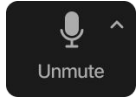


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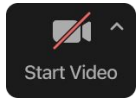
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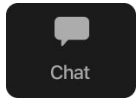
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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



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LA GATOR

Scholarship Students' Assessment Updates

- State and BESE-approved norm-referenced assessments should have been completed by **Friday, May 15, 2026**.
- Testing scores should be in prior to **Monday, June 15, 2026**.
- Submit documentation for students who are exempt from testing to the “*Students Accommodations*” folder in the Nonpublic Schools SFTP.

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



Scholarship Students' Test Scores Reporting

- **Assessment Score Reporting:**
 - **Norm-referenced:** All test scores must be securely uploaded to your “Assessments” folder within the Nonpublic Schools SFTP by **Monday, June 15, 2026**.
 - Test scores must be uploaded as provided by assessment vendors.
 - **LEAP:** No uploads or other actions required.

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



Nonpublic Schools SFTP Access

- All LA GATOR schools must have access to the Nonpublic Schools File Transfer Portal (SFTP).
- Designate **only one** school personnel member for access.
- Username: “[site code]@nonpublic”
- Contact the LA GATOR inbox lagator@la.gov with “LA GATOR SFTP” in the subject line
 - **New users:**
 - Provide school name or username, email address, and the 6-digit site code
 - **Reset access:**
 - Provide the 6-digit site code

Please contact help.la@withodyssey.com with questions.



Norm-Referenced Score Upload Procedures

Go to the
“2025-2026 LA
GATOR” folder.

Open the
“Assessments”
folder.

Click the “Test
Results” folder.

Upload
PDF
of Scores

File Name Example: Louisiana Learning Academy

123456_LLA_25-26_TerraNova_report

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



Upload Procedures for Students Who Are Exempt from Norm-Referenced Testing

Go to the
“2025-2026 LA
GATOR” folder.

Open the
“Assessments”
folder.

Click the “*Student
Accommodations*”
folder.

Upload PDFs
of IEPs,
evaluations, etc.

File Name Example: Louisiana Learning Academy

123456_LLA_25-26_D-Narcisse_IEP

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



Assessment Scores Delay Jotform

- Schools that cannot upload assessment scores by the deadline, must complete the Office of School Choice [Scholarship Students' Assessment Scores Delay Jotform](#).
 - Include a detailed narrative on school letterhead that explains the reason for the delay.
 - Also include the school's anticipated date for all submissions.

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



Nonpublic Schools Scholarship Assessment Score Uploads

- Thursday, [May 21, 2026 at 9:00 AM](#)
- Thursday, [May 28, 2026 at 2:00 PM](#)

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



LA GATOR Support

- **LDOE's LA GATOR Page:** 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)

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





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 May 30, 2026.
 - [New Accreditation Agency Recommendation Form](#)

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



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.
- Enrollment data is **required** and must be entered in **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 services for the 2027-2028 school year.

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



2027-2028 Nonpublic Schools Timeline

Item	Where to Submit	Opens	Closes
NPS Annual Enrollment Report	Edlink Website	August 1, 2026	October 15, 2026
BESE Application	Edlink Website	August 1, 2026	October 15, 2026
Brumfield v. Dodd Application	Edlink Website	August 1, 2026	October 15, 2026





School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

Quarter 4 Enrollment



Quarterly Enrollment

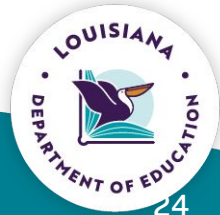
Date	Item	Participants
May 15	Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q4	SCP Participating Schools

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



2026-2027 SCP Application Timeline

STEP	DATE
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



Final Rosters



Registered (Yes/No)	School Code	School Name	Student's First Name	Student's Last Name	Student Social Security Number	Student's Date of Birth	Student Gender	Grade	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	Parent/Guardian First Name	Parent/Guardian Last Name	Parent/Guardian Email Address	Parent/Guardian Home Phone	Parent/Guardian Alternate Phone	Notes/Additional Changes
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- Indicate if the student is registered
- Check student demographic information for accuracy
- Note any changes in the “Notes” column





Resources

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/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.

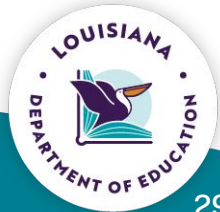
***This service is not available to families.*

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

- [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>



EdLink Resources

Link Description	Link
MYLA: Create a User ID and Password or reset a Password	https://my.la.gov/en-us/signup
EdLink Ops Portal Sign in: Complete Personal Profile, create an Edlink account	https://ldoe.edlink.la.gov/#/
Edlink Security: Request Permissions	https://registration.edlink.la.gov/
Edlink Tech Support: Request Technical Support	https://datasystemssupport.doe.louisiana.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new



Nonpublic Team Contact Information

Topic	Email Support
LA GATOR Program	lagator@la.gov
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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