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## Important Dates for Scholarship School

Date	Action, Event, or Deadline
Ongoing	Assessment Office Hours (Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.)
January 29	Last day for Scholarship student transfers
February 4	Debut of Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter
February 26	2016-17 Scholarship program application deadline for both OneApp and statewide Scholarship schools

## Coming Soon: Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter

Nonpublic School Choice programs - including the Louisiana Scholarship Program, Tuition Donation Rebate Program, and the School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities - play a critical role in the Department's strategy to ensure that all Louisiana students have access to the educational opportunity that will best prepare them for college and career success. Almost half of all Louisiana nonpublic schools participate in one or more of these

school choice programs.

Previously, the Department has used multiple, different communication structures for each separate program. However, as multiple schools participate in multiple school choice programs resulting, the Department recognizes the increased burden of tracking communication and action times across different programs.

In order to streamline communication so all schools clearly and concisely receive holistic, centralized information about nonpublic school choice programs, **the Department will replace the Scholarship newsletter with a weekly Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter starting February 4.** This updated "one-stop shop" newsletter will efficiently provide nonpublic schools with important information for all choice programs and continue to deliver helpful school resources and supports from the Department.

In addition, the Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter will seek to include content personalized specifically for nonpublic schools. As part of this strategy, the Department wants to include a special "Shout Out" section to recognize the important work of nonpublic schools and individuals serving Louisiana's children. If you have someone or something you would like us to recognize in an upcoming Nonpublic Choice Newsletter, the Nonpublic School team encourages you to please send your submissions to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

## Scholarship School Action Items

### Updated: 2016-17 Scholarship Program Application Timeline

Action	Orleans Date	Statewide Date
Main Round Application Window	November 2 - February 26	January 19 - February 26
Main Round Roster Available	Early April 2016	
Student Registration Deadline	May 20, 2016	
Round 2 Application Window	April 18 - May 27, 2016	
Round 2 Roster Available	Early July 2016	
Round 2 Registration Deadline	July 15, 2016	

### Scholarship Program Application Process for Schools Outside of Orleans Parish

The Main Round student application period for Scholarship schools outside of Orleans Parish began **January 19, 2016** and will remain open until **February 26, 2016**.

The application, the guide, and the online application can be accessed using the links below.

- [Scholarship Program 2016-2017 Application Guide](#)
- [Scholarship Program 2016-2017 Printable Application](#)
- [Scholarship Program 2016-2017 Online Application](#)

Please review the [Application Training](#) to outline school responsibilities and instructions for the application intake and entry process.

Finally, to input applications in SEE or to change your password:

- The link to the LEADS portal and SEE is: <https://leads3.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl>
- If you cannot remember your password or your password has expired, use this link to change your password:

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\*Please remember to turn off your pop-up blockers.

As always, please reach out to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with any questions.

## **OneApp Open for Schools in Orleans Parish**

The 2016-17 OneApp application is available for students interested in attending participating public or Scholarship schools in Orleans Parish.

To access the online application, please visit [www.enrollnola.org](http://www.enrollnola.org).

### **OneApp Resources for Schools and Families:**

[16-17 OneApp School Training](#): tips and reminders for Scholarship schools participating in OneApp

[Best Practices for Applicants](#): tips and reminders for families interested in applying

Scholarship Program Posters ([large](#) and [small](#)): helpful information for families that includes school application intake hours.

## **Student Transfers**

Please note that all mid-year transfers will cease **January 29, 2016**. After that time, students should remain in their current school placement for the remainder of the school year. Students wishing to switch schools should submit an application for the 2016-17 school year. Please communicate this to your students and families. If there is a situation that you think warrants a transfer to protect the health and safety of a student, please contact Corrie Manieri at [corrie.manieri@la.gov](mailto:corrie.manieri@la.gov).

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# **Resources and Support for Scholarship Schools**

## **Scholarship Family Support**

The Scholarship Team has developed two resources to help families navigate the Scholarship Program and the application process.

[Family FAQ](#): A comprehensive guide to the program that includes information on eligibility, application, transfers, and more.

Scholarship Program Posters ([large](#) and [small](#)): helpful information for families that includes school application intake hours.

## **Reminder: Download Materials for the January Collaboration Events**

The January [Supervisor](#) and [Teacher Leader](#) Collaboration Events will take place in the following locations:

- Thibodaux (1/25)
- Natchitoches (1/27)
- Lafayette (1/28)

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- [Supervisor Session Materials](#)
- [Teacher Leader Session Materials](#)

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

## **Weekly Assessment and Technology Readiness Update**

Across the state, educators are preparing for the administration of the spring 2016 assessments. This section will provide LEAs with a weekly update on all information related to assessment preparation.

### **ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION PREPARATION**

- **LAA1/ELDA Assessments:** This week districts will receive shipments for the administration of the LAA 1 and ELDA assessments. All orders for additional materials must be received via [Operational eDIRECT](#) by January 26.
- **Online vs Paper Assessment Survey:** This spring, students in grades 3 to 8 may test online. This [survey](#) allows districts to indicate whether they will administer tests to grades 3 through 8 online or on paper. It will also allow districts to sign up to participate in the social studies field test. District responses are due in late February.

*\*Note: LEAs will determine testing formats and may chose options by entire LEA, schools, or grade levels.*

### **TECHNOLOGY READINESS**

- **Preparation for Online Practice Tests:** The online practice tests will be available in the INSIGHT assessment platform by the end of January. In order for students to be able to access these tests, LEAs will need to upload student rosters into the [Practice eDIRECT](#) prior to the assessment. Directions for upload can be found within the user guide.
- **Technology Readiness Tool:** This week, districts will receive Technology Readiness Tool reports via email to District Technology and Test Coordinators to help inform decisions as to whether or not their schools are ready for online tests.

### **RESOURCES AND SUPPORT**

- **Practice Tests:** The grades 3-8 math paper-based practice tests are now available on the [Practice Tests](#) page. Grades 3-8 ELA paper-based practice tests will be posted by Friday, January 22, and online practice tests will be released the week of January 25.

**Office Hours Login Information:** (*\*No pre-registration required*)

- Click here to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/dtc/>
- Enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name.
- Select the "listen only mode" if joining the meeting via computer or smartphone or access audio via phone bridge: (800) 832-0736 / room number: 3423602

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

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## **Other Department Newsletters**

To view the **January 19 District newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- Math and Literacy Design Collaborative Training
- Updated CTTIE Guidelines
- Individual Student Planning

To view the **January 7 Teacher Leader newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- January Collaboration Events
- 2015-16 Assessment Resources

To view the **January 7 Early Childhood newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- Review of Birth to 5 Curriculum Resources
- Child care resources

To view the **January 14 Scholarship newsletter**, please click [here](#).

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