



Important News for **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**



February 9, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Around 1,300 educators, experts, and industry professionals will gather in Baton Rouge tomorrow to advance career and technical education as well as student attendance. Our annual Jump Start Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit is February 8.

It's a fitting time for the event, as it falls during Career and Technical Education Month and National School Counseling Week. Both bring awareness to critical priorities for our educators and our state. If a student graduates on May 15, they must be ready for May 16 - whether that's a career, college, or service. To get there, we must rethink the high school experience and we must make sure children at all levels are in class and ready to learn. It's also important for leaders to improve systems for attendance.

I hope to see you at our event tomorrow. If you are planning to attend, download a [schedule](#) or [event preparation tips](#) on our website. I look forward to welcoming you during our general session, joining some of our workshops, and catching up with many of you throughout the day.

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call: [February 14 at 3:45 pm](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [February 15 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Monthly Call: [February 15 at 2 p.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Business Manager Monthly Call: [February 15 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Office Hours: [February 23 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learner Support Monthly Office Hours: [February 27 at 3 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Alternative Education Site Authorization [Submission Portal](#) deadline: February 14
- [SPED Fellow Academy Informational Meeting](#): February 28 at 9 a.m

School Choice

Monthly Call

Our next monthly call will be held on February 15th at 2pm. It is important that schools make every effort to attend.

- You can access the monthly call using this link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93717548403>
- You can access a copy of January's webinar deck [here](#).

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/LDENonpublicschools](https://www.picktime.com/LDENonpublicschools)

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](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov)

Quarter 3 Enrollment Reporting

Quarter 3 reporting for the Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) and the School Choice Program (SCP) closed on February 3rd.

- If any information is incorrect or a student is missing from your roster, please contact us immediately at studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

**Please note that the payment report generated in LEADS may not accurately reflect final payment amounts.*

Schools will have 30 days from the last day of quarterly enrollment reporting period each quarter to report any enrollment issues.

This means all Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 3 must be submitted by **March 6th.**

Any Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 3 submitted after March 6th will be considered on an individual basis and must include an explanation for the late submission.

Please note that late Payment Adjustment Form submissions are not guaranteed payment.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

Upcoming Dates

You can access the 2022-23 Nonpublic Annual Reporting Calendar [here](#).

Date	Item	Participants
February 1st	SY 2023-24 School Choice Program application opens	SCP schools and families
March 6th	SY 2023-24 School Choice Program application closes	SCP schools and families

March 6th	Last Day to Submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q3	LSP and SCP schools
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**All dates are tentative, please review future issues of the Nonpublic newsletter for all updates.*

School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

2023-24 School Choice Program Application

The application for 2023-24 School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities opened on February 1st and will close on March 6th, 2023.

All families for both new and returning students will need to submit applications for the 2023-24 school year. Families must apply using the LDOE online application, which can be found [here](https://form.jotform.com/230115292646149):
<https://form.jotform.com/230115292646149>

For the latest information on the application process, please visit our website at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/louisiana-scholarship-program> for more information or contact our office at studentscholarships@la.gov.

Operations

McKinney Vento Updates and Funding Opportunity

Please share with federal program directors and homeless liaisons.

At 1p.m. on February 13 the Department is hosting a webinar to share McKinney Vento updates and provide details about the newly released [2023 McKinney Vento Request For Applications \(RFA\)](#) . located in the [Homeless Education Services Library](#).. The grant resources to improve the identification of homeless children and youth (including preschool-aged homeless children) so they may enroll, attend and succeed in school. Applications are due **March 21**. Any school system that serves homeless children and youth may apply

- **Webinar Date and Time:** February 13 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93409783302>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 93409783302

All homeless liaisons are encouraged to attend; please contact antiqua.hunter@la.gov with questions.

Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

ACT

Please share with test coordinators.

- The department provided a file to ACT that includes all students in grade 11 and the grade 12 students who are listed on the ACT No Match file. School systems will only need to add

new students in grade 11 and any grade 12 students who would like to retest. The school system will be invoiced for tests submitted for students in grade 12 who are listed on the ACT Match list.

- ACT testing schedules are due to assessment@la.gov on **February**

27. Please contact assessment@la.gov for questions.

ELPT/ELPT Connect

Please share with test coordinators and EL supervisors.

- School systems have now been notified of any students who were selected in schools for a second scorer to participate in constructed response administrations for the speaking and writing domains. The second score will only be collected by the department for research purposes and will not be provided within the TIDE portal or for official student reports.
- The ELPT Connect test administration manual has been posted to include pre- and post-test oaths of security, which must be signed by all persons participating in ELPT Connect test administration.

Please contact jennifer.baird@la.gov for more information.

Career and College Readiness

Jump Start Construction Scholarship Available

Please share with high school counselors.

The Louisiana Construction Education Foundation (LCEF) Jump Start Construction Connect Scholars Program is accepting [applications](#) for up to forty one-time \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship is geared toward students who have a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma, earned a National Center for Construction Education and Research credential, and plan to enroll in an LCTCS campus on a construction pathway or in an Associated Builders and Contractors training program. Applications are due **April 21**.

This is the state's first and only scholarship dedicated exclusively to Jump Start graduates. This effort is a collaboration of the Louisiana Construction Education Foundation, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the Department.

For more information please email transcripts@la.gov.

New Diploma Signatures

Please share with personnel that deal with diploma orders.

A new BESE president has been elected, Dr. Holly Boffy, and her signature will be on all diplomas moving forward. All old iterations of diplomas with previous signatures should not be used and shredded.

Please contact transcripts@la.gov with questions.

Perkins Core Indicator Report Webinar

Please share with Perkins secondary coordinators.

The Louisiana Department of Education will be hosting a webinar to help interpret Perkins Core Indicator Reports. This webinar is intended for Perkins secondary coordinators.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** February 27 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97092729835?>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1-346-248-7799
- **Meeting ID:** 970 9272 9835
- **Passcode:** 288913

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions. Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Social Studies Curriculum Development

Please share with social studies supervisors, administrators and K-8 social studies teachers.

Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum is currently under development and will be available for implementation by June 30, 2024. This new Louisiana social studies curriculum for grades K-8 will contain unit plans and daily lessons, student and teacher-facing materials, engaging primary sources, and formative and summative assessments. This curriculum will be fully aligned to the [2022 K-8 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#) as well as the criteria on the [2022-2023 IMR Rubric](#). Updated information about curriculum development and release dates can be found in the [Bayou Bridges FAQ](#).

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Educator Development

Teacher Leader Summit Registration and Presenter Applications

Please share with school leaders.

[Teacher Leader Summit](#) registration opened **February 3** and is available on a first come, first served basis. The Teacher Leader Summit is an annual professional development conference which brings together Louisiana birth to grade 12 educators and content experts. Educators participating in the event will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. This year's Teacher Leader Summit will focus on our ability to accelerate for success, every single day.

The Teacher Leader Summit will take place from **May 30 - June 1** at the **New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (NOENMCC)**. Presenter [applications](#) will be available on **February 10** and are due **March 3**. Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions.

Para-to-Teacher Opportunity Informational Webinar

Please share with school and system leaders.

This Thursday, **February 9**, the Department is hosting two webinars about an opportunity for paraprofessionals and other school employees to become teachers while remaining in their current

positions at a cost of only \$75 per month.

School and System Leaders

- **Webinar Date and Time:** February 9 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179
- **Phone Number:** 1-470-381-2552

Potential Students

- **Webinar Date and Time:** February 9 at 4 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179
- **Phone Number:** 1-470-381-2552

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

SPED Fellow Academy: Cohort Four

Please share with school system leaders, special education directors and supervisors.

SPED Fellow Academy is a year-long, comprehensive development program for novice special education directors and supervisors across Louisiana. The program provides in-person training, coaching and a community of practice that instills the knowledge and skills the next generation of leaders needs to lead and sustain change in improving outcomes for students with disabilities. In addition to a robust curriculum, the program supports fellows in examining a systems-level problem of practice, developing a theory of action to address the problem of practice, and developing an action plan to lead systems-level change.

Special education directors and supervisors are invited to attend a [SPED Fellow Academy informational session](#) on **February 28 at 9 a.m.** Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov for questions.

Literacy

Early Childhood Literacy Grab & Go Family Activities

Please share with teachers and early childhood providers.

A new set of Grab & Go activities has been released in the [Families Literacy Library](#). The activities are designed to build language and literacy skills for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Early childhood educators and providers can share these activities with families to support literacy development.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

School Improvement

Level Up: School Improvement Best Practices

Please share with school and system leaders.

[Level Up: School Improvement Best Practices](#), required for all CIR schools for 2023 - 2024, will be delivered at Teacher Leader Summit 2023 in place of virtual training delivered during the summer. These *Level Up* sessions will extend and build on the foundational training that occurred virtually last summer. LDOE is providing systems with funding through SuperApp to cover travel costs associated with sending three ILT members from each CIR school to Teacher Leader Summit 2023. A special pre-paid registration link will be emailed to principals of CIR schools to register themselves and two additional ILT members to attend.