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Important Dates for Scholarship School

Date	Action, Event, or Deadline
January 7	Assessment Office Hours (Every Thursday at 11 am beginning 1/7/16)
January 12 or 14	Application Technical Assistance Webinar for schools outside Orleans Parish
January 18	Registration deadline for the January Collaboration Events
November 2 - February 26	2016-17 OneApp application opens for students interested in attending participating public or Scholarship schools in Orleans Parish
January 19 - February 26	2016-17 statewide application opens for students interested in attending participating Scholarship schools

Action Items

Scholarship Program Application Process for Schools Outside of Orleans Parish

The Main Round student application period for schools outside of Orleans Parish will begin on **Tuesday, January 19**

The Main Round student application period for schools outside of Orleans Parish will begin on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016**. The Scholarship Team will host an application training webinar the week of January 11th. The webinar will be held twice in an attempt to accommodate your schedules.

Application Technical Assistance Webinars:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

To join the Application Technical Assistance Webinars:

Click here to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/scholarship/>

- Enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name
- Audio access via phone bridge: (800) 832-0736 / room number: 9492587

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Resources and Support for Scholarship Schools

Updated: 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 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.

Register for the January Collaboration Events

The January Teacher Leader Collaboration Events will take place in the following locations:

- Baton Rouge (1/20)
- Thibodaux (1/25)
- Natchitoches (1/27)
- Lafayette (1/28)

Registration is now open for the January Teacher Leader Collaboration Event. Click [here](#) for more information about this event, including a list of sessions and how to register. Each location has a limited number of spots, which will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please encourage teachers in your school to register for this event by **Monday, January 18**.

Technology Readiness

During the 2015-2016 school year, schools begin the transition to online assessments for grades 3-8. The Department is committed to helping schools get tech ready with each school site equipped with the adequate number of devices, bandwidth and network resources, staff and training to support use of technology.

The [Technology Readiness Memo](#) outlines five primary actions necessary to prepare each school, including staff, technology personnel, and students, for online testing.

Actions for Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators:

- Read and take the steps outlined in the [Technology Readiness Memo](#)
- Attend Assessment Office Hours each **Thursday at 11:00 a.m. beginning today, January 7** (see webinar information below)

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

2015-2016 Assessment Resources

In order to support planning and administration of the 2015-2016 assessments, the Department will be releasing a series of resources over the coming months for district staff, principals and teachers. Below is a list of resources available in the next few weeks:

- [Updated 2015-2016 Calendar](#): **Currently Available**
- [2015-2016 Assessment Checklist](#): **Currently Available**
- [2015-2016 LEAP Accessibility and Accommodation Overview](#): **Currently Available**
- [Tech Readiness Guidance](#): **Currently Available**
- [ELA and Math Assessment Guides](#): **Currently Available**
- Guide to Social Studies Field Test: **Currently Available**

Please email assessment@la.gov with 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.

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.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **January 6 District newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- Newly released Science Instructional Tasks
- Revised Practice Test Release Timeline
- 2nd Annual Jumpstart Convention

To view the **December 17 Teacher Leader newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- January Collaboration Events
- 2015-16 Assessment Resources

To view the **December 18 Early Childhood newsletter**, please click [here](#).

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

To view the **December 10 Scholarship newsletter**, please click [here](#).

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