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**Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News**

**New: Quarter Two Count Opens December 5th**

The quarter two count for Scholarships schools will be Wednesday, December 5th through Friday, December 7th. Enrollment counts are completed in SEE. Instructions on reporting enrollment can be found here.

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If you have any questions about the Q2 count, please reach out to studentscholarships@la.gov.

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LEAP 360 will be provided by the Department at no cost to school systems for the 2019-2020 school year. School systems that use LEAP 360 for the 2019-2020 school year will not be required to pay an annual fee; however, they will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to protect the item and test content.

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.

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

The 2017-2018 EOY Dropout Correction collection is open for reviewing and making final online corrections for students identified as potential dropouts for the 2017-2018 school year. Failure to properly update student exits may result in dropouts being erroneously assigned to your school system. The reporting deadline is December 3.

Please email systemsupport@la.gov with questions.

**Reminder: 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 4th 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: 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 systems and school staff.
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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.
- All matters concerning WorkKeys administration on non-LDOE realms can be addressed by calling 800-967-5539 (800-WorkKey) or emailing actcareercurriculum@act.org. Please make it clear that your call is concerning your own realm or a sponsor's realm.

Assessment Administration Support and Training

The next Monthly Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be **December 4 at 1:00 p.m.**

- Webinar Date and Time: December 4 at 1:00 p.m.
- Webinar Link: [https://ldoe.zoom.us/](https://ldoe.zoom.us/)
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**Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News**

**New: Financial Information Report Due**

According to Bulletin 134, each school tuition organization shall prepare a financial information report that complies with uniform financial accounting standards, to be submitted to the LDE no later than six months after the end of the STO's fiscal year. The report shall be prepared by a certified public accountant and shall contain a certification from an auditor that the report is free of material misstatements.

This report is a requirement for school tuition organizations, not individual schools. If you have any questions, please reach out to lindsey.bush@la.gov.

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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.

All Nonpublics

New: December School System Planning Call
The December School System Planning Call will take place on December 5 at 1:00 p.m. The following school system supervisors should participate:

- Curriculum and instruction supervisors
- District test coordinators and accountability contacts
- Early childhood supervisors
- Federal Program supervisors
- High school and career and technical supervisors
- Personnel directors
- Talent (Mentors, Content Leaders, Teacher Leaders) supervisors

- Webinar Date and Time: December 5 at 1:00 p.m.
- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/
- Meeting ID#: 398875849

Email districtsupport@la.gov with questions.

New: December Superintendents Call
Superintendents are invited to participate in the Superintendents’ Conference Call hosted by State Superintendent John White on Thursday, December 6, 10:30 a.m. Participants may begin dialing into the call 15 minutes in advance. Please follow the instructions below:

- Webinar Date and Time: December 6 at 10:30 a.m.
- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/840608598
- Phone Bridge: 877-475-0109
- Meeting ID #: 7392759
- You will need to identify yourself in order to be placed into the meeting. Please enter your full name and school system name when logging in.

New: 2019 PD Vendor Guide

The 2019 PD Vendor Guide, released on November 1, identifies vendors who specialize in helping school systems and schools with designing and implementing a cohesive academic system focused on high-quality curriculum, professional development, and assessment.

Updates to this guide include:

- a Table of Contents organized by curriculum, making it easier for school systems to identify all vendors providing training on their selected curriculum;
- specific call-outs for trainings that target approaches to support students who have been identified as English learners or student with a disability; and
- sample year-long partner plans to help school systems plan initial and ongoing support for teachers.

School systems should use the updated PD Vendor Guide to plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

New: Tier 1 Mathematics and ELA Webinars

Many Tier 1 math and ELA curriculum providers will be hosting one hour webinars during the month of December. Each webinar will provide an overview and introduction to each curriculum.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

New: Supporting Students who Struggle in ELA and Mathematics

The Department believes that all students, including students with disabilities, English learners, and students who persistently struggle, can achieve grade-level standards. The following information is available to help support students who struggle in ELA or math:

- Supporting Students who Struggle in English Language Arts provides information about supporting students in ELA
- Supporting Students who Struggle in Mathematics provides information about supporting students in mathematics

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New: Student Transcript System (STS) Training

Please provide this information to nonpublic STS data managers.

The Department will hold training for nonpublic STS data managers on Thursday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.

- Webinar Date and Time: December 13 at 1:00 p.m.
- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/711178912
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923 (for dial-in only)
- Meeting ID#: 711178912

Please email Barrett.Adams@la.gov with questions.

New: School Health Survey

Please share with all school principals. As required by state law, the Louisiana Department of Education monitors and evaluates

Please contact michael.comeaux@la.gov with questions.

**Reminder: 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.

Please contact behaviorintervention@la.gov with questions.

**Reminder: 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.

Please contact karen.denby@la.gov with questions.

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**Other Department Newsletters**

To view the **November 27th District Newsletter** or the **November 15th 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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