

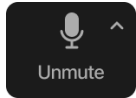


February Nonpublic Schools Webinar

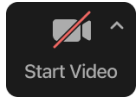


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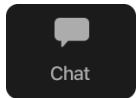
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Agenda

1. Teacher Leader Summit
2. LA GATOR
3. Scholarship Programs
4. School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities
5. Testing
6. Helpful Links





Teacher Leader Summit



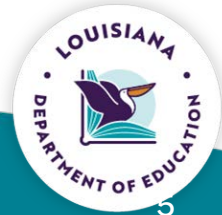
Teacher Leader Summit

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
Early bird registration opens (\$249)	2/10/2025
Early bird registration closes	3/14/2025
Regular registration opens (\$299)	3/15/2025
Regular registration closes	4/18/2025





LA GATOR

LA GATOR Reminders

- All BESE-Approved Nonpublic Schools were sent an email to claim their profiles on the Odyssey platform in December 2024.
 - If your school did not receive this or needs to add additional users, please contact Odyssey via email at help.la@withodyssey.com or by phone at (225) 422-1538.
- Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) families are the highest priority for the LA GATOR Program but **will need to submit** an application on the Odyssey platform when it is open from March 1st to April 15th.
 - These students will **not** automatically “roll into” the program.



LA GATOR Toolkit Resources

- Toolkit resources available on our [website](#):
 - LA GATOR Days - Hosting Guide, Presentation, & Graphics
 - Logos
 - Handouts - General & Approved Schools
 - Parent Letters - General & Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP)
 - Social Media Tools



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)





Scholarship Programs

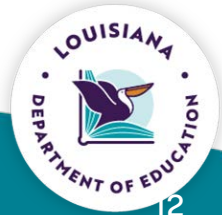
Quarter 3 Enrollment



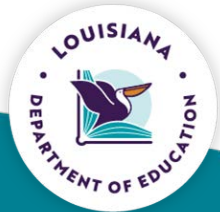


Quarter 3 Enrollment

- **Quarter 3 Enrollment has successfully been completed.**



Payment Adjustment Forms

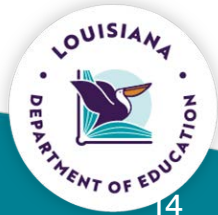


Payment Adjustment Forms

Schools have 30 days from the last day of the quarterly enrollment reporting period (February 6) to report any enrollment issues.

- This means all Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 3 must be submitted by **February 27**.
- All Payment Adjustment Forms must be filled out completely by the school.
- Any Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 3 submitted after February 27 will be considered on an individual basis and must include an explanation of the late submission.
- **Please note that late submissions are not guaranteed payment.**

For questions, please contact studentscholarships@la.gov.

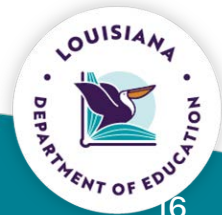




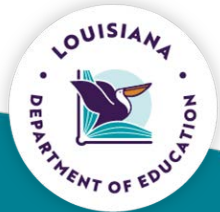
School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

2025-2026 Application Timeline

STEP	DATE
SCP Online Application Opened	February 3, 2025
SCP Online Application Closes	March 7, 2025
Deadline for Families to submit all Documentation to Schools	March 14, 2025
Last day for schools to upload verified demand report on FTP	March 21, 2025
SCP Award Notification Letters to Families	April 29, 2025
Send Final Roster to SCP Schools for Review	April 29, 2025
Final Day to Submit 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



Demand Reports





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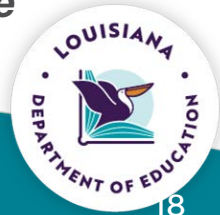
The LDOE will provide schools their demand reports at the end of each week during the application period.

- The report lists students who have applied and listed your school as their first choice.
- Schools should review their demand reports throughout the application period.

Demand Reports will be placed weekly in your school folder on the FTP.

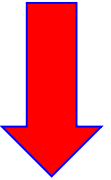
- The folder will be labeled “**2025-2026 SCP**”
- You can access the FTP using this [link](#).

****The demand report does not guarantee that a school will be awarded these students once the lottery process is complete.***



Demand Reports

- Schools **must** verify that the student information (e.g.,SSN, DOB, grade level, etc) is correct.
 - If corrections are needed, please update the information on the form.
- **Schools are required to collect eligibility documentation for new students and review it for eligibility.**
- All documentation must be kept on file at the school.
- **Column P (red arrow)** in the demand report will be used to indicate student eligibility.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Please enter Student's Social Security Number (no dashes)	Student's Date of Birth	Student's Gender	What grade is your child entering for the 2025-2026 School Year?	Does the student currently participate in the School Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year?	Please select the student's current SCP school.	Please select up to three (3) participating schools below th... >> First Choice >> School	Parent/Guardian Full Name (First Name)	Parent/Guardian Full Name (Last Name)	Parent/Guardian Email Address	Parent/Guardian Home Phone	Parent/Guardian Alternate Phone	Eligible
1/26/2024	Mickey	Mouse	111002222	1/1/2024	M	4th	Yes	Disneyland Academy							Returning SCP stu
1/26/2024	Donald	Duck	222001111	1/1/2024	M	5th	No		ABC Academy						Yes
1/26/2024	Minnie	Mouse	999001111	1/1/2024	F	5th	Yes	Disneyland Academy	ABC Academy						Returning SCP stu
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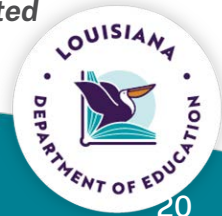
Demand Reports

Families applying as **new applicants** must provide the following eligibility documents to their first choice scholarship school by **March 14, 2025**:

- Copy of student's **current** Individualized Education Program (IEP) or district-provided service plan
- Proof of residency documentation
 - Acceptable documents to verify residency must include one of the following:
 - Rental agreement or mortgage statement
 - Landline telephone bill
 - Cable or internet service bill
 - Sewerage or water bill
 - Electricity or gas bill
 - Current property tax notice
 - Official Letter from a Government Agency such as the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH)

Continuing students do NOT need to provide eligibility documentation

Note: Documentation must be in the parent and/or guardian's name and must match the student's address listed on the application.



Demand Reports

Schools will have a dropdown in **Column P (red arrow)** with 3 options to select from:

- **Yes** (for students who are eligible)
- **No** (for students who are ineligible)
- **Returning SCP student** (for students currently in SCP)

Column H (green box) indicates if a student is currently participating in the SCP program for the 2025-2026 school year. For students that have “Yes” in column H, select the “Returning SCP student” option.

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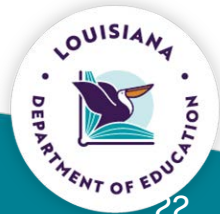




Demand Reports

- **New Applicants only:** Families must submit all eligibility documents **to the first choice school** by **March 14, 2025**.
- Once a school has completed the demand report, it should be uploaded to the FTP.
 - Completed reports should be saved as “Verified_**Report Name**” and placed in the “2025-2026 SCP” folder.
- Schools will have until **March 21, 2025** to upload the final verified demand report to the FTP.

If you have any questions contact our office at studentscholarships@la.gov.





Testing

Required Testing

- All students attending nonpublic schools under state scholarship must participate in all LEAP assessments and ACT. These students are prepopulated to DRC INSIGHT and ACT by the department and are tested under a site code that does not end with 997 or 998. Any student tested under 997 will generate an invoice to be paid by a sponsor or a school.
- All students attending nonpublic schools under TDC (ACE, Arete) must participate in spring LEAP ELA and math assessments. These students must all be tested under 997, and DRC will invoice the sponsor.
- Nonpublic/nonscholarship students may take LEAP assessments under 997 and the school will be required to pay DRC.



DRC Participation Form

For any student who is not attending a nonpublic school under state scholarship, the school must complete the nonpublic school participation form prior to the opening of the testing window. This form provides an estimate of the number of students who will be included in invoices for payment from DRC. However, the final invoice will be based on actual testers, regardless of the numbers on this form.

When a nonpublic school does not pay DRC, they will no longer have access to the DRC INSIGHT testing platform.

The participation form is available at this link: [Participation Form For Nonpublic School Students](#) and completed forms should be submitted to DRC per instructions on the form.



DTCs and Communication

All communication regarding testing is regularly communicated through the District Test Coordinator and their backup DTC. It is extremely important that the AAA team have accurate information for the persons in these two roles. To update information, please submit changes per request found at this link: [DTC and Accountability Contact Update Form](#). Access to all testing platforms require confirmation of this completed form.

The AAA team hosts weekly Office Hours and a monthly call on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. for district test coordinators (DTC) and accountability contacts.

Meeting Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>



Resources

For information contact, assessment@la.gov

For assessment resources see the documents at this link:

<https://doe.louisiana.gov/school-system-leaders/measuring-results/assessment-resources>

For assessment content and format guidance, see grade and subject specific assessment guides at this link: <https://doe.louisiana.gov/school-system-leaders/measuring-results/assessment-guidance>





Helpful Links

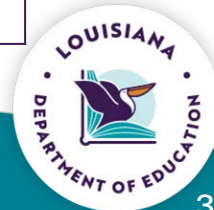
Helpful Links

- [SCP Application Guide 2024-2025](#)
- [2024-2025 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/ptl</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://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/school-choice</u></p>



Nonpublic Team Contact Information

Topic	Email Support
Louisiana Scholarship Program	studentscholarships@la.gov
School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities	
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





Email questions to
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