

LOUISIANA SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY Award

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes healthy and physically active students tend to have better grades, school attendance, cognitive performance, and classroom behaviors. Additionally, schools play a vital role in allowing students the opportunity for regular physical activity before, during and after school. To recognize outstanding public elementary and secondary schools that are implementing an outstanding physical activity program, the Department will be recognizing and honoring exemplary schools through the School Physical Activity Award program. An exemplary school for this award must demonstrate physical activity throughout the day that includes: physical education classes, physical activity before and after school, physical activity during school hours, family and community engagement activities, and staff involvement.

SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE:

PHASE	TIMELINE	DESCRIPTION
Nominations Portal Open	August 12 - September 12, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nominations portal will be open from August 12-September 12. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon portal close, the nomination information is shared with school systems and nominees.
Application Release	September 16, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department releases School Physical Activity Award application materials for the 2025-2026 school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the Resources Library and Awards page.
State-level Applications Due	December 9, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By December 9, candidates are to submit their application in the School Physical Activity Award online application portal.
Finalists Announced	TBD 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department names eight School Physical Activity Award Finalists.
Honoree Recognition	April 15, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eight School Physical Activity Award Finalists are recognized at the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meeting.

The below resource center has been assembled to provide easy access to all resources and materials for the School Physical Activity awards program.

All materials are also available on the Department's [Awards](#) page or in the [Resource Library](#).



2025-2026 School Physical Activity Award

Resource Center

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School Physical Activity Award Timeline

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School Physical Activity Award Application

- **Application** (Word)- For viewing the application components
 - [School Physical Activity Award Application](#)
- **Online application portal**- For submitting the state-level application
 - [School Physical Activity Award Online Application Portal](#)

School Physical Activity Award Rubric

- [School Physical Activity Award Rubric](#)

School Physical Activity Award Consent Forms

- [Candidate Consent Form](#)
- [Student Consent Form](#)

Informational Overview Deck and Help Desk Call Information

- Informational Overview Deck- For School Support/Health Staff and Physical Activity Awards:
 - [School Support/Health Staff and Physical Activity Awards- Overview Deck](#)
- Informational Calls for Stakeholders:
 - [School Support/Health Staff and Physical Activity Awards- Informational Calls](#)

School Physical Activity Award Coordinator File

- [School System Coordinator list](#)

Suggested School Logo

- [Honoree Photo Guidelines](#)

Questions

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