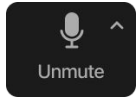


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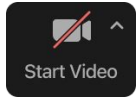
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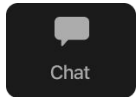
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



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Nonpublic Schools

Nonpublic School Contact Changes

We are excited to announce that the **EdLink Ops SPS Portal** will replace the Legacy Sponsor Site application. While the new portal maintains a similar layout to Sponsor Site, it introduces streamlined functionality and an enhanced user experience.

As an SPS District Data Analyst, you will now have the ability to edit or request updates directly within the application, eliminating the need to complete Jotform requests for opening or closing schools or making changes to existing sites.

Please refer to the User Guide for further assistance.

Key Resource

- [EdLink Ops K12 User Guide](#)

If you have questions email us at nonpublicschools@la.gov



Accreditation

Acceptable letters/certificates of accreditation:

- Review the [Accreditation Organizations](#) process for schools.
- Accreditation letters and certificates are accepted.
- Expired accreditations **will not** be accepted.
- If you have any new accreditation agencies that you would like recommend or suggest, please complete the jotform below by April 30, 2026.
 - [New Accreditation Agency Recommendation Form](#)

If you have questions email us at nonpublicschools@la.gov



2027-2028 Nonpublic Schools Timeline

Item	Opens	Closes
NPS Annual Enrollment Report	August 1, 2026	October 15, 2026
BESE Application	August 1, 2026	October 15, 2026
Brumfield v. Dodd Application	August 1, 2026	October 15, 2026

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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, 2026.
- 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 approved prior to submitting the annual enrollment report.
- The deadline to submit your school's annual enrollment report is October 15, 2026.

If you have questions regarding the annual enrollment report and/or Edlink, email us at nonpublicschools@la.gov.



2027-2028 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 2027-2028 school year will be submitted through Edlink starting August 1, 2026.
- 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, 2026.

If you have questions regarding the BESE or Brumfield v. Dodd application, email us at nonpublicschools@la.gov.



Who Needs to Apply for the BESE Application?

- Current BESE approved nonpublic schools seeking to renew their BESE approval for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Any new nonpublic school seeking BESE approval for the 2027-2028 school year.

If you have questions regarding the BESE application, email us at nonpublicschools@la.gov.



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 2027-2028 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 2027-2028 school year.

If you have questions regarding the Brumfield v. Dodd application, email us at nonpublicschools@la.gov.





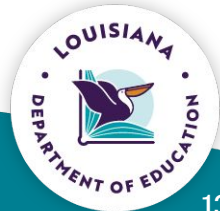
LA GATOR

LA GATOR Quarter 4 Payments

All LA GATOR Quarter 4 payments will be disbursed on
April 30, 2026.



Please contact help.la@withodyssey.com or LAGATOR@la.gov with questions.



LA GATOR Site Visits

- **The Office of School Choice is currently conducting site visits.**
 - Team members have begun reaching out to nonpublic schools
 - Please intentionally set aside time for observations and to meet with the team.

Please contact help.la@withodyssey.com or LAGATOR@la.gov with questions.



LA GATOR Enrollment Verification

All LA GATOR schools must confirm their student enrollment.

- The submissions deadline is **Friday, April 17, 2026**.
- Please include currently enrolled LA GATOR students as well as program students who have withdrawn and/or transferred.

Please contact help.la@withodyssey.com or LAGATOR@la.gov with questions.



Scholarship Students' Assessment Updates

- State and BESE-approved norm-referenced assessments must be completed by **Friday, May 15, 2026**.
- District Test Coordinator (DTC) weekly meetings, held every **Tuesday at 3:00 PM** via this meeting [link](#) for LEAP testing coordinators

Please contact help.la@withodyssey.com or LAGATOR@la.gov with questions.



Scholarship Students' Assessment Updates

- **Assessment Score Reporting:**
 - **Norm-referenced:** The LDOE's Assessment, Accountability, and Analytics (AAA) team will send an email with instructions on how to upload assessment results.
 - **LEAP:** No uploads or other actions required.

Please contact help.la@withodyssey.com or LAGATOR@la.gov with questions.



LA GATOR Support

- **LDOE's Website:** LAGATOR.la.gov
 - All FAQs & Program Policy
 - Communication Resources
 - Program Updates
 - Application Links
- **Odyssey Support**
 - **Phone:** (225) 422-1538
 - **Email:** help.la@withodyssey.com
 - **Instant Chat:** WithOdyssey.com (bottom right corner)

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School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

Quarter 4 Enrollment



Quarterly Enrollment

Date	Item	Participants
May 1	Q4 Enrollment Opens	SCP Participating Schools
May 8	Q4 Enrollment Closes	SCP Participating Schools
June 1	Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q4	SCP Participating Schools

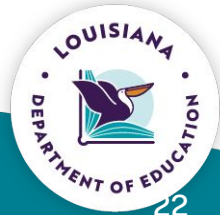


Quarterly Enrollment

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.



2026-2027 SCP Application Timeline

STEP	DATE
SCP Award Notification Letters to Families	April 30, 2026
Upload Final Roster to SCP Schools for Review	April 30, 2026
Final Day to Upload Final SCP Roster to FTP	May 29, 2026
SCP Summer Transfer Window Opens	June 8, 2026
SCP Summer Transfer Window Closes	July 17, 2026





Resources

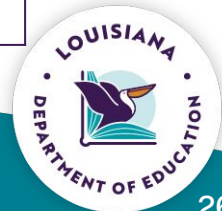
Helpful Links

- [School Choice Program Application Guide](#)
- [School Choice Program Application](#)
- [SCP Family Participation Guide](#)
- [SCP School Participation Guide](#)
- [School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities webpage](#)



Helpful Links

Name	Link
<p><u>LEADS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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.	<p><u>https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/pt/</u></p>
<p><u>LDOE School Choice Library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Resources for Home Study, Nonpublic and Charter schools● Scholarship Programs Resources● Annual Reports	<p><u>https://doe.louisiana.gov/families-and-students</u></p>



Nonpublic Team Contact Information

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School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)	studentscholarships@la.gov
Tuition Donation Credit Program (TDC)	
Operations/BESE Approval/Brumfield v. Dodd Approval	nonpublicschools@la.gov
Approved Home Study Program & Nonpublic Schools Not Seeking State Approval	homestudy@la.gov





Email questions to:
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