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More information, including the MOU and system release dates for the upcoming school year, will be shared in January.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

**New: 2017-2018 EOY Dropout Correction**

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Please email systemsupport@la.gov with questions.

**New: 2017-2018 SCI Appeals and Waivers**

The 2017-2018 SPS Appeal/Waiver Form are available in the Accountability Library and must be completed by December 4 for 2018 SCI requests. Please remember that appeals and waivers cannot be based on data that could have been corrected during the data certification process.

Send questions to jennifer.baird@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. 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 cannot 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**

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**LEAP 360**

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**LEAP 2025**

- The Practice Test Quick Start Guide has been updated to include scoring and reporting improvements for the 2018-2019 school year.

**LEAP Connect**

- The LEAP Connect Administrator Training is posted to the Assessment Library. This training provides an overview of the assessment design, details about accommodations and built-in supports, and detailed explanations of administrative documents.

**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**

- The next Monthly Assessment and Accountability Call will be November 27 at 1:00 p.m.
  - **Webinar Date and Time:** November 27 at 1:00 p.m.
  - **Webinar Link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/
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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)**

**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.

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**All Nonpublics**

**New: 2019 Student of the Year Information**

Please share with Student of the Year District Coordinators and all principals.

Each year, the Department recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of our students through the Louisiana Student of the Year Awards Program.

The Department has released the application for the 2019 Student of the Year program and strongly encourages all LEAs to play an active role in celebrating the exceptional students in your area. To participate, please review the revised written guidelines for the program and current logistics memo.

To ensure your LEA is represented, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete the District/LEA Information Form and email it to Marian Johnson by November 26. This information will enable the Department to determine the regional sites and to communicate directly with coordinators on upcoming events and activities related to this program.
2. Make the logistics memo available to the parents of students eligible to participate in the program.

Please contact marian.johnson@la.gov with questions.

**New: 2019 Behavior Intervention Summit**

Please share with school system administrators, school principals, child welfare and attendance staff, counselors, and behavioral interventionists.

Registration for the 2019 Behavioral Intervention Summit is now open until January 2, 2019. The summit will be held at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge on January 30, 2019. Sessions at the convention will provide school systems with important information related to building effective multi-tier systems of support utilizing evidence based behavioral interventions. Sessions include:

- Evidence-Based Behavioral Intervention
- Social Emotional Learning Curriculum and Strategies
- Implementing a Multi-Tier System of Support
- Trauma Informed Approaches
- Classroom Management
- Cross Cultural Competencies
- Alternative Education Redesign
- Data-Based Decision Making in Behavioral Intervention
- Bolstering School Climate and Culture
- Implementation Fidelity Measures for Effective Behavioral Interventions

A list of hotels offering a discounted rate is available.

**New: New Artist Scholarship**

Please share with school system administrators, school principals, school counselors, and teachers.

Renowned New Orleans born artist Gustave Blache III is offering a $25,000 per year scholarship opportunity for aspiring African American students to attend the School of Visual Arts (SVA) in New York City. The scholarship targets high school seniors seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts (4-years), or artists wanting to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree (2-years). The scholarships, offered in a collaborative effort of the LA Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) and the School of Visual Arts, are described on the LEH website. Applications and portfolios are due on December 14, with notification of awards expected on January 11, 2019.
Reminder: Super App Office Hours for November Collaboration Attendees

The Department will begin offering office hours for Super App on November 19 for all school system and nonpublic school leaders.

- Webinar Date and Time: November 19 at 11:00 a.m.
- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/594569803
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The Department will hold recurring Super App office hours every Monday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please contact ldoegrantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions about the office hours or Super App more generally.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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/6d9a889169f1d18f7510d14dfeaa9e911

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

Reminder: Financial Aid Event Planning

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

The FAFSA 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), the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), and the Louisiana Education Loan Authority (LELA) 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.

Reminder: 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 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.

Reminder: Music Curriculum Contest for Teachers

64 Parishes, a project of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and First Lady Donna Edwards, has partnered to sponsor
64 Parishes, 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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the November 13th District Newsletter or the November 8th 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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