



Important News for **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**



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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Monthly Practicing Principal Webinar – Accountability Updates: [October 23 at 1 p.m.](#)
- School System Planning Office Hours: [October 24 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Division of Diverse Learners Office Hours: [October 24 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [October 24 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [October 25 at 1 p.m.](#)
- New Teacher Experience Office Hours: [October 26 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Healthy Schools Community of Practice: [October 26 at 2 p.m.](#)
- School System Planning Office Hours: [October 30 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [November 2 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [November 7 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [November 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [November 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Zearn Support for Middle School Leaders: [November 14 at 9 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- **Extended** deadline to submit the Education Excellence Fund application: October 20
- [School Support Institutes](#): Session 2 Virtual: October 17-20
- School System Planning Guide/Super App launch: October 19
- [Fall 2023 Counselor Institutes](#): October 24-26
- Outstanding School System Support Employee of the Year Call: [October 25 at 11:30 a.m.](#)
- Deadline to complete enrollment verification and select paper testing for grade 3 in DRC INSIGHT: October 27
- [Mentor and Resident data](#) snapshot taken in Edlink: October 27
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 PPP](#): October 31
- Deadline to submit High-Cost Services Round 1 application: November 6
- Deadline to submit [U.S. Presidential Scholars Award](#) nominations: November 6 by 4 p.m.
- Deadline to submit application for [Immersion Site Certification](#): November 15
- Deadline to [order AP Exams](#): November 15
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 Title I, Part A - Annual Comparability Report](#): November 17
- Deadline to submit system-level Outstanding School System Support Employee of the Year Award [application](#): November 30

Office of School Choice

2024-25 Notices of Intent for Scholarship Programs

To qualify for participation in the LSP or SCP scholarship programs, nonpublic schools must submit a Notice of Intent annually.

The deadline to submit your Notice of Intent is October 31st.

The Notice of Intent is submitted to the Department each year in the fall by ALL schools that wish to participate in the Louisiana Scholarship Programs and request ***NEW*** scholarship seats for the upcoming school year.

Current participating scholarship schools must complete a NOI even if no new seats are being requested for the upcoming year.

You can access the Notices of Intent using the links below:

- The Louisiana Scholarship Program (voucher program)-
 - Notice of Intent: <https://form.jotform.com/232185605451150>
 - For additional information on this program, you can access the program [webpage](#) and review the [LSP school participation guide](#).
- The School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities-
 - Notice of Intent: <https://form.jotform.com/232185306610145>
 - For additional information on this program, you can access the program [webpage](#) and review the [SCP school participation guide](#).

For questions please contact studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS FOR EDLINK USERS: NPS Annual Enrollment Report

To provide assistance to schools encountering errors within Edlink, the final Edlink office hour will be offered via Zoom on Friday, October 20th from 2pm-3pm. Registration is required for each Edlink Office Hour.

Date	Events	Participants
October 20	Edlink Office Hour via Zoom (2pm-3pm)	All BESE Approved Nonpublic Schools

Monthly Webinar Call

Our next Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call will be held on Wednesday, [November 15 at 2 p.m.](#) Previous presentations of each monthly call are currently available in the [School Systems Planning Library](#).

Important Dates and Deadlines

[Click to access the full Nonpublic Programs Scholarship Annual Calendar for 2023-24](#)

Date	Item	Participants
October 27	Final Date for Quarter 2 transfers *SCP Only*	All SCP schools
October 31	Notice of Intent (NOI) for Louisiana Scholarship Program and School Choice Program Closes	Nonpublic schools actively participating or wishing to participate in LSP and/or SCP
November 3	Quarter 2 Enrollment Opens *SCP Only*	All SCP schools
November 7	Quarter 2 Enrollment Closes *SCP Only*	All SCP schools

****All dates are tentative, please review future issues of the Nonpublic newsletter for all updates***

2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program Application

The application for 2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program will open on December 11, 2023 and close on January 19, 2024.

All families (**including Orleans**) who need to submit applications for the 2024-2025 school year must apply using the LDOE website. Parents will be able to access the [application](#) on December 11th on our [website](#).

- New applicants, students who wish to transfer to another participating scholarship school for the upcoming year, and **those in a terminal grade** will need to submit an application for the 2024-2025 school year.
- We will be hosting two upcoming webinars to discuss the application process for the upcoming year.
 - A **School LSP Application for 2024-2025 Webinar** will be held on [December 4th at 2pm](#). This webinar will provide guidance on the application process for participating schools.
 - A **Parent LSP Application for 2024-2025 Webinar** will be held on [December 5th at 2pm](#). This webinar will provide guidance on the application process for both new and continuing students.

For the latest information on the application process, please visit our [website](#) for more information or contact our office at studentscholarships@la.gov.

General Nonpublic School Office Hours

The Office of School Choice-Nonpublic Programs Team currently offers a service called [Office Hours](#). We are offering office hours to provide one-on-one assistance regarding any questions you may have regarding our scholarship programs.

Office hours will be offered each week for **school administrators and other school system employees**. Office hours will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

You can book your Office Hours call using this [link: https://www.picktime.com/LDNonpublicschools](https://www.picktime.com/LDNonpublicschools)

In order to make sure that every school gets an opportunity to schedule a call, each call will be limited to 15 minutes. When booking your call, you must include a description of what you'd like to discuss during the call in the "booking notes" section of the form. This will ensure that our staff is prepared ahead of the call and can effectively use the time to address your concerns.

If you miss your scheduled time, you will need to book a new appointment time. If you have any questions about Office Hours, please reach out to us at studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

This service is not available to families. Families with questions should submit them to studentscholarships@la.gov.

Assessment, Accountability, and Analytics

ACT

Please share with testing coordinators.

October 18-30: Administer ACT WorkKeys on paper with accommodations and/or supports. Non-test information may also be completed on test day, before the start of test 1 (Workplace Documents).

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Assessment Committee Applications

Please share with educators, school leaders, and test coordinators.

The Division of Assessment Content is preparing to convene educator committees in January for the following assessments:

- LEAP 2025 Science Grades 4-7 and Biology Stimuli Reviews
- LEAP Connect Item Reviews

Interested educators can access the [Assessment Content Educator Review Committees document](#) for committee details and links to apply. The deadline to complete the applications is November 5.

Please email michelle.mcadams@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Approved List

Please share with business managers and finance officials.

The FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Approval (R.S. 17:88) listing for school systems is now available for reference in the [Budget Library](#).

Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

School System Relations

Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program

Please share with school and system leaders.

The [Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program](#) was created to honor and elevate exceptional early- to mid-career teachers, teacher specialists, assistant principals, and principals who exemplify Louisiana's education profession. This program provides an opportunity to honor those educators who offer robust, long-range potential for professional and policy leadership.

The [recommendation portal](#) for the 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program is open; recommendation resources may be found in the [Awards Resource Library](#). Recommendations are confidential and should not be shared with the candidate. School systems will have the opportunity to review recommendations and indicate approval to move the candidate forward for consideration. School systems will also have an opportunity to submit additional educator recommendations. Exemplary Educators are recognized in a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and may be considered to participate on advisory boards and task forces. They may also be considered for other state and national recognition programs.

Please join the Zoom session tomorrow, October 18, to learn more about this exciting opportunity for educators and school systems.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** October 18 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91504575965>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 915 0457 5965

Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.

Models of Excellence Recognition

Please share with school and system leaders.

On October 12, Dr. Cade Brumley and the Louisiana Department of Education held a special ceremony honoring the Central Community School system as a Louisiana Models of Excellence recipient. The [Louisiana Models of Excellence](#) is a statewide award that recognizes schools and school systems that serve as state models in meeting one of the LDOE [Believe to Achieve](#) educational priorities.

The [Central Community School System](#) was selected for this award for its innovative initiative to ensure every student is on track to a professional career, college degree, or service through the Wildcats W.I.N. program. W.I.N. is a system-wide plan for implementing and refining the Response to Intervention/Multi-Tiered System of Supports (RTI/MTSS) Academic Recovery and Acceleration model of What I Need (W.I.N.) and FLEX time based on individual student needs.

To learn more about the Models of Excellence program and past recipients, please visit the [Awards](#) page; contact modelsofexcellence@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

Please share with content supervisors, literacy coaches, and school leaders.

The LDOE conducts reviews of instructional materials to support school systems in adopting curricula in all core subjects. Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below. All tiered reviews can be found on the [annotated reviews](#) web page. The status of all instructional materials submissions can be found in the [weekly report](#).

- McGraw Hill - Study Sync - English II-IV (©2021)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Early Childhood

2023 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll Opens Tomorrow

Please share with educators and school and system leaders.

The Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, is administering its annual survey to help further understand the childcare needs of Louisiana families with children under the age of five.

Please share the [2023 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll](#) with pre-K families. This survey is for **any parent, guardian, or caregiver with children under age 5** in their home. The survey will open October 18 and will be available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#) so that the LDOE can hear as many parent and caregiver voices as possible. It will close November 1. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete, and all responses will be confidential.

Printable flyers are available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to post in schools to promote the survey.

- [Survey Flier in English](#)
- [Survey Flier in Spanish](#)
- [Survey Flier in Vietnamese](#)

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

Alternate Assessment Participation Data Available

Please share with special education leaders.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), any school system with more than 1.0 percent of students participating in the ELA, math or science alternate assessment must take certain actions. Alternate assessment participation data from the Spring 2021 administration will be available the week of October 16, and all school systems should review their data. If the participation rate for any subject is more than 1.0 percent, the school system must submit the Alternate Assessment Participation Justification form by **November 1**. School systems should contact their FTP Coordinators to retrieve their alternate assessment participation data and justification forms. Alternate assessment participation data from the Spring 2022 administration will be available later this year.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Development

Compass Information System (CIS) Updates

Please share with data directors, human resources directors, school leaders, and system leaders.

VAM scores have been released into the Compass Information System (CIS). All 2022-2023 teacher, counselor, and other evaluation types should be finalized. The final deadline to enter manually, [upload](#), or edit 2022-2023 evaluation data is **October 27**.

The [CIS](#) will open for the 2023-2024 school year November 3. Following this rollover, systems may begin

[updating rosters](#) and entering observation and [Student Learning Target \(SLT\)](#) data.

Please contact compass@la.gov with questions.

Professional Learning Partner Guide Now Available

Please share with school and system leaders.

The LDOE has released a single, comprehensive, digital guide of professional learning partners for school systems. The new, updated [Professional Learning Partner Guide](#) (PLPG) is more accessible and user-friendly for our school system leaders.

School systems will use the PLPG to search for approved professional learning vendors in the following categories:

- Content Leader and Mentor Teacher Training
- Education Preparation Providers
- High School Planning
- Instructional Materials
- Jump Start Training
- Literacy
- Support for Diverse Learners

The PLPG is also linked within the School System Planning Guide for reference as system leaders select the professional learning partners that best meet their needs for Super App.

Please contact em.cooper@la.gov with any questions.

Re-Release of Mentor and Principal Surveys

Please share with mentors and school leaders.

Last spring the LDOE released a mentor and principal survey to gather feedback on the mentor and content leader programs. Response rates on these surveys were low due to the timing of the release, so the Department is re-releasing these surveys to ensure it receives adequate feedback from the field.

Please review the description of each survey below and share it with the principals and mentors in your schools.

2023 Believe and Prepare: Principal Survey

This [survey](#) is to be completed by all principals who have had teachers complete mentor or content leader training in the past six school years, have mentors who served on their campus as a mentor to an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate resident last school year (2022-2023) or have content leaders who served in the role last school year (2022-2023).

2023 Believe and Prepare: Mentor Survey

This [survey](#) is to be completed by all mentors who have completed training within the past six school years or served as a mentor to an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate resident last school year (2022-2023). Please share the [survey link](#) with the mentors on your campus.

All survey responses will be kept confidential and neither your name nor your school will be identified.

Please ensure all surveys are completed by **November 10**.

Please email believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

School Improvement

School Support Institutes Session 2

Please share with school and system leaders.

School Support Institutes virtual session 2 is this week. Virtual sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Registered participants will receive an email with the Zoom links for their sessions. The Zoom links will also be available on the [SSI logistics page](#). Attendees are reminded to have the information from their session 1 deliverable on hand for this session.

SSI Session 2 (Virtual) Cohort Dates

- Monroe Cohort: October 17
- Shreveport Cohort: October 18
- Lafayette Cohort: October 19
- Baton Rouge Cohort: October 20

Please see the [SSI logistics page](#) for Zoom links and pre-work information; contact ldoessisupportteam@tnp.org with questions.