1. **What is the purpose of the School Choice Program for Certain Student with Exceptionalities?**

The School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities (SCP) empowers families of qualifying students with the financial resources to choose the school that will best address their students’ needs. The Louisiana Department of Education will conduct a lottery to award student participation, with a priority given to continuing students.

**FOR FAMILIES:**

2. **What students are eligible to participate in this program?**

Students participating in the SCP must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

   a) Student has been evaluated by a Louisiana public school district and determined to have any one of the following exceptionalities:

   - Autism
   - Developmental Delay
   - Mental Disability
   - Other Health Impairment
   - Specific Learning Disability
   - Traumatic Brain Injury

   b) The student has an Individual Education Plan or district provided services plan

   c) The student is eligible to attend a Louisiana public school.

3. **Which schools currently participate in this program?**

The following is a list of schools participating in the School Choice Program for the 2021-22 school year.

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4. What are the special education services that each school may potentially offer to students through the School Choice Program for the 2021-2022 school year?

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- Angles Academy
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- Archbishop Rummel Sr. High School
- Crescent City Christian
- Diocese of Baton Rouge Special Education Program
- Ecole Classique
- Greater Baton Rouge Hope Academy
- Immaculate Conception Cathedral School
- Our Lady of the Lake School
- Our Lady Queen of Heaven
5. **How much financial assistance is provided through this program?**

Families participating in this program receive an educational certificate, which is paid directly to the school on behalf of the family. The certificate is worth either approximately 50% of the per-pupil allocation of state funds to the student’s local school district, or the school’s tuition and fees, whichever is less. This amount averages to $2300 across the state. If the school’s tuition and fees exceed the certificate amount, then parents are responsible for paying the difference.

6. **How does a student apply for participation in the program?**

Families wishing for their student to participate in this program must complete the student application and turn the application into a participating school for which they are applying by March 17th. Once all applications are received, the Department will conduct a lottery to determine which students may participate in the program. Scholarships are awarded contingent upon funding availability.

Application Dates:
- February 1, 2021 – LDE releases student application
- March 17, 2021 – Applications due
- Late April/Beginning of May – LDE notifies families of award status

Instructions on how to submit an application may be found on the application itself. New students must submit all required documentation in order to confirm eligibility.

7. **Does the school automatically enroll my student if selected to participate in this program?**
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Not necessarily. Each participating school still has discretion in maintaining their own admissions criteria and may decide whether or not to admit and enroll the student.

FOR SCHOOLS:

8. What are the eligibility requirements for schools to participate in the School Choice program?
   Schools wishing to participate in the School Choice program must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:
   a) Be approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
   b) Comply with the racial non-discrimination criteria set forth in Brumfield, et al. v. Dodd
   c) Operate in a parish with a recent census population greater than 190,000 persons:

   Caddo
   Calcasieu
   East Baton Rouge
   Jefferson
   Lafayette
   Orleans
   St. Tammany