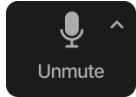


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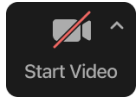


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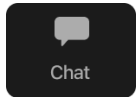
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	Items	Participants
November 27	Final Date for Q2 LSP Transfers	LSP Schools
December 1	Q2 Enrollment Opens *LSP only*	LSP Schools
December 4	LSP School Application Webinar	LSP Schools
December 5	LSP Parent Application Webinar	LSP
December 5	Q2 Enrollment Closes *LSP only*	LSP Schools
December 7	Last Date to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q2 *SCP Only*	SCP Schools
December 11	LSP Transfer window opens	LSP Schools
December 11	LSP Application Opens	LSP Schools
December 20	Nonpublic Webinar Cancelled	Nonpublic Schools
January 8	Last Date to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q2 *LSP Only*	LSP Schools
January 19	Application Closes	LSP Schools



BESE and Brumfield v. Dodd Pending Approvals



BESE and Brumfield v. Dodd Approvals

- All completed 2024-2025 BESE and Brumfield v. Dodd applications are being reviewed and validated.
- The final list of recommended applications will be presented at the December BESE meeting (December 12th and 13th) to reach an approval determination.
- The final list of approved schools will be available after the BESE meeting.



Tuition Donation Credit Program (TDC)

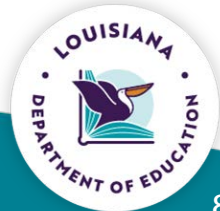


Tuition Donation Credit Program (TDC)

2023 -2024 Participating Nonpublic Schools

Note to Schools: Students may apply for and be offered a scholarship from the Louisiana Scholarship Program, School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities, and the Tuition Donation Credit Program.

However, they may only accept and use one of the scholarships.



Home Study Program



Background

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) offers two types of Home Schooling programs.

BESE Approved Home Study program

A student who participates in a BESE Approved Home Study program is considered in attendance at a day school and in compliance with state compulsory attendance laws. The parents have complete control and responsibility for educating their child.

Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval

A Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval, also referred to as a “registered nonpublic school”, has not met the criteria established by The Department Of Education for approval, nor does it seek state approval. The LDOE is not responsible for ensuring students meet compulsory attendance laws. Parents and providers assume complete responsibility for the student’s education.



Home Study Application

- As stated in R.S. 17:236:1 and the LDOE BESE Approved Home Study Guidelines, a parent or legal guardian must submit an application to the LDOE to receive BESE Approval.
- Schools are not permitted to submit a home study application in lieu of a parent or legal guardian via email or mail.



Re-admission from Home Study to a Nonpublic School

- Parents who choose to enter their children in Nonpublic schools after having been enrolled in a BESE Approved Home Study Program are responsible for all educational documentation and/or verification.
- Students entering a school system must comply with all school or district requirements.
- For admission or readmission procedures to a nonpublic school, contact the nonpublic school directly.



Transitioning from Nonpublic Schools to a BESE Approved Home Study

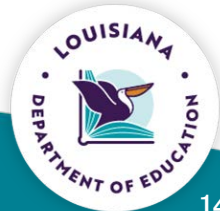
- A school cannot refuse to let a parent withdraw their child from public school, but if a child between the ages of 5 and 18 (unless the child has graduated) is not enrolled in a public or nonpublic school or is not participating in a BESE Approved Home Study program for at least 180 days in the school year, then the parents of that child could be in violation of the Compulsory Attendance Law.
- Upon receipt of a home study approval letter, it is suggested, when possible, that families provide a copy to their prior school.



Home Study Application



Timeline	Update
Spring 2024	Home Study Application process moves to EdLink



Louisiana Scholarship Program



Interest & Opportunity Survey

- The Interest and Opportunity Survey will be going out to all nonpublic schools that participate in the scholarship program in the Spring of 2024.
- All scholarship schools are expected to participate and complete the survey in a timely manner.
- Please be on the lookout for upcoming webinars from the Assessment Team and the Nonpublic Team regarding completing the Interest and Opportunity Survey.



LSP Sanctions

- Sanction data will be released within the coming weeks for all participating LSP schools.
- Schools receiving a sanction will be contacted directly by the Office of School Choice.
- **Please Note:** If sanctioned, it may impact the number of new seats awarded to your school for the 2024-2025 LSP Application cycle.



LSP Audit

- The audit process for all schools participating in the Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) is underway.
- All schools should provide timely, informative materials and communications as necessary during the process.
- The audits are a statute requirement and each LSP school is required to participate.



Quarter 2 Enrollment



Q2 Enrollment for all LSP Schools is:

December 1 - 5

Stay on schedule to ensure payments are received prior to the Holidays.



2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program Application



Application Timeline

- One statewide application for all families via the [Louisiana Believes Website](#) opens December 11.
 - The application will close on January 19.
 - Families must submit all required documentation by January 26.
- One timeline for application open and close date (Orleans and all parishes)
- Applications are no longer submitted via OneApp all applications must be submitted via the Louisiana Believes application website.



Webinars

2024-25 School Application Webinar

December 4, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Meeting URL:

[https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94991019881?
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2024-25 Parent Application Webinar

December 5, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Meeting URL:

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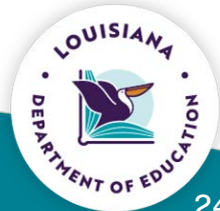
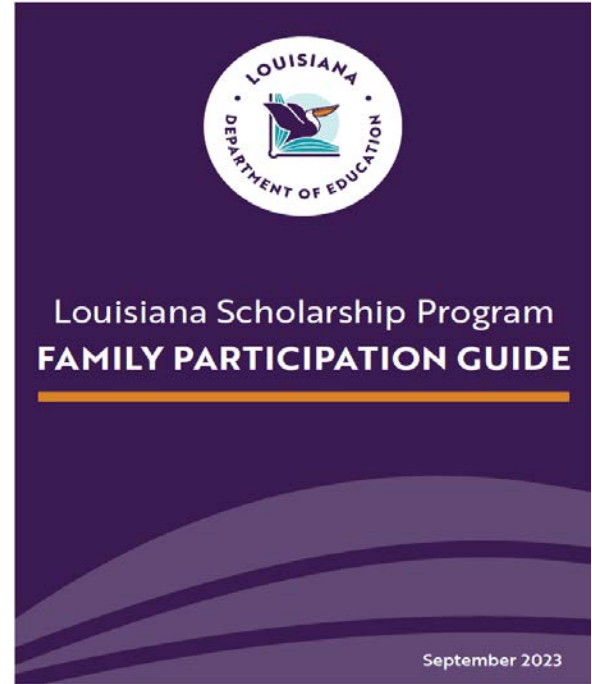
NEW and UPDATED Program Guides

Family Participation Guide

This ***NEW*** resource guide contains information that:

- helps provide an overview of the LSP requirements and guideline for families;
- provides in-depth guidance on the Louisiana scholarship program processes; and
- contains information about the requirements for the 2024-2025 school year.

Take a look at the new [LSP Family Participation Guide](#).



2024-2025 LSP Income Limits Guide

2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program Income Limits				
250% OF CURRENT FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES*				
Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Bi-Weekly Income	Weekly Income
2	\$49,300	\$4,108	\$1,896	\$948
3	\$62,150	\$5,179	\$2,390	\$1195
4	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$2,884	\$1442
5	\$87,850	\$7,321	\$3,378	\$1690
6	\$100,700	\$8,392	\$3,873	\$1937
7	\$113,550	\$9,463	\$4,367	\$2184
8	\$126,400	\$10,533	\$4,861	\$2431
Add this amount for each additional family member	\$12,850	\$1071	\$494	\$247

*Guidelines are updated annually. 2023 guidelines listed; 2024 guidelines will be available in January.

[2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program Income Limits](#)



2024-2025 LSP Income Verification

- A household is defined as all immediate family members (parents and minor siblings) that reside in the home. However, it may also include any extended family members and/or guardians that have legal custody or guardianship of the student.
- Income must be verified for all adults that are members of the household.
- A household may provide their 2022 Federal Tax Return to verify income at the time of application. **However if awarded a scholarship, the household must provide a 2023 Federal Tax Return at the time of registration in the Spring to confirm eligibility.**
- If a household uses check stubs to verify income, **the check stub must be the last 4 consecutive check stubs (for the current year) within 60 days of the date of application.**



Meeting Deadlines



Timelines and deadlines are set based upon Statutes and other critical internal deliverables.

Our team relies on your team to meet all deadlines.



Accurate Data and Responses

Please double verify your submissions!

Our team relies on your team to provide timely and accurate student data and program materials.



School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities



Payment Adjustment Forms-Q2

Schools have 30 days from the last day of quarterly enrollment reporting period each quarter to report any enrollment issues.

All Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 2 must be submitted by **December 7th.**

- Any Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 2 submitted after December 7th will be considered on an individual basis and must include an explanation for the late submission.

Please note that late submissions are not guaranteed payment.





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

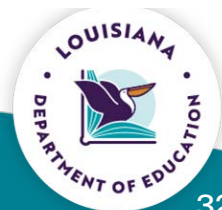
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* Job Title

* District/Parish

Email Lists

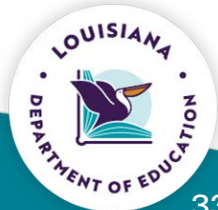
- Charter Newsletter
- News Releases
- Nonpublic Newsletter
- Principals Newsletter
- Weekly System Leaders Newsletter



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
- 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.

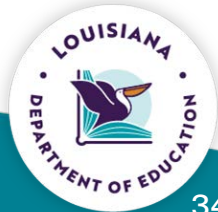


Office Hours

- 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 Unlocks

- 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>https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl</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>https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/school-choice</p>
<p><u>LDOE Weekly Nonpublic Newsletter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information regarding Nonpublic and Scholarship action items• The newsletter is released every Thursday at 4:30 pm.	<p>https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?l=lr=rkyvy5eab&p=oi&m=rkyvy5eab&sit=urxao49fb&f=8d3c7b7c-7ae8-4bd3-8c83-c6e44e5e558c</p>
<p><u>Louisiana Scholarship Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information and resources for the Louisiana Scholarship Program	<p>https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/louisiana-scholarship-program</p>



Nonpublic Team Contact Information

Topic	Email Support
Louisiana Scholarship Program	studentscholarships@la.gov
School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities	
Tuition Donation Credit Program	
Operations/BESE Approval/Brumfield v. Dodd Approval	nonpublicschools@la.gov
Approved Home Study Program Nonpublic Schools Not Seeking State Approval	homestudy@la.gov



Questions ?

