



# Important News for **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**April 13, 2023**

Dear Colleagues,

Military members and military-connected families make many sacrifices for the security and safety of our nation. This includes military-connected children. April is the [Month of the Military Child](#) or “Purple Up! For Military Kids.” Across the nation, states and school systems will celebrate the important role of military children and their families.

Louisiana is proud to celebrate, honor, and recognize their courage and resilience. I’m inviting the entire education community to join the Louisiana Department of Education and Purple Up! on April 18. Wear purple to show support for the strength and sacrifice of our military children and families. If your system or school is on social media, tag the LDOE in your posts and we will share some of your celebrations.

I also want to encourage you to [apply to become a Purple Star School](#). This award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces. Please reach out to [highschoolacademics@la.gov](mailto:highschoolacademics@la.gov) with any questions.

Please join me in thanking our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting “Purple Up! For Military Kids” this month – they deserve our support!

Dr. Cade Brumley

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## Important Dates for School Systems

### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- School-Based Medicaid Monthly Call: [April 18 at 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Well-Being Monthly Call: [April 19 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [April 19 at 2 p.m.](#)
- **Nonpublic Monthly Call: [April 19 at 2 p.m.](#)**
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [April 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Monthly Office Hours: [April 25 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [April 26 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [April 27 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [May 2 at 1 p.m.](#)

### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees](#) interest survey deadline: April 13
- Part C Transition (Indicator 12) Action Plans due: April 14
- April Dunn Act Training: Self-Assessment Guide Section One: [April 17](#) and [April 19](#) at 4:30 p.m.
- **Louisiana Scholarship Program-Parent Informational Webinar: [April 20 at 2:00 p.m.](#)**
- Computer Science Education Advisory Commission [Listening Sessions](#) for K-12 Educators: [April 20 at 5:30 p.m.](#)
- [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees](#) interest survey deadline: April 21
- April Dunn Act Training: Self-Assessment Guide Section Two: [April 24](#) and [April 26](#) at 4:30 p.m.
- Computer Science Education Advisory Commission [Listening Sessions](#) for K-12 Educators: [April 25 at 5:30 p.m.](#)
- [Deadline to indicate AP Exam fee reduction status](#): April 30 at 10:59 p.m.
- High Cost Services Round 2 Application deadline: May 5

## School Choice

### **Monthly Call**

Our next monthly call will be held on April 19th at 2 pm. During this call, we will be covering 2023-24 LSP site registration for the upcoming year. 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 March'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/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](mailto: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)***

### **Quarterly Enrollment Reporting**

All Quarterly Enrollment Reports must be submitted on time via the LEADS portal during each quarter by the dates listed below in order to receive payments on-time.

- Quarter 4 reporting for both the Louisiana Scholarship Program (SEE) and the School Choice Program (SCP) is May 1-3.

If the enrollment reports are not submitted on time, it affects your student enrollment counts and delays payments.

If a student drops from your school, please follow the drop procedures so that the student can be dropped from your roster.

Note: All on time Quarter 4 submissions will be paid by the end of May.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) for assistance.

## Upcoming Dates

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

Date	Item	Participants
April 19	Monthly Call/ School Informational Webinar (Site Registration for the 2023-24 school year)	LSP and SCP Schools
April 20	Parent Webinar on Site Registration	LSP Schools and Families
April 24	2023-24 LSP Site Registration Begins	LSP schools
April 24	LSP Award Notification Letters sent to families	LSP schools
May 1	2023-24 SCP Site Registration Begins	SCP Schools
May 1	SCP Award Notification Letters sent to families	SCP schools
May 26	LSP Site Registration Ends	LSP schools
May 31	Roster Certification Due (declined awards due for non-registered students)	LSP schools
May 31	SCP Site Registration Ends	SCP schools
June 12	Summer Transfer Window Opens	LSP and SCP schools

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

## Louisiana Scholarship Program

### Site Registration for 2023-24

Site Registration for the 2023-24 Louisiana Scholarship Program will begin on April 24<sup>th</sup> and will end on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the reminder below regarding site registration:

- Award notifications will be sent out to families via email and mail on **April 24th**.

- Site Registration ends on **May 26th**
- Site Registration Roster File are due on the FTP by **May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm**
- Transfer Window opens **June 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Scholarship students who wish to transfer to another participating before the start of the 2023-24 school year must accept the scholarship at the original awarded school.
  - Families are required to submit a Transfer Request form to the Department signed by both the parent/guardian and a representative of the receiving school.
- Declined Awards
  - Scholarship students who no longer wish to participate in the scholarship program for the 2023-24 school year must complete a declined award form.
  - **This form is NOT to be used for families requesting a transfer.**
  - Declined awards must be submitted to our office by **May 26th**.
  - **Once a family declines the award, they will no longer be eligible to receive a scholarship for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.** Once the award has been removed, it cannot be reinstated.

If you have any issues or questions about the site registration, please contact our office via email at [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) for assistance.

### **Parent Informational Webinar**

The Office of School Choice will be hosting a **LSP Site Registration Webinar for Parents**.

The information is listed below. Please communicate and share this information with **all families that applied for the scholarship program**.

April 20	2:00 pm	LSP Parent Informational Webinar	<a href="https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93717548403">https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93717548403</a>
What will be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Award Notifications</li> <li>● Accepting a Scholarship Award</li> <li>● Transferring a Scholarship Award</li> <li>● Declining a Scholarship Award</li> </ul>			

## **Operations**

### **Davis-Bacon Act Compliance and Oversight Webinar**

**Please share with federal program directors and business managers.**

The Office of State and Grantee Relations will host a webinar to provide an overview of how federal funding recipients can meet their obligations under the [Davis-Bacon labor standards](#). The webinar will also include a review of best practices for providing guidance and compliance oversight to sub-recipients and contractors.

This webinar will be held April 26 from 3:30 until 5 p.m. Please [register](#) in advance to participate. Contact [LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov) with questions.

# Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

## Accountability Policy

### **2022-2023 Interests & Opportunities**

2022-2023 Interests & Opportunities indicators will be used for calculating 2022-2023 Scholarship Cohort Index. All nonpublic schools (K-12) who participate in the scholarship program must complete this survey with their indicator selection in order to earn points on the Interests and Opportunities Index as part of the Scholarship Cohort Index. The survey will open on **Monday, April 17, 2023**. The survey will remain open until **Monday, May 15, 2023**. In addition, the survey must be validated by your superintendent or their designee by **Friday, May 19, 2023**. The [Interests and Opportunities Menu Based Approach Guidance 2022-2023](#) can be found in the Accountability Library. A letter with more details will be sent to principals on Friday, April 14, 2023.

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

### **LEAP 2025**

**Please share with school and system leaders.**

LEAP testing will begin next week. Please see windows below.

- LEAP 2025 high school subjects: April 18 - May 24
- LEAP 2025 grades 3 - 8 all subjects: April 25 - May 26
- Innovative ELA Assessment: April 25 - May 26

The following resources are available to support testing.

- [Assessment Guides](#)
- [Parent Guides \(Includes Translated Versions\)](#)
- [LEAP At-A-Glance](#)
- [Online Tools Training](#)

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

### **ACT/WorkKeys**

**Please share with testing coordinators.**

The WorkKeys online testing window will close for the 2022-2023 academic year on April 12.

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

### **Social Studies Assessment Updates Document**

**Please share with school system leaders, school leaders, and teachers.**

The [2022 K–12 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies \(LSSSS\)](#) will be implemented for the 2023–2024 school year. The [Social Studies Assessment Updates document](#) with new information about the assessments is available in the [Assessment Guidance Library](#) and [K–12 Social Studies Resources web pages](#). Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

## **Assessment Development Educator Review Committees**

**Please share with school system leaders, school leaders, and teachers.**

The Division of Assessment Content will convene assessment committees for the LEAP and Innovative Assessment Program (IAP) in June and July to

- review newly developed items for alignment, content-related criteria, and bias or sensitivity concerns (all content areas);
- review leased ELA and math items for alignment to the Louisiana Student Standards;
- develop expectations for the scoring of field-tested IAP writing tasks; and
- review data from IAP field-tested items.

Interested educators should access the [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees document](#) for information on exact dates, meeting details, and links to apply to participate in specific committees. **The deadline to apply is April 21.** Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

## **School System Financial Services**

### **FY 2022-2023 Agricultural Science Allocation and Additional Guidance**

**Please share with business managers and superintendents.**

The FY 2022-2023 Agricultural Science allocation [payments](#) have been processed according to HB1 of the Regular Session 2022. Please refer to the document for more information about the allocation recently released to school systems; contact [schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov) with questions.

## **Teaching and Learning**

### **Diverse Learners**

#### **Cortical Visual Impairment Range Assessments: The CVI Range**

**Please share with special educators and related service providers.**

LA-AEM is hosting [CVI Range Assessment](#), an in-person training on CVI assessments.

- The Baton Rouge [training](#) will be held May 17 at 2888 Brightside Drive.
- The Ruston [training](#) will take place May 24 at 101 S Trenton Street.

Please contact [diverselearnersupport@la.gov](mailto:diverselearnersupport@la.gov) for more information.

## Educator Development

### **2023 Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy**

**Please share with teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders.**

The [Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy](#) is a five day, one-of-a-kind hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.

Hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education and staffed by a team of advisors and coaches from around the state, the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy will take place at the University of Louisiana Monroe July 10 -14.

Pre-Educator Pathway teacher leaders, school system leads, and teacher preparation leads interested in serving as advisors are encouraged to submit interest forms. College students enrolled in Louisiana Teacher Preparation Programs are encouraged to apply to serve as coaches. Please review the [Staffing Overview](#) for more information about joining the Summer Academy staff.

The Department will host an informational meeting for all interested high school students and their parents:

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 25, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1-470-381-2552
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179

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

### **Teacher Leader Summit**

**Please share with teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders.**

[Teacher Leader Summit](#) registration is closed, and a [waitlist](#) is now available. Presenters will receive a special code to register.

Taking place **May 30 - June 1** in New Orleans, the 2023 Teacher Leader Summit will focus on accelerating for success, every single day. .

Please contact [events@emergentmethod.com](mailto:events@emergentmethod.com) with questions.

## Literacy

### **Family Summer Support Toolkit**

**Please share with school system leaders and school leaders.**

The [Family Summer Support Toolkit](#) provides sample social media posts for school systems to use in engaging families during the summer in math and literacy. The posts will include links to activities to send home and are designed to encourage families to continue learning throughout the summer in a



fun and engaging way. The toolkit will also highlight digital resources for families of students with disabilities and English Learners.

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