Important News for
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Indicate Number of New Seats for 2019-20 Scholarship Program

Schools that previously indicated they would like to accept new students for the Louisiana Scholarship Program via the Notice of Intent were sent an email to indicate the amount of new seats to open per grade. Schools must submit their seat allocations by Friday, December 14th in order to be included on the Louisiana Scholarship Program application.

Please email studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions.
Reminder: Parent Guides to 2018-2019 Assessments Now Available

Please share with principals, teachers, and families.

The following parent guides are now available in the Family Support Toolbox Library to provide families with information on Louisiana's state assessments:

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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.
- 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.
- The NAEP 2019 Prepare for Assessment activities are available. STCs are able to review the list of NAEP-sampled students in their school. The STC can select the Prepare for Assessment link from the menu on the left side of MyNAEP.

All activities below must be completed prior to the Pre-assessment Review call in early January:
  - Review and Verify List of Students Selected for NAEP (must be completed first)
  - Complete SD/ELL Student Information
  - Notify Parents
  - Manage Questionnaires
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  - Update Student List (available January 1)

LEAP 360

- Teacher Access is now live for all Interim assessments. The Teacher Access link and usernames/passwords are found in the Interim Quick Start Guide.
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LEAP 2025

- Now-December 14: Fall high school testing window
- Voids and testing irregularities from the fall 2018 LEAP 2025/EOC administration must be emailed to assessment@la.gov by the conclusion of testing each week.
- School system test security reports are currently available in the FTP. Only school systems with voids will receive a test security report.

LEAP Connect

- The TAM and TCM for both LEAP Connect and LAAS 1 are now posted in eDIRECT under General Information, Documents, LEAP Connect/LAA 1 Spring 2019.
ACT and WorkKeys

- ACT is sending training packets to all school systems this week to be distributed to schools. The packets contain copies of the manuals and administration forms for schools to prepare for testing. Schools will receive an email with the tracking numbers.
- Now - January 25, 2019
  - ACT Mock Administration open for any schools considering testing ACT online
  - Install ProctorCache software and setup proctor caching in PANext (ACT online testing only).
  - Upload and verify student information in PANext for ACT using the SDU Upload
- Week of January 10, 2019
  - Students in grade 11 and 12 having no ACT score on record will be uploaded to PANext by January 16, 2019.
  - The ACT Match/No Match Lists will be placed in the district FTP the week of January 10, 2019.

The November 29 ACT Test Administration Webinar is available in the Assessment Library under the ACT and WorkKeys section.

An update to the ACT Schedule of Events on the ACT State Testing site in the "Prepare for Makeup Testing" section on page 4 was posted on December 3. All DTCs and STCs should download the updated schedule.

Assessment Administration Support and Training

The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be December 18 at 1:00 p.m.

- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/
- Webinar Phone Number: 669-900-6833
- Meeting ID#: 393463942

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Reminder: 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.

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**All Nonpublics**

**New: New Tier 1 Vendor Webinars**

Please share with district test coordinators.

In November, school systems embarked on the school planning process for the 2019-2020 school year. To help school systems understand Tier 1 ELA and math curriculum options, the Department invited Tier 1 vendors to host webinars in December. A master list of webinar dates, times, and information on how to join is now available.

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

**New: PSAT Scores Now Available**

Please share with professional school counselors, administrators, and test coordinators.

PSAT scores are now available to educators through the K-12 reporting portal. Students can access their scores starting today, December 11, via the student online reports portal.

Students that take the PSAT 10 or PSAT/NMSQT are eligible for several scholarships. Learn more about scholarship programs and partners on the College Board website.

Please direct all school or student report questions to psat@info.collegeboard.org.

**Reminder: Updated School System Support Calendar**

The school system support calendar has been updated to include the following changes highlighted in yellow in the calendar.

- Updated locations and dates for February Supervisor and Principal Collaborations
- Updated date for March Supervisor Collaboration in Baton Rouge (moved to March 14)

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**Reminder: 2019 Jump Start Convention**

Please share with school system administrators, high school principals, and Jump Start regional team members.

The 2019 Jump Start Convention is scheduled for January 29, 2019 at the Baton Rouge River Center. Registration is open through January 2.

The theme for this year's convention is "Stronger Pathways. Stronger Credentials. Stronger Future." Sessions will focus on a variety of topics from building relationships with industry, CTE Leadership Academy, Jump Start scheduling, Jump Start Educator Pathways and Initiatives, and others.
Summers, STEM Pathways, and others.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

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