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## Important Dates for Nonpublic Schools

Office Hours	
Office Hours Title	Zoom Link
Super App Office Hours	<a href="#">November 20 at 10 a.m.</a>
<a href="#">Assessment and Accountability Office Hours</a>	<a href="#">December 1 at 3:45 p.m.</a>
Education Technology Office Hours	<a href="#">December 3 at 9 a.m.</a>
<a href="#">Career and College Readiness Office Hours</a>	<a href="#">December 3 at 3 p.m.</a>
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Monthly Calls*	
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Reopening Roundtable for System Leaders	<a href="#">November 20 at 9 a.m.</a>
Data Coordinator Monthly Call	<a href="#">December 3 at 1 p.m.</a>
System Leaders Monthly Call	<a href="#">December 4 at 9 a.m.</a>
Academic Content and Educator Development Monthly Call	<a href="#">December 9 at 12:30 p.m.</a>
Legislative and Policy Support Monthly Call	<a href="#">December 14 at 10 a.m.</a>
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	<a href="#">December 15 at 3:45 p.m.</a>

Important Deadlines	
Document Link	Deadline
<a href="#">BESE Tuition Program For Teachers - Application for Spring 2021 Courses</a>	November 20
FY 2020-2021 Nonpublic Textbooks Application	November 20
<a href="#">BinaxNOW Rapid COVID Testing Kits Survey</a>	November 20

## All Nonpublics

### **November Nonpublic Webinar Deck Available**

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

### **MYACT Student Accounts**

To register for the ACT, students will create a MyACT student account by going to [www.myact.org](http://www.myact.org). In addition to registering for the ACT, MyACT accounts can also be used to prepare for the test, view and send test scores, explore colleges and careers, and plan for college. Students can also purchase prep material through their account or access our free test prep material. Access the [quick start guide](#) for additional support, and contact [ACTcollegeready@act.org](mailto:ACTcollegeready@act.org) or [act-cares@act.org](mailto:act-cares@act.org) for assistance with account issues, including duplicate accounts.

Please contact [act-cares@act.org](mailto:act-cares@act.org) with questions.

### **2021 Teacher Leader Summit T-Shirt Design Contest**

The Department is seeking inspiration for the 2021 Teacher Leader Summit t-shirt design! Educators and students with an artistic flair are encouraged to submit their design for consideration by **February 5** to [ldoecommunications@la.gov](mailto:ldoecommunications@la.gov). The winning school will receive \$1 per shirt sold.

The winning design will be announced in the March edition of the Teacher Leader newsletter. Reference the [contest rules](#) for details or contact [ldoeevents@la.gov](mailto:ldoeevents@la.gov) with questions.

### **New Principals Workshop**

The Louisiana Association of Principals (LAP), in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Education, is offering a half-day new principals workshop. This workshop is designed for principals with 0 to 3 years of experience. The New Principals Workshop will be held on December 8 in Lafayette at the Double Tree Hotel. The cost is free for LAP members and \$100 for non-LAP members. Seating is limited to the first 100. Visit the [New Principals Workshop 2020 webpage](#) to register and learn more.

Please contact [jeanine.ford@laprincipals.org](mailto:jeanine.ford@laprincipals.org) with questions.

### **Reminder: Super App Launch Session List**

Each year, school systems build a plan for how to improve student learning for the coming year. This process involves reviewing student achievement and student progress, establishing priorities, and building a budget aligned to these priorities using all available funding sources. Super App is a tool that allows school systems to plan for their needs, access their formula funds, and apply for competitive funds on one timeline.

In an effort to support school systems with this process, the Department launched the 2021-2022 School System Planning process and Super App last week at the Super App Launch Virtual Event. The Super App Launch Virtual Event supports school systems in:

1. Reviewing the progress the state has made in improving Louisiana's persistently struggling schools.
2. Explaining new opportunities to support schools.
3. Describing updates to the School System Planning Framework and Super App process.

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

Please email [LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov) with questions.

### **Reminder: BinaxNOW Rapid COVID Testing Kits Survey Extended**

**Please share with school system leaders.**

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits available upon request for school systems to access when a CLIA Waived Certificate Number or community health provider has been identified. In order to access these test kits, school systems will need a designated point of contact to complete a survey.

The survey will request the following information:

- Name of the delivery location
- Point of contact (Need name, email, phone number)
- Delivery address
- CLIA Waived Certificate # or the community provider who will be testing so LDH can obtain all the same information on the number of BINAX tests requested (recommend estimating number based on 20 percent of school system's census)

School systems that would like to request BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits are encouraged to [complete this survey](#) by **November 20**.

Please contact [LDOECOVID19support@la.gov](mailto:LDOECOVID19support@la.gov) with questions.

### **Reminder: 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.

A [webinar was recently held](#) to provide school systems with information about the REAL Program.

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

### **Reminder: LaNEXT Magazine Digital Edition Now Available**

Louisiana NEXT is making the digital edition of their annual magazine available to schools and students. School systems and schools can [share this link](#) with middle or high school students.

LaNEXT is an annual magazine that provides a unique, comprehensive source of information and guidance to high school students. It offers insight, tools, and encouragement to students as they develop their educational and career goals. This includes information on choosing a career, jobs, salaries, and education and training options for a variety of career tracks, as well as financial aid and scholarships and details on the college application process.

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

### **Reminder: Quest for Success Training**

**Please share with career and technical education leaders.**

Quest for Success is a career exploration course designed to prepare graduates for career and life success. Training opportunities for educators to teach this course will be available throughout the school year. These additional training opportunities will include a variety of flexible training opportunities for new Quest for Success instructors such as once a week, weekly, and weekend opportunities.

[Registration is open](#) for the next virtual training, December 14-17 from 5-9 p.m. Registration costs for training sessions are paid directly to the provider.

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

### **Reminder: FY 2020-2021 Nonpublic Textbooks Application**

The FY 2020-2021 Nonpublic Textbooks Application is now available in the Department's electronic grants management system (eGMS). The submission deadline is **November 20**. Please review the Nonpublic Textbooks Application information under the Announcement section in [eGMS](#).

All applicants are encouraged to ensure Nonpublic Textbooks Contact Information is updated and saved.

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

### **Reminder: FY 2020-2021 Nonpublic School Lunch Salary Supplement Application**

The FY 2020-2021 Nonpublic School Lunch Salary Supplement Application is now available in the Department's electronic grants management system (eGMS). The submission deadline is **December 31**. Please review the Nonpublic School Lunch Salary Supplement Application information under the Announcement section in [eGMS](#).

All applicants are encouraged to ensure Nonpublic School Lunch Salary Supplement Contact Information is updated and saved.

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

### **Reminder: BESE Tuition Program for Teachers - Applications for Spring 2021 Open Now**

The [BESE Tuition Program for Teachers](#) provides tuition funding for selected classroom teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana. [Online applications](#) for coursework funding for the spring 2021 semester are open now through **November 20**. Program details, as well as a link to the application, can be found on the [Continuing Opportunities for Educators page](#).

For questions about the BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov).

### **Reminder: Louisiana Important Prerequisite Math Standards**

The Department, building on resources provided by the Achievement Network, has released the [Louisiana Important Prerequisite Math Standards](#) guidance for teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

This new document identifies critical prerequisite math standards from previous grade levels needed to anticipate potential unfinished learning and suggestions for prioritizing content to save instructional time. It also includes aligned lessons for the most widely used Tier 1 curricula. A brief [video overview](#) of the document is also available.

To find these tools and all other math planning resources, visit the [K-12 Math Planning](#) page.

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

### **Reminder: Apply to Lead a Session at Teacher Leader Summit 2021**

Louisiana teachers and leaders are invited to share their expertise with educators statewide by applying to facilitate a session at Teacher Leader Summit 2021. Applications will be available on November 16 and are due by **January 6, 2021**. Look out for more information and the application link in the [Teacher Leader Library](#) and upcoming newsletters.

The Teacher Leader Summit will take place from Tuesday, May 25 through Thursday, May 27, 2021, in New Orleans. Registration will open on January 8, 2021.

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### **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

- Please check the [ACT State Testing](#) site for an updated [Schedule of Events](#).
- November 20: Deadline to submit the ACT MOU and Estimation Worksheet.
  - It is no longer required to mail the ACT MOU to the LDOE. MOUs are posted in the [Assessment Library](#). Please complete, sign, scan, and email the MOU and estimation worksheet to [patricia.newman@la.gov](mailto:patricia.newman@la.gov) or [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov).
- November 2-27: Manage participation in [PANext](#) by entering test and shipping dates, verify secure shipping address, and contact [patricia.newman@la.gov](mailto:patricia.newman@la.gov) with any contact or address changes. Choose the initial test date, March 9.
- November 2-January 22, 2021: Verify enrollment, submit the Enroll or Unenroll student files, if needed. January 22 is the deadline to receive barcode labels.

### LEAP 2025 Fall High School Administration

- The DRC INSIGHT portal is open to complete test setup and assignment of TA numbers.
- Test manuals are available online.
- A new demographic field has been added to collect information regarding students' participation in virtual learning. If the field is not completed, the student will be considered in-person with no virtual learning. For questions about the new demographic field, contact [jennifer.baird@la.gov](mailto:jennifer.baird@la.gov) or [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov).

### Assessment Administration Support and Training Office Hours

The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be on **December 1 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for office hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** December 1 at 3:45 p.m.
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## 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	<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

	Archdiocese			
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 **November 17th District Newsletter** or the **November 12th Nonpublic Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

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