Nonpublic Schools Webinar

April 16, 2025



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Agenda

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 - a. Quarter 4 Enrollment
- 5. School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities
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Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit

Please sign up for the Teacher Leader Summit using the this registration link.

Where: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

When: June 10-12, 2025

Task	Action Dates
Regular registration closes	4/18/2025





Nonpublic Schools

2025-2026 Nonpublic Schools Timeline

Item	Opens	Closes
NPS Annual Enrollment Report	August 1, 2025	October 15, 2025
BESE Application	August 1, 2025	October 15, 2025
Brumfield v. Dodd Application	August 1, 2025	October 15, 2025



Nonpublic School Annual Enrollment Report

- All BESE approved nonpublic schools will be required to submit their school's 2026-2027 annual enrollment report starting August 1, 2025.
- The Annual Enrollment Report is submitted through the Edlink Website.
- Each school leader that enters the enrollment data for Pre-K3, Pre-K4,
 K-12, SPED 1 and SPED 2 must have access to Edlink.
- The NPS School Manager Role must be be approved prior to submitting the annual enrollment report.
- The deadline to submit your school's annual enrollment report is October 15, 2025.

2026-2027 BESE and Brumfield v. Dodd Application

- The BESE and Brumfield v. Dodd application for all nonpublic schools seeking BESE and/or Brumfield v. Dodd approval for the 2026-2027 school year will be submitted through Jotform starting August 1, 2025.
- The application must be completed in its entirety and all required documents must be uploaded in order to be considered for BESE approval.
- The deadline to submit your school's BESE application is October 15, 2025.



Who Needs to Apply for the BESE Application?

- Current BESE approved nonpublic schools seeking to renew their BESE approval for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Any new nonpublic school seeking BESE approval for the 2026-2027 school year.



Who Needs to Apply for Brumfield v. Dodd?

- Current BESE approved nonpublic schools that desire to remain a participant in the LA Gator Scholarship Program, SCP (School Choice Program for certain students with exceptionalities), and/or the TDC (Tuition Donation Credit) program.
- Nonpublic schools seeking Brumfield v. Dodd approval for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Current and new nonpublic schools desiring to partner with a STO (School Tuition Organization) such as ACE Scholarships, Arete Scholars, Aspiring Scholars, and/or Son of a Saint.
- Nonpublic schools desiring to receive state and federal funding for the 2026-2027 school year.



LA GATOR

Implementation Update

- Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) School Webinar
- Public Engagement & Communications
- Support Information & Timeline



LSP School Information

- LSP Schools were invited to a series of webinars to assist schools and families with transition to LA GATOR.
- Webinar information covered application process, verifying student enrollment and setting tuition fees.
- All questions received were answered during the webinar and are available in the FAQ sections of the Program's website: <u>lagator.la.gov</u>.
- Additional support is available with Odyssey Support.
 - Help Desk Ticket: <u>Submit a Request</u>
 - Email: <u>help.la@withodyssey.com</u>



Communications

- Eligible students will receive information regarding next steps.
- It is vitally important that schools inform parents about admission policies and registration fees.
- Please note that LA GATOR funds shall not be used to directly reimburse families for any payments made by the families.



Important School Reminders

- All schools must step up Stripe Accounts to the Odyssey administrators.
- When setting up tuition and fees, it is important to set up the correct amount. If a mistake is made, schools can adjust tuition before the parent confirms it or if the parent denies it.
- Please note that the amount cannot be altered once it has been confirmed.
 Please get assistance from the Odyssey Team if that occurs.



Enrollment Status for Students

Enrollment Status: Reflects the status of the student's enrollment request with your school.

- Pending: This means that you must review the enrollment request and determine if the student will be attending your school.
- Verified: This means that you've determined the student will be attending your school.
- **Denied:** This means that you've determined the student will not be attending your school.
- **Closed:** This means the student has switched to a different school.





Scholarship Programs

Quarter 4 Enrollment





Quarterly Enrollment

Date	Item	Participants
May 1	Q4 Enrollment Opens	LSP/SCP Participating Schools
May 6	Q4 Enrollment Closes	LSP/SCP Participating Schools
June 1	Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q4	LSP/SCP Participating Schools

LSP: Louisiana Scholarship Program

SCP: School Choice Program



Quarterly Enrollment

All Quarterly Enrollment Reports must be submitted on time via the LEADS portal to receive payments on-time.

- If the enrollment reports are not submitted on time, it delays payments.
- If a student drops from your school, please follow the drop procedures so that the student can be dropped from your roster.

Note: All on time Quarter 4 submissions will be paid by the end of May.





School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

2025-2026 SCP Application Timeline

STEP	DATE
SCP Award Notification Letters to Families	April 29, 2025
Upload Final Roster to SCP Schools for Review	April 29, 2025
Final Day to Upload Final SCP Roster to FTP	May 30, 2025
SCP Summer Transfer Window Opens	June 9, 2025
SCP Summer Transfer Window Closes	July 18, 2025





Resources

Helpful Links

- SCP Application Guide 2025-2026
- **SCP Family Participation Guide**
- **SCP School Participation Guide**
- School Choice Program for Students with **Exceptionalities webpage**



Helpful Links

Name	Link
 Passwords expire every 60 days and must be reset. If you are having a problem with your account include your username and school code in the email sent. 	https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl/
 LDOE School Choice Library Resources for Home Study, Nonpublic and Charter schools Scholarship Programs Resources Annual Reports 	https://doe.louisiana.gov/families-a nd-students

Nonpublic Team Contact Information

Topic	Email Support
Louisiana Scholarship Program	
School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities	studentscholarships@la.gov
Tuition Donation Credit Program	
Operations/BESE Approval/Brumfield v. Dodd Approval	nonpublicschools@la.gov
Approved Home Study Program Nonpublic Schools Not Seeking State Approval	homestudy@la.gov

Office Hours

Office hours are provided to offer one-on-one assistance for any questions you have.

- Available each week for school administrators and other school system employees
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Booking: https://www.picktime.com/LDEnonpublicschools

• In order to make sure that every school gets an opportunity to schedule a call, each call will be limited to 15 minutes.



Office Hours

- When booking, include a description of what you'd like to discuss during the call in the "booking notes" section of the form. This will ensure that our staff is prepared ahead of the call and can effectively use the time to address your concerns.
- If you miss your scheduled time, book a new appointment time.
- If you have any questions about Office Hours, please reach out to us at <u>studentscholarships@la.gov</u> for assistance.

**This service is not available to families.

Families can email questions to <u>studentscholarships@la.gov</u>.

Username, Passcodes, and the Unlocking Process

• If you are having a problem with your account, please always include your username and school code in the email.

 Please remember to only send one email request stating problem to studentscholarships@la.gov.





Thank You For Joining Today's Call!

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Office of School Choice at:

studentscholarships@la.gov

