

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	- The nominations portal will be open from August 12-September 12. - Upon portal close, the nomination information is shared with school systems and nominees.
Application Release	September 16, 2025	- The Department releases School Physical Activity Award application materials for the 2025-2026 school year. - Visit the Resources Library and Awards page.
State-level Applications Due	December 9, 2025	- School systems may submit up to three applications (one for elementary, middle and high) to the state-level process. - By December 9, applications must be submitted via the online application portal.
Finalists Announced	TBD 2026	The Department names eight School Physical Activity Award Finalists.
Honoree Recognition	April 15, 2026	The eight School Physical Activity Award Finalists are recognized at the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meeting.

QUESTIONS: Contact healthyschools@la.gov.