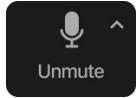


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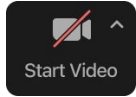


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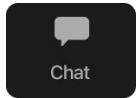
Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
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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.



Agenda

- November - January Dates and Deadlines
- Nonpublic Suicide Prevention Training Survey
- Nonpublic Schools
- LA GATOR
- School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities
- Resources



November and December Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Participants
November 21	Nonpublic Suicide Prevention Training Survey	Principals
December 18	Monthly Call Cancelled	Schools



January- Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Participants
January 9	Final Day for Round 2 Waitlist Enrollment	Families
January 21	Nonpublic Monthly Call	Schools



2025 - 2026 Nonpublic Suicide Prevention Training Survey

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[Act 93](#) of the 2019 Regular Legislative Session, also known as the Jason Flatt Act, requires public and approved non-public school employees to participate in suicide prevention training. BESE is required to survey secondary schools regarding compliance with the required in-service training and submit a report on the survey findings to the House and Senate Committees on Education and the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare. Please have the principal complete the survey by or before **November 21, 2025**.

Please have the principal complete the [survey](#) by or before **November 21, 2025**.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.





Nonpublic Schools

BESE and Brumfield v Dodd Applications

- At this time the BESE and Brumfield v Dodd Application Portal has closed and is no longer accepting submissions.
- The applications are currently under review, and if additional information is required, we will reach out to you.

Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions



NPS Annual Enrollment

- The NPS Annual Enrollment Reporting Portal is now closed.

Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions



Nonpublic Schools

- We would like to Thank all Nonpublic Schools for submitting their BESE/BvD Applications and for completing the NPS Annual Enrollment.
- We truly appreciate your timely participation!

Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions





LA GATOR

(Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise Program)

Attendance

The LA GATOR Program adheres to policies and procedures of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

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



Families' Attendance Policy

RS 17:221

§221A(c): The **parent or legal guardian** of the child shall also **assure the attendance of the child in regularly assigned classes during regular school hours** established by the school board **and shall assure that the child is not habitually tardy from school** pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:233.

LA BESE Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic) §901 Part B

- Attendance must be checked daily [R.S. 17:232.B.\(1\)](#)
- Half-Day attendance = under the supervision of authorized personnel < 25% of an instructional day
- Whole-Day attendance = under the supervision of authorized personnel < 50% of an instructional day

LA BESE Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic) §901 Part D

Each school shall **develop and implement** a system whereby a student's parent, tutor, or legal guardian is given **notice when that student has been excessively absent from school** and at intervals thereafter. This notification shall be provided each semester for those high schools operating on a semester basis.

LA GATOR Attendance Policy

- Schools must report a student with **5 or more unexcused absences** in a semester
- To report these students, you must complete this [form](#) and include the following information:
 - Student's first name and last name
 - Student's enrollment ID
 - Parent's email
 - Number of unexcused absences within the semester
- This is an ongoing process and should be completed as the student accumulates 5 additional unexcused absences in the same semester. LDOE and Odyssey will discuss attendance issues with the families and schools individually.

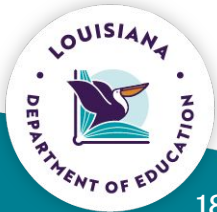
R.S. 17 §233

B. (1)(a) A student shall be considered habitually absent or habitually tardy when either condition continues to exist after all reasonable efforts by any school personnel, truancy officer, or other law enforcement personnel have failed to correct the condition after the **fifth unexcused absence or fifth unexcused occurrence of being tardy** within any school semester.

Attendance Policy

The LDOE will be notified of Odyssey's findings and determine the next steps.

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LAGATOR Waitlist

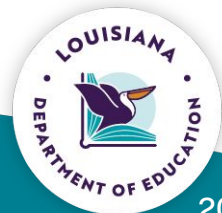


Round 2 Waitlist Process

Odyssey is working with families and schools to move eligible students to approved status.

- Odyssey informs schools and families of students coming off the waitlist.
- Families will be informed that they need to enroll in a nonpublic school and select the school through Odyssey.
- Families have 10 business days to complete this process.
- Students must enroll by January 9th
- During the month of December, Odyssey will continue pulling students from the waitlist.

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



Waitlist Funding Amounts

- 75% of award funding for students enrolling in the LAGATOR program during the Q2 payment cycle.
- 50% of award funding for students enrolling in the LAGATOR program during the Q3 payment cycle.

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



Public School Check - Status Update

If students with an Approved On-Hold status are attending your nonpublic school, submit the following information to Odyssey to update the student's status

- Submit the student's enrollment status and any attendance documentation you have.
- Submit the withdrawal form from the public school.
- A step-by-step guide for completing this information form can be found here: [Reporting Unexcused Student Absences & Enrollment Changes](#).

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
 - Dedicated Pages by Participant Type
 - Program Updates
 - Application Links
- **Odyssey Support**
 - **Phone:** (225) 422-1538
 - **Email:** help.la@withodyssey.com
 - **Instant Chat:** WithOdyssey.com (bottom right corner)



School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities

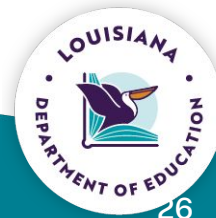
Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Participants
December 7	Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q2	SCP Participating Schools



Roster Verification

- Check all rosters for accuracy for the current school year
 - Name
 - Grade level
 - SSN (if changes are needed a copy of the SSN card will be required)
 - DOB
- Verify all current students on the roster
- If a student needs to be dropped send in a [Declined Award Form](#)





Resources

Sign Up for Weekly Newsletters

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.



Newsletter Sign-Up

Thanks for your interest in joining our mailing list. Please complete the information below.

* Email

* First Name

* Last Name

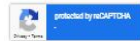
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* District/Parish

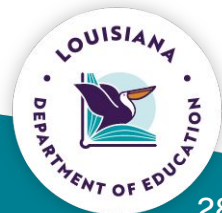
* Email Lists

- ☐ Counselor Connect
- ☐ Early Childhood Newsletter
- ☐ Educator Certification News and Updates
- ☐ LA GATOR - Education Savings Accounts
- ☐ LDOE Weekly Newsletter
- ☐ LEADS Educator Newsletter
- ☐ Louisiana Tutoring Initiative
- ☐ News Releases
- ☐ Preparation Provider
- ☐ Principal's Newsletter
- ☐ Teacher Leader Newsletter

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Sign up!



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
- Tuesday & Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 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
<u>LEADS - (SCS only)</u> • 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.	<u>https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl</u>
<u>LDOE School Choice Library</u> • School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities	<u>https://doe.louisiana.gov/topic-pages/louisiana-school-choice/school-choice-program-for-certain-students-with-exceptionalities</u>



Helpful Links

Name	Link
<u>LDOE Weekly Newsletter</u> ● Information regarding Nonpublic and Scholarship action items ● Leaders are encouraged to review newsletters for nonpublic-specific items as well as information for public schools that may be helpful. The newsletter is released every Tuesday at 4:30 pm.	<u>LDOE Weekly Newsletter</u> <u>https://doe.louisiana.gov/about/newsroom/newsletter-signup</u>
<u>School Choice Program for Student with Exceptionalities</u> ● Information and resources for the Louisiana Scholarship Program	<u>https://doe.louisiana.gov/topic-pages/louisiana-school-choice/school-choice-program-for-certain-students-with-exceptionalities</u>



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





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