

# Important News for NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS



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## Important Dates for Nonpublic School Choice Programs

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
All nonpublics	3/2/18	<a href="#">Register</a> for March Supervisor Collaborations	School leaders
All nonpublics that issue state diplomas	3/2/18	Verify diploma orders	High school leaders or counselors
All nonpublics that issue state diplomas	3/9/17	Submit Certificate of Achievement order forms	High school leaders or counselors
SCP	3/16/18	Upload SCP applications to <a href="#">FTP</a>	School leaders or School Choice contacts
Tuition Donation and all non-Scholarship nonpublics participating in testing	4/13/18	Submit <a href="#">Nonpublic Assessment Participation Forms</a>	District test coordinators
All nonpublics	5/1/18	Register for Jump Start Super Summer Institute	High school leaders and CTE supervisors

## Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

## **New: Registration Open for March Supervisor Collaborations**

[Register](#) for the [March Supervisor Collaborations](#) by **Friday, March 2**. Registration for the March 14 and March 23 collaborations are on a first come, first served basis. Register early to reserve your spot! **All Scholarship schools are eligible to sign up for and attend these free professional development opportunities.**

The Registration code for Supervisor Collaborations is **MARSUP18**. Please note that this code has been updated since last week's newsletter.

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

## **Reminder: Reminders for District Testing Coordinators**

### **General**

- All changes to DTC or accountability staff must be submitted to LDOE using the [DTC and Accountability Contact Update](#) form found in the Assessment Library.

### **LEAP 2025**

- Schools that need to test past 4:00 PM during spring testing must email the school's site code to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEAP 360**

- LEAP 360 Grades 3-8 Interim Assessment Form 2 for ELA is currently available for testing. Answer keys are available in [eDirect](#). Under All Applications, select General Information and then Documents. Under Administration, select Interim 2017-2018. To see the Answer Keys, you will select Answer Keys/Scoring.

### **ELPT**

- The ELPT assessment window is February 5 - March 16.
- The additional material window is open and orders can be placed through [TIDE](#).

### **LEAP Connect/LAA1**

- The LEAP Connect and LAA1 assessment window is February 5 - March 16.
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### **ACT**

- **Feb. 26 - March 2:** Districts will receive ACT and WorkKeys for initial testing, if the alternate shipping date was selected for the school.
- **Once materials arrive - March 19:** Schools will conduct sessions for examinees to complete non-test information on the answer document for paper testing.

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

## **Reminder: Submitting Transfers for the 2017-18 SY**

As in previous years, [transfer forms](#) must be completed and signed by the **receiving school** and sent to [StudentScholarships@LA.gov](mailto:StudentScholarships@LA.gov). Families in Orleans parish should be directed toward the receiving school, not the Family Resource Centers. Students should not purchase uniforms or begin attending the new school until the transfer has been processed and approved by the Department of Education. **The transfer form is only to be used for families wishing to transfer schools effective immediately. This form is not to be used for 2018-19 transfers.**

If you have a particular question or concern regarding a transfer request, you can email [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) or call (504) 304-5467.

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## **Tuition Donation Program News**

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## **Reminder: Assessment Participation Forms Due April 13th**

Tuition Donation schools must complete the [participation form for statewide assessment](#) by **April 13<sup>th</sup>** and email to [LAHelpDesk@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:LAHelpDesk@datarecognitioncorp.com). STOs should work with partner schools to make sure that all participation forms are completed.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Information**

Information about the Tuition Donation Program can be found in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Scholarship Programs Comparison Chart](#). Currently, Louisiana has three School Tuition Organizations participating in the Tuition Donation Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, and New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund. Schools interested in participating in the TDR program should communicate directly with one or more School Tuition Organizations.

School Tuition Organization	Regional Focus	STO Website	Email	Phone
ACE Scholarships Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.acescholarships.org">www.acescholarships.org</a>	<a href="mailto:TDR@acescholarships.org">TDR@acescholarships.org</a>	504-491-1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.aretescholars.org">www.aretescholars.org</a>	<a href="mailto:maryhw@aretescholars.org">maryhw@aretescholars.org</a>	225-245-3610
New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund	Baton Rouge	<a href="http://newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund">newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund</a>	<a href="mailto:esf@newschoolsbr.org">esf@newschoolsbr.org</a>	225-395-1686

## **School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)**

### **Reminder: School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities Applications Due 3/16**

The application for the School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities is available [here](#). Please upload completed applications and supporting documentation for new applicants to your school's FTP account in the 2018-19 SCP folder. Please place all continuing student applications and new student applications plus supporting documentation in their appropriate folders. **Each application and supporting documentation should be uploaded as one comprehensive file labeled with the child's first initial and last name.**

Please do not email applications as they contain student level information that should not be communicated electronically. Additionally, mailed applications will not be accepted. **All applications must be uploaded to the FTP.** Please see instructions for accessing the FTP [here](#).

Applications will be accepted until **Friday, March 16th**. For more information, please see the SCP FAQ form or contact [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

## **Reminder: Submitting Transfers for the 2017-18 SY**

If a student wishes to transfer a School Choice Award for Students with Exceptionalities, [transfer forms](#) must be completed and signed by the receiving school and sent to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

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## All Nonpublics

### **NEW: 2017-2018 Certificate of Achievement Orders**

Please share with superintendents, diploma and transcript coordinators, principals and school counselors.

Beginning with 2016 graduates, submission of the "Documentation For A Certificate of Achievement" form is not required due to Louisiana's student privacy law (R.S. 17:3914) that provides for limitations and prohibitions on the collection and sharing of student information.

Please use the [Diploma Order Form](#) to request Certificates of Achievement. Only one order form should be submitted for each school system. Non-public schools should also submit a diploma order form for certificate of achievement.

Please email completed order forms by March 9 to [jumpstart@la.gov](mailto:jumpstart@la.gov). If there are any questions related to diplomas, please contact [zco.bain@la.gov](mailto:zco.bain@la.gov).

### **New: High School Math and STEM Opportunities**

Every high school student should have access to high quality Math and STEM courses. Schools and teachers have three new options for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Intensive Algebra I
- Statistical Reasoning
- LSU STEM Pathways

To find out more information about all three new offerings, [click here](#).

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

### **New: Jump Start Super Summer Institute**

**Please share with CTE supervisors and school administrators.**

Registration for the **2018 Jump Start Super Summer Institute (SSI)** opens on March 26, 2018 and closes on May 1, 2018. Sessions for basic and statewide credentials will be offered at multiple locations and dates around the state.

The Department will pay training costs and provide lunch for educators attending SSI. Schools are responsible for all travel expenses, textbooks, and a registration fee (\$250/educator).

Please direct all questions about Super Summer Institute to [jumpstart@la.gov](mailto:jumpstart@la.gov).

### **New: Grant Opportunity: Seed to Plate Nutrition Education Award**

Recipe for Success Foundation in partnership with United Health Care Foundation has announced a grant opportunity to support the implementation of a school-based nutrition education program in Louisiana.

The Seed to Plate Nutrition Education Award grants will provide training, curriculum and select supplies for three years. One campus will be selected in each of the following Louisiana communities: Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans, and the Northshore.

Elementary schools in these five communities may apply by submitting an [online application](#) by March 30th.

Please contact [andi@recipe4success.org](mailto:andi@recipe4success.org) with questions.

### **Reminder: 2017-2018 Graduate Diploma Orders**

Updates to the Diploma Order file were due this past Monday, February 26, 2018. If you have not uploaded your file to the FTP site,

## **Reminder: Statewide Teacher Recruitment Campaign Launched**

On February 21, the Department launched a statewide teacher recruitment campaign, [Be A Teacher LA](#), designed to elevate the teaching profession and increases the number of high school graduates and college students who enroll in undergraduate teacher preparation programs.

The campaign, targeted towards high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen and sophomores, will be promoted across the state through:

- radio, television and social media advertisements,
- outdoor billboards, news releases,
- news stories, and
- public support through campaign champions like Governor and First Lady Edwards, Louisiana Teacher of the Year Kim Eckert and many other educators and education advocates.

The Department encourages all school systems to join in on the campaign and help elevate the teaching profession by sharing inspirational stories and messages on social media about teachers using the hashtag #BeATeacherLA.

## **Reminder: Nonpublic Schools Standardized Testing Participation Form**

Nonpublic schools wishing to participate in statewide assessments must complete the [participation form for statewide assessment](#) by **April 13<sup>th</sup>** and email it to [LAHelpDesk@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:LAHelpDesk@datarecognitioncorp.com). The cost of the assessment is \$50/subject.

## **Other Department Newsletters**

To view the **February 27th District Newsletter** or the **February 22nd Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

*To be added to the newsletter distribution list, please send an email to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).*

### **LDOE Contacts**

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