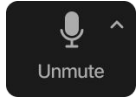


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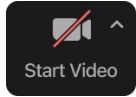
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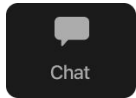
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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



Agenda

1. Teacher Leader Summit 2026
2. BESE Approval and Brumfield vs. Dodd Approval
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4. Important Dates and Deadlines
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Teacher Leader Summit 2026



Teacher Leader Summit

- **Hold the Date:** Teacher Leader Summit 2026 is May 26-28 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Early bird registration opens **February 16, 2026**.
- To better serve all educators, the College and Career Readiness team has joined forces with Teacher Leader Summit to bring you an even more comprehensive experience. Sessions that would normally be part of our Fast Forward Convention are now integrated into Summit, giving you access to all the great content from both events — now in one convenient location!
- The call for presentations opens **October 15 and closes December 5**. All potential speakers will know they are presenters before registration opens. Attend the presenter information webinar on [October 15](#) at 1 p.m. or 4 p.m.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

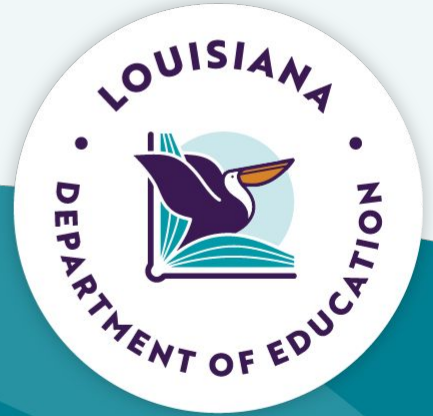


October: Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Participants
October 15	Brumfield v. Dodd & BESE Approval Applications Closes	All Nonpublic Schools Seeking Approval
October 15	NPS Annual Data Closes in EdLink (An extension can be requested via Edlink)	All Nonpublic Schools
Past Due (September 16)	LA GATOR Attendance and Enrollment	Schools with LA GATOR Scholarship Students
Past Due (October 1)	LA GATOR and TDC Assessment Enrollment for Kindergarten -12th Grade Students	Schools with LA GATOR and TDC Scholarship Students



Nonpublic Schools Seeking State Approval



Nonpublic Schools Seeking State Approval

- The application for nonpublic schools seeking BESE (Board of Education & Secondary Education) approval for the 2026-2027 school year will close tonight on **October 15, 2025**.
- The applications are completed via [iotform](#), which is located on our [Nonpublic Schools](#) webpage.
- All applications should be complete upon submission. Providing incorrect documents may delay the BESE approval process.

Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions.



Brumfield v. Dodd Approval



Nonpublic Schools Seeking Brumfield v. Dodd Approval

In order to become eligible for state and federal funding, nonpublic schools must:

- Be approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and also comply with Brumfield v. Dodd, a federal court order that prohibits discrimination.

Schools that desire to participate in the SCP program are required to be BESE and Brumfield v. Dodd approved **and** complete the Notice of Intent (NOI), which started October 1, 2025.

Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions



Nonpublic Annual Enrollment: EdLink Access and Reporting



EdLink Access

- Before submitting your school's NPS annual enrollment report, the responsible school administrator must create an EdLink account and request the "NPS School Manager Role."
- Please reference the [Nonpublic EdLink Manual](#) to create an account.
- Complete a [change request form](#) if there is an update in grade levels served and/or change in staff leadership who needs to access EdLink and receive ongoing notification from LDOE.
- If you encounter an error in the process, please contact us at nonpublicschools@la.gov.

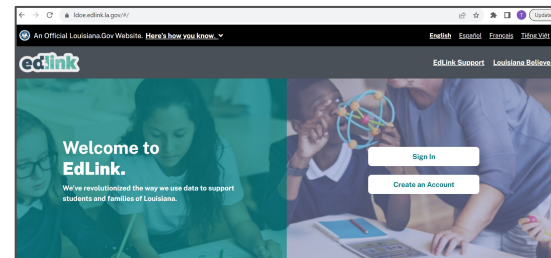
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EdLink Reporting

Each fall, all BESE approved nonpublic schools must submit a Nonpublic Annual Enrollment Data report to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) by a specific deadline. The NPS reporting became available August 1, 2025 and will close on **October 15, 2025**. The following data will be required for the NPS reporting:

- Number of students by grade
- Students demographics (gender, ethnicity and grade)
- Number of Instructional days
- Number of Graduates (previous year)
- Number of Faculty



Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions



EdLink Resources

<u>Link Description</u>	<u>Link</u>
MYLA: Create a User ID and Password or reset a Password	https://my.la.gov/
Edlink Ops Portal: Complete Personal Profile, create an Edlink account	https://ldoe.edlink.la.gov/
EdLink Sign in: Complete NPS annual enrollment report	https://ldoe.edlink.la.gov/#/
Edlink Security: Request Permissions	https://registration.edlink.la.gov/
Edlink Support: Direct your questions	nonpublicschools@la.gov
Edlink Tech Support: Request Technical Support	https://edlink.supportsystem.com/



Nonpublic School Contact Updates

- Any changes to school contact information should be made using this link below:
[2025-2026 BESE Approved Nonpublic School Contact Form](#)

Contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions



October: Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Where to Submit
October 15	BESE and/or Brumfield v Dodd Approval Applications Closes	Jotform
October 15	NPS Annual Reporting in EdLink	Edlink Website





LA GATOR (Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise Program)

Reminder

All scholarship recipients in **Kindergarten - 12th grade** must take at least one BESE-approved assessment each school year. This information is past due and we are in need of your school's correct information.

[Assessment Jotform](#)

Common Errors:

- The omission of assessments for testing grades
- Listing assessments that are not on the BESE-approved list

[LAGATOR.la.gov](https://lagator.la.gov)



BESE-Approved Assessments

- California Achievement Test
- NWEA/MAP
- CLT (Classical Learning Test)
- Iowa – Test of Basic Skills
- College Board's SAT
- PSAT
- Pre-ACT
- ACT
- Stanford Achievement Test
- TerraNova
- LEAP



Nonpublic Schools Support Webinars

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

- 10:00 AM: [Session 1](#)
- 12:00 PM: [Session 2](#)
- 2:00 PM: [Session 3](#)

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Understanding Attendance Reporting with Odyssey

- Unexcused Absences
 - 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
- No Shows
- Withdrawals
- Transfer

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



Reporting Attendance to Odyssey

- **Unexcused Absences**

- Participating LA GATOR Schools are required to submit the names of students who have missed 5 or more unexcused absences.

- **No Shows**

- Students who did not report to school this year. School must remove students from the roster and inform Odyssey using this link: [Odyssey Attendance/ Enrollment Form](#)

- **Withdrawals**

- Students who started the school year at your school site. The parent informed you that the student was enrolling at a public school, home study, or moving out of state.

- **Transfer**

- Students moving from one BESE-approved school to another. Families will have to verify school eligibility ensure award funds can transfer.

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



Understanding Attendance Reporting with Odyssey

Ineligible Students

Public School

BESE-Approved Home Study Program: Parents enrolling their children in a BESE-Approved Home Study Program through an application to the LDOE and following the guidelines listed at the link.

Home Study Program Registered with the LDOE as a Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval: Parents enrolling their child in a home study program registered with the LDOE as a Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval and following the guidelines listed at the link. Ineligible to concurrently participate in LA GATOR.

The two types of homeschool (BESE-Approved & Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval) that exist in current state law are explicitly prohibited from concurrent participation with LA GATOR. Act 1 (2024) states “a student shall not participate in this program concurrently with a home study program approved by the state board or a home study program registered with the department as a nonpublic school not seeking state approval.

Course Choice Program

School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities

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



Quarter 2 Payments

- All schools must submit Attendance Verifications to Odyssey
- Attendance (unexcused absences), No Shows, Withdrawals, and Transfers

Submit your enrollment numbers to Odyssey via this link:

https://support.withodyssey.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=40440099995419

- Odyssey will inform families and schools of disbursements for Quarter 2.

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)

Please contact LAGATOR@la.gov with questions.





School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities

October: Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Participants
October 1	Notice of Intent (NOI) School Choice Program Opened	SCP Participating Schools
October 17	Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Waitlist Students	SCP Participating Schools
October 31	Notice of Intent (NOI) for School Choice Program Closes	SCP Participating Schools



November - December Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Item	Participants
November 3	Q2 Enrollment Opens	SCP Participating Schools
November 7	Q2 Enrollment Closes	SCP Participating Schools
December 7	Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q2	SCP Participating Schools



Notice of Intent (SCP only)

- The Notice of Intent is submitted to the Department each year in the fall to participate in our scholarship program and request *NEW* seats for the upcoming school year.
- SCP schools must complete the Notice of Intent even if no new seats are being requested for the 2026-27 school year.
- The NOI will collect information including (but not limited to):
 - Number of available scholarship seats per grade
 - This does not include returning or transfer students
 - This is meant to include students who are new to the scholarship program



Notice of Intent (SCP only)

- Any Special Education services provided
- Tuition and Fee Amounts **(SCP schools only)**.
- The NOI will be available on October 1st via Jotform that will be sent to all participating SCP school and it will be posted on the Louisiana Believes website.

Reminder: The Notice of Intent is available October 1 - October 31 via Jotform



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

* Job Title

* 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

By submitting this form, you are consenting to receive marketing emails from Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, US, <https://www.louisiana.gov>. You can revoke your consent to receive emails at any time by using the [Unsubscribe](#) link. For more information on our privacy practices, please visit our [Privacy Policy](#).



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 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
<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/newroom/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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