

# NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE NEWS

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## Important Dates for Nonpublic School Choice Programs

School Choice Program	Date	Action, Event, or Deadline	Owners
TDR	1/1/18	Submit annual report and quarterly enrollment	STOs
LSP	1/8/17 or 1/9/17	Attend one of the 2018-19 student application and enrollment webinars	School leaders/Scholarship contacts for schools accepting new students
All nonpublics	1/12/18	<a href="#">Register</a> for JumpStart convention	School leaders
SCP	1/12/18	Complete <a href="#">Notice of Intent to Participate</a>	School leaders
All nonpublics	1/31/18	Apply for <a href="#">Louisiana Team Nutrition Training Grant</a>	School leaders

## Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

### New: January/February Supervisor and Principal Collaborations

Sessions at the January/February Supervisor and Principal Collaborations will focus on topics relevant to school system leaders including but not limited, to accountability, school system planning, content area instruction, assessment, early childhood, and data systems.

Registration opens on Wednesday, January 3 in [Wisdomwhere](#) and the overview documents will be [posted](#) on Friday, December

Date	Location	
Tuesday, January 30	Claiborne Building 1201 N.3rd St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802	Baton Rouge
Thursday, February 1	Jefferson Parish Public School Board 501 Manhattan Blvd. Harvey, LA 70058	Harvey
Wednesday, February 7	Bayou Church 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508	Lafayette
Thursday, February 8	Trinity Methodist Church 1000 Woodward Ave. Ruston, LA 71270	Ruston
<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Supervisor Collaborations</a> 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  <a href="#">Principal Collaborations</a> 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</p>		

Please contact [LouisianaTeacherLeaders@la.gov](mailto:LouisianaTeacherLeaders@la.gov) with questions related to this event.

### **New: New LSP Schools Webinar**

Last week, the Scholarship team presented a webinar for schools new to the Louisiana Scholarship Program. The webinar outlined program processes and requirements. A copy of the PowerPoint can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).

### **New: January School System Planning Call**

The January School System Planning Call will take place on January 10, 2018, from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. The following school system supervisors should participate:

- Early childhood supervisors
- District test coordinators
- Accountability contacts
- Data coordinators
- Curriculum supervisors
- Teacher Leader and mentor teacher supervisors
- High school and career and technical supervisors
- Special education and English learner supervisors

Webinar login information

- Go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/dpc>
- Enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name.
- Dial 1-855-240-2575 and enter PIN # 89147656.

### **New: U.S. History Sample Scope and Sequence Updated**

The U.S. History Sample Scope and Sequence document has been updated. This updated document provides instructional tasks which build content knowledge and skill with sources, a coherent year-long frame which makes connections among content ideas, and assessments which measure how well students express informed opinions with evidence and outside knowledge.

- US History Sample Scope and Sequence Updated -[Word](#)
- US History Sample Scope and Sequence Updated -[PDF](#)

Please contact [classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov](mailto:classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov) with any questions.

### **New: Release of Updated Growth Target Rosters for Schools**

Last summer, the Department released growth target rosters for all students who participated in state assessments. The growth

target rosters were updated to assign students to sites based on 2017-2018 enrollment, and were placed on the secure FTP Friday, December 15, 2017. Files names are below:

- For K8 schools: *LEA Code\_K8 Growth to Mastery Student Rosters*
- For high schools: *LEA Code\_High School Growth to Mastery Student Rosters*

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

## **Reminder: Attend the 2018-19 Student Application and Enrollment Webinar**

All schools accepting new students for the 2018-19 school year should send at least one representative to one of the two 2018-19 student application and enrollment webinars. This webinar will highlight school responsibilities in regards to verifying student eligibility as well as the award process for the 2018-19 school year. The same information will be provided at both webinars.

In order to access either webinar, use the following information:

**Date:** January 8th @ 2:00 pm or January 9th @ 10:00 am

**Link:** <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/lspenrollment201819/>

**Phone Number:** 1-855-240-2575

**Access Code:** 80736353

If you have any questions, please reach out to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).

## **Reminder: Updated School System Support Calendar Released**

The Department has released an [updated version of the school system support calendar](#). All updates have been highlighted in yellow and include:

- Update to the date of the 2018 Teacher Leader Summit
- Addition of Special Education Supervisor webinars January-May
- Addition of Individual Graduation Plan webinars in January
- February Counselor Collaborations
- Updates to release of Teacher Leader newsletters

Email [districtsupport@la.gov](mailto:districtsupport@la.gov) with questions.

## **Reminder: Reminders for District Testing Coordinators**

### **LEAP 2025 Practice Tests**

- Social studies, ELA, and math practice tests for grades 3-8 are now available for student use in INSIGHT.

### **LEAP 360**

- Summary reports Interim 1 summary reports and csv files are posted in eDIRECT.

### **English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)**

- The Department held a webinar for EL teachers and specialists on the English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) last week. The presentation and recording are located in the [Assessment Guidance](#) library.

### **LEAP Connect**

- The webinar for special education teachers and specialists on the LEAP Connect is posted in the [Assessment Library](#) and [Assessment Guidance](#) library.

### **Assessment Administration Support and Training**

- Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call
  - There are no calls scheduled December 26 or January 2. Calls will resume on January 9, 2018.

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

## **Reminder: Submitting Transfers for the 2017-18 SY**

As in previous years, [transfer forms](#) must be completed and signed by the **receiving school** and sent to [StudentScholarships@LA.gov](mailto:StudentScholarships@LA.gov). Families in Orleans parish should be directed toward the receiving school, not the Family Resource Centers. Students should not purchase uniforms or begin attending the new school until the transfer has been processed and approved by the Department of Education.

If you have a particular question or concern regarding a transfer request, you can email [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) or call (504) 304-5467.

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**Reminder: Annual Report Due 1/1**

As per [Bulletin 134](#), each school tuition organization shall annually provide a public report to the LDE that contains information regarding all scholarships awarded or granted in the previous fiscal year. The report shall be prepared by a certified public accountant and shall be submitted to the department no later than the first day of January each year.

For more information on the contents of the report, please reference Chapter 7 of [Bulletin 134](#) or contact [lindsey.bush@la.gov](mailto:lindsey.bush@la.gov).

**Reminder: Q2 Count Due 1/1**

The quarter two enrollment file is due by January 1st. Please upload to your STO FTP. This action item is only for the STO's, not individual schools. Please make sure to include student LASIDs on the quarterly enrollment file.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Information**

Information about the Tuition Donation Rebate Program can be found in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Scholarship Programs Comparison Chart](#). Currently, Louisiana has three School Tuition Organizations participating in the Tuition Donation Rebate Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, and New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund. Schools interested in participating in the TDR program should communicate directly with one or more School Tuition Organizations.

School Tuition Organization	Regional Focus	STO Website	Email	Phone
ACE Scholarships Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.acescholarships.org">www.acescholarships.org</a>	<a href="mailto:TDR@acescholarships.org">TDR@acescholarships.org</a>	504-491-1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	<a href="http://www.aretescholars.org">www.aretescholars.org</a>	<a href="mailto:maryhw@aretescholars.org">maryhw@aretescholars.org</a>	225-245-3610
New Schools for Baton Rouge Excellence Scholarship Fund	Baton Rouge	<a href="http://newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund">newschoolsbr.org/our-approach/excellence-scholarship-fund</a>	<a href="mailto:esf@newschoolsbr.org">esf@newschoolsbr.org</a>	225-395-1686

## **School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)**

### **Reminder: Complete NOI for 2018-19 School Choice Program**

New and continuing schools wishing to participate in the School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities for the 2018-19 school year must complete and submit the [Notice of Intent to Participate](#) by **January 12, 2018**.

Schools new to the program must also submit supporting documentation as is outlined in the NOI.

For more information, please contact [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

### **Reminder: Submitting Transfers for the 2017-18 SY**

If a student wishes to transfer a School Choice Award for Students with Exceptionalities, [transfer forms](#) must be completed and signed by the receiving school and sent to [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov).

## **New: December 2017 BESE Meeting Summary**

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) met on December 12 and approved a number of bulletin revisions and recommendations. Please see the [December 2017 BESE Summary](#) for the approvals that directly impact the activities of local school systems. Email [ryan.n.gremillion@la.gov](mailto:ryan.n.gremillion@la.gov) with questions.

In addition, BESE also approved nonpublic schools for the 2018-19 school year. To see the list of approved schools, please click [here](#). Nonpublic schools that are not on this list will not be considered BESE-approved for 2018-19. Interested nonpublic schools may apply for BESE approval in the Spring and should contact [NonPublicSchools@LA.gov](mailto:NonPublicSchools@LA.gov) or more information.

## **New: VEX Robotics Grant Opportunity**

Please share with STEM or science supervisors, teachers, and K-12 professional school counselors.

The Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation will provide ten school system grants for the state of Louisiana in support of the [Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council \(LaSTEM\) initiative](#). The VEX IQ Challenge grants are for elementary and middle school grades 3-8 and the VRC Grants are for middle and high school grades 7-12.

Learn more about the [grant opportunity](#) and [apply](#) by Friday, January 12, 2018. Contact [lastem@regents.la.gov](mailto:lastem@regents.la.gov) with questions.

## **Other Department Newsletters**

To view the **December 19th District Newsletter** or the **December 14th Nonpublic School Choice Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

**To be added to the newsletter distribution list, please send an email to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).**

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