



# Important News for **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**



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## **Important Dates for School Systems**

### **Office Hours and Monthly Calls**

- Certification Monthly Call: [December 18 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- P-EBT Data Managers Office Hours: [December 19 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Early Childhood Lead Agencies Office Hours: [December 19 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [December 19 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Teacher/Principal of the Year Help Desk Call for Coordinators/Candidates: [December 19 at 4 p.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [December 20 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [December 21 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [January 5 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Zearn Support for Middle School Leaders: [January 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [January 9 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Monthly Principal Webinars for Math and Literacy: [January 10 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [January 24 at 1 p.m.](#)

### **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- Deadline for [Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition](#) submissions: December 15
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 Dyslexia Reporting Form](#): December 15
- Deadline for [Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year](#) state-level submissions: January 11
- Deadline for [Teacher and Principal of the Year](#) state-level submissions: January 11
- Deadline to submit [High Cost Services Round 2 application](#): January 12
- Deadline to submit [Zearn - Impact Analysis Addendum for LEA](#): January 12
- [2024 Jump Start Convention and CWA Summit](#): January 23
- Deadline for [New Teacher of the Year](#) state-level submissions: January 26

## Office of School Choice

### **2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program Application**

The application for 2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program opened on December 11, 2023 and will close on January 19, 2024.

All families (**including Orleans**) who need to submit applications for the 2024-2025 school year must apply using the LDOE website. Parents will be able to access the [application](#) on our [website](#).

- New applicants, students who wish to transfer to another participating scholarship school for the upcoming year, and **those in a terminal grade** will need to submit an application for the 2024-2025 school year.

For the latest information on the application process, please visit our [website](#) for more information or contact our office at [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).

### **Monthly Webinar Call**

Our last Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call was held on Wednesday, November 15. Presentations of each monthly call are currently available in the [School Systems Planning Library](#).

The next monthly webinar is January 17, 2024. LSP Auditors will be presenting information for all Nonpublic schools participating in LSP during the webinar. All schools should provide timely, informative materials and communications as necessary during the audit process. The audits are a statute requirement and each LSP school is required to participate.

### **NEW: 2024-2025 BESE Approved Nonpublic Schools**

The list of nonpublic schools seeking BESE approval for 2024-2025 was approved during the December 13 BESE Board meeting, and can be found in the [Nonpublic Library](#).

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

[Click to access the full Nonpublic Programs Scholarship Annual Calendar for 2023-24](#)

Date	Item	Participants
December 20	Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call Canceled	All Nonpublic Schools
January 8	Last date to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Q2 *LSP Only*	LSP Schools
January 17	Nonpublic Monthly call	All Nonpublic Schools

<b>January 19</b>	2024-2025 Louisiana Scholarship Program Application Closes	New and Returning LSP Families
<b>January 26</b>	Last day for families to submit Application documentation to LSP Schools	New and Returning LSP Families
<b>January 31</b>	Last day for LSP schools to complete application verification in LEADS	LSP Schools

*\*All dates are tentative, please review future issues of the Nonpublic newsletter for all updates.*

### **General Nonpublic School Office Hours**

The Office of School Choice-Nonpublic Programs Team currently offers a service called [Office Hours](#). We are offering office hours to provide one-on-one assistance regarding any questions you may have regarding our scholarship programs.

Office hours will be offered each week for **school administrators and other school system employees**. Office hours will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

You can book your Office Hours call using this [link: https://www.picktime.com/LDNonpublicschools](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. When booking your call, you must 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, you will need to book a new appointment time. If you have any questions about Office Hours, please reach out to us at [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) for assistance.

**This service is not available to families. Families with questions should submit them to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov).**

## **Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations**

### **Holiday Newsletter Updates**

**Please share with system leaders.**

Due to the holidays, the LDOE Weekly Newsletter will not run December 26 or January 2. The final LDOE Weekly Newsletter of 2023 will run December 19. The newsletter will resume January 9.

Please contact [ted.beasley@la.gov](mailto:ted.beasley@la.gov) with questions.

## **Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics**

### **English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT and ELPT Connect)**

**Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.**

Please submit any [requests for exemption](#) for the listening or speaking domains of the assessment to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) no later than January 9. The LDOE does not permit exemptions from reading or writing, and will review IEPs to determine that the student qualifies for an exemption based on a significant disability.

To participate in ELPT Connect, students must qualify for alternate assessments. There will continue to be a second scorer process at selected sites.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

### **K-3 Literacy Screener Field Testing**

**Please share with selected testing coordinators.**

The K-3 literacy screener field test window has been extended to January 19. The regular screener window has not changed and will end on January 26. All students must be screened using the state platform. Districts that have a contract with Amplify cannot use their own platform for screening.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

### **Dropout Correction**

**Please share with accountability contacts.**

District data managers have until December 15 to correct dropouts in EdLink. Please be reminded that no dropout corrections will be reviewed or approved for 2022-2023 or prior years during cohort graduation data certification or DCAI no matter the reason for the dropout flag. The 2023-2024 dropout flag can be corrected during DCAI since the dropout can be corrected in EdLink at the time of data certification.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

### **New High School Growth Target Rosters and Updated Grade 3-8 Rosters**

**Please share with accountability contacts and school leaders.**

The 2023-2024 high school growth target rosters will be available in the district FTP by December 13. The grades 3-8 growth target rosters released in the summer will also be available and updated to include the October 1 site code for all students.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

## **Career and College Readiness**

### **Louisiana Dual Enrollment Task Force Feedback Survey**

**Please share with high school principals, assistant principals, and school counselors.**

The [Louisiana Dual Enrollment Task Force](#) is seeking insight and perspective on ways to continue to improve dual enrollment opportunities for students all across our state. The following [survey](#) has been designed to gather information on your existing dual enrollment priorities, where you see potential opportunities for the state to help improve course offerings, communications, pathway alignment moving

forward, and any recommendations you might have to further advance universal access to dual enrollment in Louisiana. Key themes from survey responses will be used by the Board of Regents and the Dual Enrollment Task Force to inform and guide the development of strategic recommendations to strengthen dual enrollment opportunities offered throughout Louisiana.

Please submit your responses no later than close of business on December 15. Please contact

[Mellynn.Baker@laregents.edu](mailto:Mellynn.Baker@laregents.edu) with questions.

## Teaching and Learning

### Academic Content

#### **Zearn Impact Study**

**Please share with system leaders.**

As part of [Louisiana's Math Refresh](#), the LDOE is continuing to partner with researchers to analyze the 2023-2024 impact of Zearn Math on student math achievement in our state. A [2022 analysis](#) of the impact of school system partnerships with Zearn Math shows that students who consistently used Zearn scored an average of six points higher on the 2022 LEAP test than matched peers who did not use Zearn.

To proceed with the 2023-2024 analysis, the LDOE needs consent to share data. The Zearn team, together with the LDOE, will manage the analysis. Superintendents should complete the [Zearn - Impact Analysis Addendum for LEA opt-in](#) and submit the signed agreement to the LDOE by [uploading](#) or emailing [ldoedata@la.gov](mailto:ldoedata@la.gov) by January 12.

System leaders who signed the 2022 Zearn Impact Analysis Addendum must sign a new 2023 addendum to participate.

Please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.

#### **Unit 2 Now Available: Foundational Lessons to Accelerate Math Education**

**Please share with K-5 math teachers, math supervisors, and school leaders.**

Unit 2 [FLAME](#) resources are now available to support the development of math foundational skills and fluency for students in grades K-5. FLAME offers short, engaging lessons and tools for teachers to track and inform parents of student progress. Unit 3 will be available in January.

To learn more, reference the recording of the [FLAME kickoff webinar](#).

Please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.

#### **Bayou Bridges: K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum Update**

**Please share with content supervisors, school leaders, and social studies teachers.**

All grade 3 Bayou Bridges units are now available. Please navigate to the [Bayou Bridges resource page](#)

to access. Units are aligned to meet the [2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#). All grade 6 units will be published by January 18.  
Please contact [classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov](mailto:classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov) with questions.

## Diverse Learners

### **Special Education Collaborative**

**Please share with special education directors.**

Registration is now open for the winter [Special Education Leader Collaborative](#). Special education directors are invited to join the Diverse Learners team for an in-person collaborative event on January 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Claiborne building in Baton Rouge. This will be a day for discussion centered around special education updates, professional development, and networking.

Please contact [diverselearnersupport@la.gov](mailto:diverselearnersupport@la.gov) with questions.

## Educator Development

### **EdLink 360 Workforce Dashboard Super App Support**

**Please share with human resource directors and system leaders.**

The Educator Accountability team will conduct a webinar to provide an overview of EdLink 360 Workforce Dashboard to assist systems in navigating questions in Super App.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** January 10 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97214316610?pwd=U2IERm1yNkRLRzdxZUxWSm5Qb2dNUT09>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 381 2552
- **Meeting ID#:** 972 1431 6610

Additional resources are available. Navigate to the [Edlink360 Support Page](#) or [Edlink Training and Support](#) to learn more.

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with questions.

## School Improvement

### **Level Up: School Improvement Best Practices at TLS 2024 Registration**

**Please share with school leaders and system leaders.**

[Level Up: School Improvement Best Practices](#) professional learning is required for CIR schools for the 2024-2025 school year and will be delivered at Teacher Leader Summit 2024. The LDOE is funding TLS attendance for a 3-member Instructional Leadership Team (principal & two others) from each CIR school. This funding is automatically provided through Super App based upon the number of CIR schools in a system.

The Division of School Improvement will reach out to system leaders to assist with identifying ILT

members from each CIR school. ILT members will be pre-registered for TLS at no charge with one day of Level Up loaded in their app. Participants will be able to register for other TLS sessions outside of their scheduled Level Up day within the App.

Please contact [schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov](mailto:schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov) if you have any questions.