



School Physical Activity Award

Timeline 2026-2027

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that healthy, physically active students tend to have better grades, school attendance, cognitive performance, and classroom behaviors. Schools play a vital role in providing students with opportunities for regular physical activity before, during, and after school. The School Physical Activity Award recognizes exemplary public elementary and secondary schools that make physical activity an intentional part of the school experience and provide meaningful opportunities for students to be active throughout the day.

Selection Process and Timeline

- **Nomination Portal Opens**
 - **October 1–16, 2026**
 - The nomination portal is open from October 1–16, 2026.
 - Following the close of the nomination period, nomination information will be shared with school systems.
- **Application Materials Release**
 - **October 20, 2026**
 - The Department releases School Physical Activity Award application materials for the 2026–2027 school year.
- **Informational Overview Call**
 - **October 21, 2026**
 - The Department will provide an informational overview of the School Physical Activity Award application, timeline, selection process, and online submission requirements.
- **State-level Applications Due**
 - **January 21, 2027**
 - School systems may submit multiple school applications for consideration in the state-level School Physical Activity Award competition.
 - Applications must be submitted through the online application portal by January 21, 2027.
- **Finalists Announced**
 - **Spring 2027**
 - The Department announces the School Physical Activity Award finalists.

- **Recognition**

- **Spring 2027**
- Finalists and the School Physical Activity Award honoree(s) will be recognized and celebrated through a Department recognition event.

For questions regarding the [School Physical Activity Award](#) program, please contact healthyschools@la.gov.