Date and Time: November 8 at 3:30 p.m.
  - Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/991846723
  - Webinar Phone Number: 669-900-6833
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**LEAP Connect**

- LEAP Connect ELA Constructed-Response (CR) Samples will be available in early November - one for grades 3-5 and one for grades 6-8 and 11.
- To join the LEAP Connect ELA Constructed-Response Sample, Grades 3-5 Webinar:
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**ACT and WorkKeys**
PANext is open for managing participation and shipping. No students will be in the system until late November. Schools must indicate participation in Spring ACT testing and choose material delivery dates. Please be mindful of school system holidays when choosing dates.

Assessment Administration Support and Training

- Office Hours webinar information:
  - Webinar Date and Time: November 13 at 1:00 p.m.
  - Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/
  - Webinar Phone Number: 669-900-6833
  - Meeting ID#: 393463942
- Due to Election Day and the Supervisors Collaboration events, the Monthly Assessment and Accountability Call has been moved to November 27.

The Office Hours Questions and Answers document is posted in the Assessment Library.

Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News

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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.

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**School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)**

**New: Q2 Count Closes on Friday, 11/9**

The Quarter 2 enrollment verification window for the School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities is now open. Please complete the enrollment verification process by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, November 9th to ensure prompt payment for the second quarter. Please see the attached instructions for completing enrollment verification.

Please remember that your LEADS password may have expired as it expires every 30 days. In order to reset your password, please visit https://password.doe.louisiana.gov.

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with any questions.

**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.

**All Nonpublics**

**New: Nonpublic School Super App Data Collection Timelines**

Nonpublic school officials and administrators receiving federal allocations through LEAs are required to use this new timeline. This process will be used to implement compliant and effective equitable services programs for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Please note: All LEAs must submit budgets and equitable services documentation by June 2019.

This hyperlink contains an important memo sent to the nonpublic school officials regarding the LDOE's new consolidated application for ESSA and IDEA.

**New: Super App Office Hours for Attendees of the Bossier Collaboration Event**

The LDOE Grants Helpdesk will offer office hours for school systems that will attend the Bossier Collaboration on November 8 to ask questions about the Super App. These Super App office hours will take place this Friday, November 9 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Webinar Date and Time: November 9 at 11:00 a.m.
School systems attending the collaborations in Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, and Harvey should first attend the collaborations before attending office hours. The LDOE Grants Help Desk will hold recurring Super App office hours every Monday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. beginning November 19.

Please contact ldoegrantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

**New: Super-App Webinar**

The LDOE will host a follow-up Super-App training webinar on Tuesday, November 27 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM.

To attend, staff must register at the following link: [https://ldoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/6d9a889169f1d18f7510d14dfe9e911](https://ldoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/6d9a889169f1d18f7510d14dfe9e911)

To ensure there will be enough slots for all interested staff, we encourage that multiple people view the webinar from a single location if possible.

For more information, please contact Melanie.mayeux@la.gov

**New: Financial Aid Event Planning**

Please share with staff responsible for financial aid planning at your school.

The [FAFSA](https://www.fafsa.gov) for the 2019-2020 school year is open for students. If you already have an event planned, please email ldefinancialaid@la.gov to have it added to the Regional Calendar of Events on the LDOE Financial Aid web page.

Reminder: The [Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)](https://www.ldeo.org), the [Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA)](https://lsofa.org), and the [Louisiana Education Loan Authority (LELA)](http://lsofa.org) are available to lend support.

Please email any or all of these offices to discuss your site's needs or to get assistance with a scheduled event: LDOE: ldefinancialaid@la.gov; LOSFA: breanna.paul@la.gov; LELA: carmichael@lpfa.com.

**New: 2019 Jump Start Convention**

Please share this information with CTE Supervisors, school system administrators, high school principals, professional counselors, and Jump Start Regional team members.

[Registration](https://www.ldeo.org/jumpstart) for the 2019 Jump Start Convention is now open until **December 31**. The convention will be held at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge on January 29, 2019. Sessions at the convention will provide school systems with important information related to building stronger Jump Start pathways. Sessions include:

- Accessing Post-secondary Opportunities: Financial Aid, TOPS, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement
- Career Readiness: Quest For Success and Other Course Options
- CTE Leadership Academy
- Health Sciences Updates
- Instructor Training and the Value of Externships
- Jump Start 2.0
- Jump Start Summers/Jump Start After Hours
- Using SIS/STS to Track Credentials

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

**New: Music Curriculum Contest for Teachers**

[64 Parishes](https://www.64parishes.org), a project of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and First Lady Donna Edwards, has partnered to sponsor the Louisiana Musical Legends Contest for K-12 teachers to share ideas for how the study of Louisiana musical legends can be incorporated into classroom curricula. The project is made possible by gift from Dorothy Hanna, a music teacher in Vinton for more than thirty years whose generous gifts have been used to create "Aunt Dorothy's Teacher Toolkit."

In addition to a $1,000 prize, the winning teacher from each region will be invited to help develop a short educational video and lesson plan to be hosted on the 64 Parishes website. Applications and additional information are available.

Please contact erin.bendily@la.gov with questions.

**Reminder: School and Center Performance Score Communications Toolkit for Families**

Please share with principals.

A [communications toolkit](https://www.ldeo.org) is now available to help school systems, schools, and early childhood centers communicate the release of their 2018 performance scores in the [Louisiana School Finder](https://www.louisianaschoolfinder.org/).

The toolkit includes resources such as:
The release of their 2018 performance scores in the [Louisiana School Finder](#). The toolkit includes resources such as:

- School Finder flyer, poster, website button, and social media graphics
- Sample early childhood and K-12 news releases
- Animated videos to help explain early childhood performance profiles
- Early childhood and K-12 customizable parent night presentations

All resources are available in the [principal support library](#), and all videos are available on the Department's [YouTube channel](#) in the "School Finder" playlist.

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

**Reminder: 2019 Behavioral Intervention Summit**

Please share with school system administrators, school principals, counselors, and behavioral interventionists.

The 2019 Behavioral Intervention Summit will be held January 30, 2019 at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge. This summit will provide professional development on evidence based behavioral interventions, implementation of a Multi-Tier System of support, new behavioral intervention resources from the Department, and the new Alternative Education model and authorization process.

Registration will occur in early November. For more information, email [katie.barras@la.gov](mailto:katie.barras@la.gov).

**Reminder: Workshop for New Principals**

Please share with new (0-3 years of experience) principals.

The Louisiana Association of Principals, in partnership with the Department, will offer their New Principals Workshop on December 4 at the Circle J. Picard Center in Lafayette. Download the [available flyer](#) for more details about the event. The [registration](#) deadline is November 12 and space is limited to the first 100 participants to sign up.

Please contact [debra.schum@laprincipals.org](mailto:debra.schum@laprincipals.org) with questions.

**Reminder: Louisiana Envirothon Competition**

The Louisiana Envirothon is an environmental problem-solving competition for students in grades 6-12. Teams train and compete by demonstrating their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management and present a solution to an environmental problem related to the current issue through an oral presentation. The 2019 current environmental issue is Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge and Technology to Feed the World. You are invited to participate in year's competition, which will be held on April 13, 2019, by organizing a team of five students from the same school or associated with an organized group (i.e. FFA, 4-H, science club, etc.). The team registration fee is $50. Download your [registration packet here](#). The registration deadline is [December 12, 2018](#).

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**Other Department Newsletters**

To view the [November 6th District Newsletter](#) or the [November 1st 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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