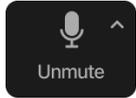


Nonpublic Schools Webinar

May 15, 2024



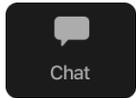
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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Teacher Leader Summit

Registration

The 12th annual Teacher Leader Summit will be held May 28-30, in New Orleans at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The Teacher Leader Summit app, including session schedules and additional information, is available through Cvent. Download the Cvent app from the [App Store](#) (Apple) or [Google Play](#) and access the event with the code **FgXJiTLS24**.

This year's [Teacher Leader Summit](#) will focus on ***Leading the Next Level*** every single day.

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions.



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Sessions

Educators will have the opportunity to choose from more than 800 sessions led by content experts including but not limited to the LDOE staff, partner organizations, and Louisiana Teacher Leaders.

Registered participants must reserve seats to sessions in advance via the Cvent app.

The LDOE will share additional information about the Summit throughout the remainder of the school year via monthly school system webinars and the LDOE's newsletters. Click [here](#) to sign up to receive the Teacher Leader newsletter.

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions regarding the Teacher Leader Summit.



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Ombudsman Update

State Ombudsman Friendly Reminders and Updates

- The Federal Support and Grantee Relations Information will be listed in the LDOE newsletter under the Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs and Operations header. See the example below...

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

LDOE Title II and IV Meaningful Consultation Session

Please share with nonpublic schools.

The LDOE will be hosting a Title II and IV Meaningful Consultation session to get input/feedback from all non-profit nonpublic/private schools approved by BESE on suggestions for statewide Titles II and IV equitable services in accordance with ESSA Act of 2015 (Every Student Succeeds Act) as required by federal guidance.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** May 8 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99771401824>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 381 2552
- **Meeting ID#:** 997 7140 1824

Please contact daphne.flentroy@la.gov with questions.



State Ombudsman Friendly Reminders and Updates

EEF (Education Excellence Fund) Important Reminder...

New: System Open for Education Excellence Fund (EEF) 6/30 Periodic Expense Report (PER) Submissions

Please share with: Superintendents, School Leaders, EEF Coordinators, and Business Managers.

The eGMS system is open to begin submitting EEF 6/30 PERs. If your school or agency received a payment from the 2023-2024 Education Excellence Fund (EEF) this year, please be advised of the following important dates: June 30, 2024 is the deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds and July 15, 2024 is the deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs.

Please note that Final PERs are used to calculate EEF allocations for the following year. If the Final PER is not submitted by July 15, EEF recipients may experience delays in accessing their EEF funds for



State Ombudsman Friendly Reminders and Updates

- LEAs are still assisting our nonpublic schools with using their Title II professional development equitable services allocations to attend the annual...
Teacher Leader Summit!
- Please feel free to join your FSGR (Federal Support and Grantee Relations) Team every third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. for our Monthly Call.



Nonpublic Equitable Services Support and Technical Assistance

Please feel free to contact the State Ombudsman for any technical support/assistance or clarification regarding the non-public equitable services program. When in doubt, please reach out!

Thanks for your dedication and leadership!

ALL THE BEST!

Please contact Daphne Flentroy at daphne.flentroy@la.gov with any questions.





Assessment & Accountability

Interests and Opportunities Index

All nonpublic schools (K-12) who participate in the scholarship program **must** complete the Interests and Opportunities survey as part of the Scholarship Cohort Index.

Schools are annually required to select four different indicators from two different domains to receive a score for this Index.

The [Interests and Opportunities Menu Based Approach Guidance](#) is available in the [Accountability Library](#).

If you have any questions, please contact accountability@la.gov.



2023-2024 Interests and Opportunities Index Timeline

The jotform indicator selection survey is now open. Please see the deadlines below.

A failure to meet the deadlines below will result in a **0** for the Interests and Opportunities Index as part of the 2024 Scholarship Cohort Index.

May 20	Jotform indicator selection closes for principals and school leaders
May 24	Indicator validations are due from superintendents or their designee

If you have any questions, please contact accountability@la.gov.





Louisiana Scholarship Program

Interests and Opportunities Index

Reminder:

- **All schools must complete the 2023-2024 Interests and Opportunity Survey that participate in the Louisiana Scholarship Program.**
- The purpose of this survey is to gather your indicator selections annually. You can view the [2023-2024 Interests and Opportunities Menu](#) in the Accountability Library.
- **All nonpublic schools (K-12) who participate in the scholarship program must complete this survey by May 20, 2024 with their indicator selection in order to earn points on the Interests and Opportunities Index as part of the Scholarship Cohort Index.**

If you have any questions, please contact accountability@la.gov.



LSP Application Timeline

ACTION ITEMS	DATE
Final date to submit PAF (Payment Adjustment Forms) for Q4	May 13
Site Registration Ends (Last day to accept 2024-2025 LSP Awards)	May 24
Final date for schools to upload final roster to FTP	May 31
LSP Summer Transfer Window Opens	June 10
LSP Summer Transfer Window Closes	July 19



Q4 payments

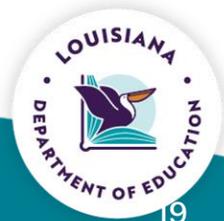
- The audit serves as the primary mechanism for monitoring a school's compliance with financial requirements. The audit is performed by the Department on behalf of the schools through contracted services with CPA firms approved by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.
- Schools that fail to complete the annual audit satisfactorily will be asked to return part or all of any tuition payments received and may be removed from the Scholarship Program.
- Q4 payments will be withheld for any schools with outstanding audits.



Site Registration

Schools are responsible for the following actions as part of the registration process:

- Maintaining updated income and residency eligibility documentation for both new and returning students
- Collecting required registration forms from **ALL** scholarship families
 - [Parent waiver for special education services](#)
 - [Parent acknowledgements regarding Scholarship funds](#)
 - [Receipt of rules and regulations form](#)
- Sharing the school handbook with families
- Informing families of all school rules, regulations and policies, and have each family participating in the scholarship program sign an acknowledgement of receipt of these rules.



Transfer Request

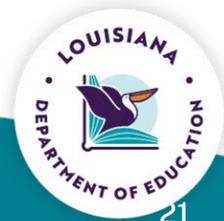
Scholarship students who wish to transfer to another participating school **must accept the scholarship at the original awarded school.**

- The transfer window for the 2024-2025 school will open on **June 10.**
- Families are required to submit a Transfer Request form to the Department signed by both the parent/guardian and a representative of the receiving school.



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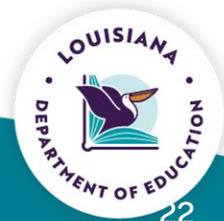
- If a student transfers without a completed transfer form and email approval from the Department, they may lose their Scholarship.
- It is the school's responsibility to inform the family when the transfer has been approved.
 - The transfer window for the 2024-2025 school year will **temporarily close on July 19.**
 - The transfer request form can be found [here](#).



Decline Awards

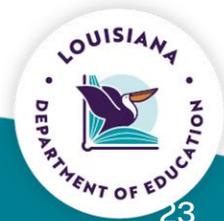
Once a family declines the award, they will no longer be eligible to receive a scholarship for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

- **This is NOT for families wishing to transfer to another scholarship school for the 2024-2025 school year.**
- **Once the award has been declined, it cannot be reinstated.**
- If a family declines an award, they must re-apply in the fall in order to be eligible for any scholarships awarded in upcoming years.



Decline Awards

- The family must sign the decline award form at the awarding school.
- By completing the form, you understand that you are willingly choosing to not participate in the LSP program for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Declined awards must be submitted no later than **May 24**.
- The declined award form can be found [here](#).



Important Reminders to Schools

- If there are any questions concerning student eligibility and other issues, please schedule office hours for further assistance.
- If a student is coming from a C, D, or F school - an official report card must be submitted showing attendance for Q1-Q3.
- Most up-to-date rosters can be found in the LEADS portal (SEE).



Important Reminders to Schools

Terminal grade students that did not submit an application to advance to the next grade level will not be able to continue their LSP award.

For example:

Suzy Jones is in 8th grade this year at a school that ends in 8th grade. She is eligible to rollover her LSP award to a high school, **BUT** she must submit an application with her high school of choice, and that school must accept her. If she does not submit an application for high school, she will lose her LSP award.





School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

SCP Application Timeline

ACTION ITEMS	DATE
Final date to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q4	May 13
Site Registration Ends	May 24
Final Day to Upload Final SCP Roster to FTP	May 31
Summer Transfer Window Opens	June 10
Summer Transfer Window Closes	July 19



Update on Waitlist

- Please note that your child's placement at a scholarship school is based on the program's current availability of seats, eligibility requirements, and/or funding for the School Choice Program.
- *As seats become available, the Office of School Choice will begin awarding students off of the waitlist. If a student is added to your roster, you will be notified via email.*
 - Students are awarded from the waitlist based on a random lottery order.



Q4 payments

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Resources

Sign Up for Weekly Newsletters



Sign up to stay in touch!

How to receive weekly LDOE Newsletters -
Go to <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/newsletters> to sign up for newsletters important for your role and to find archived newsletters.

- This [form](#) applies to system, charter and nonpublic newsletters.
- Important notices and materials are posted in these weekly newsletters.

Thanks for your interest in joining our mailing list. Please complete the information below and click Sign Up.

* Email Address

* First Name

* Last Name

* Job Title

* District/Parish

Email Lists

- Charter Newsletter
- News Releases
- Nonpublic Newsletter
- Principals Newsletter
- Weekly System Leaders Newsletter



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
- Mondays-Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Booking: <https://www.picktime.com/LDNonpublicschools>

- 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 studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

***This service is not available to families.*

Families can email questions to studentscholarships@la.gov.



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.



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 Enrollment Reports	<p><u>https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/school-choice</u></p>



Helpful Links

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<p><u>LDOE Weekly Newsletter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Information regarding Nonpublic and Scholarship action items● The newsletter is released every Tuesday at 4:30 pm.	<p><u>https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=rkyvy5eab&p=oi&m=rkyvy5eab&sit=urxao49fb&f=8d3c7b7c-7ae8-4bd3-8c83-c6e44e5e558c</u></p>
<p><u>Louisiana Scholarship Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Information and resources for the Louisiana Scholarship Program	<p><u>https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schols/louisiana-scholarship-program</u></p>



Nonpublic Team Contact Information

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



Questions





Thank You For Joining Today's Call!

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

studentscholarships@la.gov

