# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Louisiana Believes

## **Special Education Program Description Template**

#### Overview:

Per the SPLC Agreement, LEAs are required to provide information about their special education programming that is publicly available and accessible online. To facilitate this information sharing, LEAs shall complete and submit the following template to <a href="mailto:nolasped@la.gov">nolasped@la.gov</a>, and the Department will host the information online.

### **Template Directions:**

- **Section A**: Please provide your LEA's overall description/approach/philosophy to special education. Please limit the response to 200 words.
- **Section B**: Provide name and contact information for the school and CMO network special education leaders (if applicable).
- **Section C**: These data are required per the Agreement. The Department will fill in this information after submission from the LEA.

#### Section D:

- Appraisal/Evaluation: Please complete this section by providing titles/qualifications of staff (not names) in these roles, and examples of interventions, meetings, parent engagements, and decisions that may eventually result in a student's evaluation and identification.
- Related Services Provision and Staffing: Please provide the number of staff (in terms of FTE) currently providing instruction or services to students with IEPs. If a specific service is not being provided because it is not required by any particular students at this time, please provide a description of how the school might seek out services if they become necessary for a student. Please also note any facility and service accommodations for student mobility. Please also note the method of specialized transportation that may be available to students and any examples of assistive technology that support students.

#### • Section E:

- School-based supports (in-school): For each grade level group and in-school setting, please provide a short description of staffing, curriculum, and intervention supports.
   Please also note how students may be identified for extended year services and what supports they receive, and any in-school specialized programming (different from the general, resource, and self-contained descriptions) and what supports they receive.
- Community-based supports (out-of-school): Please name any external partners that your school works with and the services they provide to students. If a student may require instruction or services off-site (examples: special school, therapeutic placement, hospital or homebound setting, juvenile detention facility, etc.) please describe how the school has provided instruction and services to the student in the past, or how the school would provide these services in the future.



## A. Description of overall philosophy (200 word limit):

At Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans we meet the needs of all diverse learners by supporting and empowering students to work toward rigorous and meaningful goals to ensure equitable access in a French immersion setting. We fundamentally believe that the benefits of bilingualism extend to all students. We are proud to offer rich, high-quality instruction in a diverse and inclusive environment to enhance all students' access to a robust French immersion education and assist students in obtaining the cognitive and linguistic skills necessary to succeed in the French and American education systems.

Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans offers academic and behavioral special education services through certified Special Education teachers, Licensed Professional counselors and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, as well as the related services of Speech and Language therapy, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, Adaptive Physical Education and counseling. Additionally, LFNO also offers Gifted services and Talented in Art, Music and Theater services across all grade levels.

B. Name and contact information for special education coordinator (school and, if applicable, network)		
School Leader of Special Education Programming;	Danielle Dufauchard	
Contact Information	ddufauchard@lfno.org	
	(504) 620-5500	
CMO Leader of Special Education Programming;		
Contact Information (if different)		

C. Data Snapshots	
2020-21 enrollment rate of students with	9.4%
disabilities served by the school	
2019-20 in school and out of school suspension	0%
rate of students with disabilities served by the	
school	
2019-20 number of students with disabilities who	0
are removed for disciplinary reasons for more than	
10 school days in one academic year	

D. Description of how pupil appraisal, special education, and related services are provided by the school			
	Appraisal/Evaluation		
Main point of contact if a	Danielle Dufauchard		
parent would like to	ddufauchard@lfno.org		
request an evaluation	(504) 620-5500		
Response to Intervention	Examples of universal screeners: DRC, DIBELS, mCLASS, Lexia Core 5, Freckle,		
Overview	Fluharty-2, CELF-5 Screener, Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire, MAP,		
	GORT, SRSS social-emotional universal screener.		
	Examples of reading interventions: Lexia Core 5, Really Great Reading,		
Paired reading, Cloze, easyCBM, Reading A to Z Leveled Readers, Freckle,			
	CKLA Individualized and targeted instruction in identified areas by		
	interventionist		



	Examples of math interventions: Freckle, Math Fact Café, Incremental		
	Rehearsal, IXL, Research-based Math Fluency interventions, Problem		
	Interspersal, easyCBM, CreativeMath, Singapore Math Individualized and		
	targeted instruction in identified areas by interventionist		
	Examples of behavior interventions: PBIS World, Daily Behavior Report Card,		
	Check-In/Check-Out, Social Stories, Think Sheets, Structured Breaks, The		
	Praise Game, Life Skills for Kids, Relaxation Rain Forest, Individualized		
	Behavior Support plans by School Counselor based on results of Functional		
	Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan.		
School Building Level	Members of the SBLC team: At Lycee, the SBLC is referred to as the Student		
Committee (SBLC)	Assistance Team (SAT). This team is made up of the child's parent(s),		
	teacher(s), an academic/behavioral interventionist, the Coordinator or		
	Director of Exceptional Student Services and depending on the student's		
	needs, the School Counselor or a school speech-language pathologist.		
	Example engagements with parents: Parents are invited and highly		
	encouraged to attend SAT meetings as needed. Parents are called or e-		
	mailed to scheduled SAT meetings, with a follow up calendar invitation.		
	Parents can request SAT meetings at any point throughout the year. When		
	necessary, parents may participate in SAT meetings via teleconferencing.		
	For Spanish-speaking families, an in-person certified staff translator is		
	present to assure language access and parent's full participation.		
	Example decisions SBLC team can make: After reviewing objective data and		
	discussing a student's strengths, weaknesses, and areas of concern, the SAT		
	may decide to		
	Conduct no further action at the time of the meeting because the		
	student no longer presents with significant concerns,		
	2. Continue current intervention and progress monitoring through the		
	Rtl process,		
	3. Conduct additional interventions through the RtI process,		
	4. Refer the student to the appropriate committee to conduct a		
	Section 504 Evaluation,		
	5. Refer the student to pupil appraisal personnel for support services,		
	6. Refer the student to pupil appraisal personnel for an individual		
	evaluation if an exceptionality is suspected.		
Appraisal Team	Members of appraisal team: At Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans,		
	Certified School Psychologists provide our psycho-educational evaluations; a		
	licensed Educational Diagnostician provides educational evaluations;		
	certified and licensed Speech-Language Pathologists provide speech-		
	language evaluations; licensed Occupational Therapists conduct		
	occupational evaluations; a certified Adapted Physical Education provider		
	conducts adapted physical education evaluations; a licensed Physical		
	Therapist conducts physical therapy evaluations; a licensed Vision		
	Impairment Specialist conducts vision evaluations; a Licensed Professional		
	Counselor or licensed Social Worker conducts psycho-social screenings; and		



our school's Registered Nurses conduct some medical assessments and write Individualized Health Plan assessments. Daughters of Charity conduct vision and hearing screenings each year.

Example engagements with parents: The appraisal team is called in when the SAT suspects the child is at risk of a disability. Parents are full participants in the evaluation process and work closely with the team though completing interviews, screeners and other documentation as necessary. Once the evaluation is completed, at least one member of the appraisal team is present to explain key findings, results, and recommendations of the multidisciplinary evaluation.

#### Example decisions appraisal team can make:

- The appraisal team can recommend which types of evaluation are necessary to gain understanding whether there is a presence of disability affecting the student's performance in identified areas of concern.
  - O Areas of concern are any area in which the student is demonstrating difficulty in the educational environment. Sometimes areas of concern are uncovered through mandatory screenings. The appraisal team can determine whether further assessment in these areas is warranted after notifying the parent of the screening results.
- The appraisal team is responsible for determining if a student meets Louisiana 1508 criteria for an exceptionality and subsequently qualifies for special education and related services.
- In instances where a student presents with a disability, but does not meet Louisiana 1508 criteria for Special Education or Related Services, the appraisal team can recommend review of results by the the school's 504 Committee to determine whether a student could be served by the non-discriminatory protections of a Section 504 Plan.
- If a student is struggling academically, but does not meet the criteria for special education or related services, the appraisal team can recommend intervention through the school's Response to Intervention process.
- The appraisal team can determine that a student with a valid IEP no longer presents with an exceptionality after a thorough reevaluation that fails to meet LA Bulletin 1508 criteria.
- In cases in which the appraisal team finds no evidence of disability or exceptionality, then the appraisal team may recommend an end to Special Education, Related Services, or other types of



academic/behavioral interventions.		
Instructional and Related Services Provision and Staffing		
Specialized Instruction # Special Education Teachers: 9		
# Paraprofessionals: 8		
# Academic Interventionists: 4		
Examples of curricula:Really Great Reading, LEAP Connectors, Hierarchical		
math instruction using Common Core and Louisiana Grade Level Standards,		
Hierarchical Reading Instruction based on the goals and objectives		
addressed through Lexia Core5, Systematic phonics instruction from Reading A to Z, CKLA paced reading instruction, News 2 You, Unique Curriculum		
		# On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 FTE, 1 part-time, 1
contracted		
If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a		
# On staff or contracted from external provider: 0		
If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: We will		
contract with an audiologist as necessary based on students' needs and		
required services.		
# On staff or contracted from external provider: 3 FTE, 1 part time 1		
contracted		
If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a		
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If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a		
# On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 contracted		
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If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a  Describe accessibility accommodations are available to students: Lycée		
Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans currently provides such accessibility		
accommodations as large print for students with impaired vision and		
assistive listening technology (FM System) for students who require		
improved access to instruction. Handrails are present on all staircases at the		
Patton Street and Johnson campuses. The schools do not have an elevator		
or ramps at this time. The school is in the process of building and renovating		
a new facility that will meet all ADA requirements to support the needs of		
any individual in need of orientation and mobility services.		
# On staff or contracted from external provider: 1		
If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans will renew a contract with Lighthouse of Louisiana in 21-22 for students to meet the needs of students with Vision Impairment. For students who are deaf or hearing impaired who communicate through modalities that are not oral/aural, access to interpreting services are limited due to our school's unique French immersion mission.		



Adaptive physical education	# On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 contracted  If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a	
Specialized Transportation	Methods of transportation: Currently, two students at Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans require specialized transportation. Transportation is provided to all students who live within Orleans Parish through All About Kids bussing service. One student requires AC and the other student requires a van with a seat belt. This van service is contracted through All About Kids.	
	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future:	
Assistive Technology	Examples of supports: FM Systems, speech-to-text apps; text-to-speech apps on school-owned tablets, adapted seats and grips, dyslexia font, large-print font and formatting, visual schedules, calculator and math manipulatives. Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans will collaborate with The Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative to provide additional Assistive Technology supports and professional development as needed.	

	School-	-based Supports (in-school)	
	Description of Supports within Inclusion	Description of Supports within Resource	Description of Supports within Self-Contained
PK – 5	At Lycée Français de la	At Lycée Français de la	At Lycée Français de la
	Nouvelle-Orléans, we	Nouvelle-Orléans, students	Nouvelle-Orléans, students
	provide services within the	receive pull-out services as	who require more intensive
	general education classroom	necessary per their IEP by	and targeted support in
	to the degree that it meets	the Special Education	English will have the
	the needs of the individual	teacher. This most usually	opportunity to spend some
	student. To the extent	occurs in a 1-1 or small	or all of their core subjects
	possible, academic and	group setting and in English,	(Math, Science, Social
	behavioral goals are	although French is utilized at	Studies, English where
	provided in French; English is	times to reinforce classroom	appropriate) in a self-
	utilized as necessary	learning. Students who	contained setting. In this
	depending upon the	require more intensive	setting, students will receive
	student's IEP goals. One	services in one content or	targeted instruction via the
	Special Education teacher is	related service area as per	LEAP Connectors or similar
	assigned to one or two grade	their IEP will be provided	curricula to better access the
	levels with a caseload of	those services with a Special	content. It will be an IEP
	students in that grade/those	Education teacher in a pull-	team decision to determine
	grades. This allows each	out setting and in English.	for which core content
	special education teacher to		areas a student may need to
	become part of the grade	Counseling and social work	receive self-contained
	level team and more	services are provided in a 1-	instruction. This decision is
	seamlessly provide a	1 or small group setting as	thoughtfully made in
	cohesive learning	indicated by a student's IEP.	collaboration with the IEP
	environment for the student		team and is grounded in



in collaboration with the teachers and other providers. Special Education teachers also create IEP-at-aglance for general education teachers to highlight strengths, areas of growth, goals, minutes and other services for teachers to easily reference. General education training, support and coaching is also provided for all teachers to ensure students' IEPs are followed with fidelity. Additionally, some related services, such as Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy, may be provided in the classroom where appropriate. Interventionists receive coaching and support from the Coordinators and Director of **Exceptional Student Services** in addition to external professional development opportunities.

These services are provided in English.

Occupational therapy, Speech and Language therapy, Physical therapy and Adaptive Physical Education are provided in pull-out sessions as indicated by a student's IEP in English.

The Gifted program provides a curriculum that focuses on multi-disciplinary projects to encompass a variety of content areas. These services are provided 45 minutes twice per week in a small group setting and are provided entirely in French. However, in PK4 and K, services occur on a consultative basis between the Gifted teacher and classroom teacher in the classroom: this is due to our unique immersion environment that requires to the student to be fully immersed in the classroom environment as much as possible.

The Talented program included Talented Art, Talented Theater and Talented Music. This program utilizes LA Bulletin 1963 - Arts Content standards to inform its curriculum based on the area. These services are provided 45 minutes twice per week in a small group

academic data as it will limit a student's ability to progress in the French language. Students will join their non-disabled peers for core content areas as appropriate and for activities such as art, motricity, music, lunch, recess, assemblies, etc. The certified Special Education teacher will be the lead teacher in this classroom and will collaborate closely with the general education teacher and related service providers.



		setting and are provided in English.	
6-8	The above description for PK - 5th grade for supports within inclusion is the same, except for the number of interventionists per grade level. Given the number of students with IEPs and their specific needs, there are two Special Education teachers who support students in Middle School and 9-10th grade.	The above description for PK - 5th grade for supports within a resource setting is the same, except for the number of co-teachers per grade level. Given the number of students with IEPs and their specific needs, there are two Special Education teachers who support students in Middle School and 9-10th grade. Related services and Gifted and Talented services are the same as described above.	There are currently no rising 6th - 8th grade students who will require self-contained services. However, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is prepared to provide those services as indicated in a student's IEP and based on the description of services for PK -5th grade.
9-12	In the 2020-21 school year, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is adding a 10th grade. The above description for PK - 5th grade for supports within inclusion is the same, except for the number of Special Education teachers per grade level. Given the number of students with IEPs and their specific needs, theris who support students in Middle School and 9-10th grade.	In the 2020-21 school year, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is adding a 10th grade. The above description for PK - 5th grade for supports within a resource setting is the same, except for the number of interventionists per grade level. Given the number of students with IEPs and their specific needs, there are two Special Education teachers who support students in Middle School and 9-10th grade. Related services are provided in the same manner as described above.  For at least the 2019-20 and 2020 - 21 school years, the Gifted and Talented program in High School will be provided the same as described above in the form of pull-out sessions at a specified time during the day. This may be revised in	There are currently no rising 9th grade students who will require self-contained services. However, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is prepared to provide those services as indicated in a student's IEP and based on the description of services for PK -5th grade.



	the future as we continue to		
	grow our school.		
Description of extended			
Description of extended school year services:	tended Identification: Lycée Français analyzes student progress in the spring of the		
	related services.		
Description of			
specialized program(s):	Delivery:		
	see section above		
Community-based Supports (out-of-school)			
Key Partnerships	Partner and services provided: All supports are currently provided in the		
	school setting as per all individual student's IEP.		
Other out-of-school	Methods of instruction and service delivery: We currently do not have other		
instruction and supports	out-of-school instruction and supports other than "Thinking Outside the		
(e.g. special school,	Classroom" sessions.		
therapeutic placement,	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Students		
hospital or homebound	who are not capable of attending school due to health reasons qualify for		
setting, juvenile	out-of-school instruction and supports. The school will assign a service		
detention facility, etc.)	provider, or providers, to ensure that homebound students, or students enrolled in therapeutic day programs, are receiving needed supports. Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans will also coordinate with any Juvenile		



detention facility in the event any of our students are detained to ensure that supports are provided according to his/her IEP.