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Louisiana's First Choice for College Access

Guiding Students & Parents Through the Complexities of Financial Aid with Louisiana Connect

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Professional School Counselor Workshop 2012

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) presents: Louisiana Connect

What is Louisiana Connect?
It is a free comprehensive, college access & career planning web portal.



Louisiana Connect is available to all 8th-12th grade students and parents in the State of Louisiana.

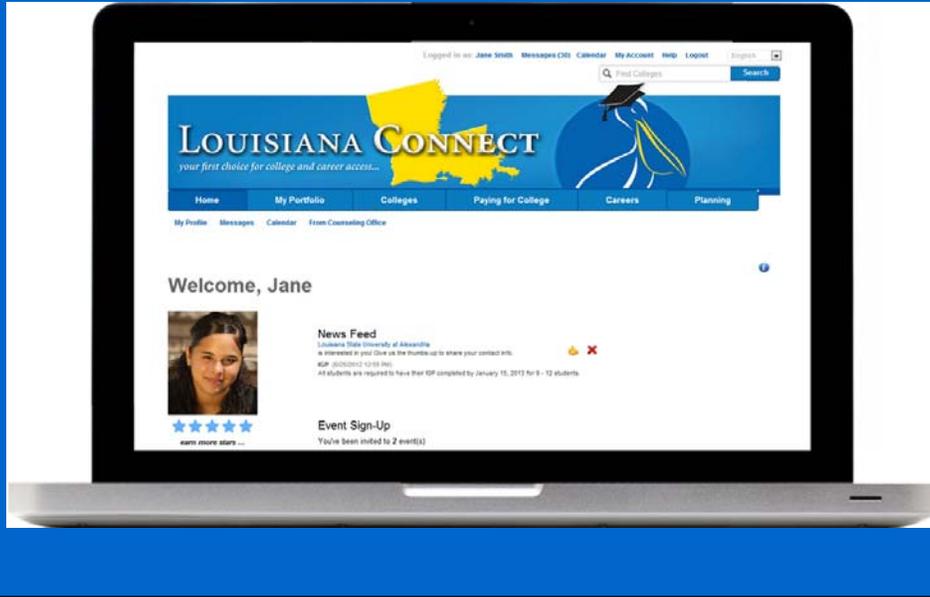
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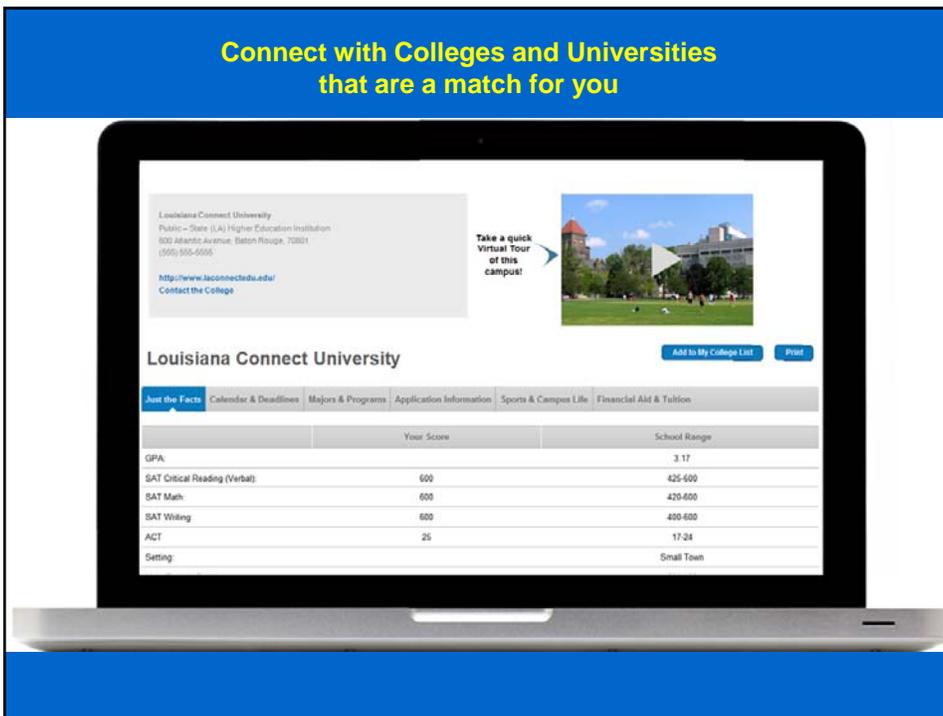
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Connect with Colleges and Universities
that are a match for you



Compare Colleges to find the best one for you

College Compare

Select Criteria [Show Comparison](#)

View your college comparisons below. You can add more colleges or change criteria by returning to the Select Criteria tab.

Available Criteria	My Preferences & Info	Grambling State University	Clemson University	Louisiana State University at Alexandria	Ablene Christian University
Key Factors					
Type	4-Year Public	4-Year Public ✓	4-Year Public ✓	4-Year Public ✓	4-Year Private ✓
Setting	Not Available	Small Town	Small Town	Rural	Urban
Size	5,000 - 15,000 Greater than 15,000	Not Available	13,780 ✓	2,613 ⚠	3,624 ⚠
Calendar	Not Available	Semesters	Semesters	Semesters	Semesters
Athletic Conference	Not Available	NCAA	NCAA	NAIA	NCAA
Location	AL, AR, TX, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV	Grambling, LA ✓	Clemson, SC ✓	Alexandria, LA ✓	Ablene, TX ⚠
Miles From Home	Not Available	186.5	535	119.9	553.2
Yr. Last Surveyed	Not Available	2010	2011	2006	2011
Undergraduate Info					
Full-time Undergraduates	Not Available	Not Available	13,780	2,613	3,624
Part Time	Not Available	310	933	Not Available	182
Male:Female Ratio	Not Available	Not Available	54%/46%	20%/80%	45%/54%
Retention Rate	Not Available	62%	91.5%	Not Available	71%
Financial Info					
In-State Tuition & Fees	Not Available	\$5,240	\$12,668	\$4,186	Not Available
Out of State Tuition & Fees	Not Available	\$13,610	\$30,628	\$8,164	Not Available
Annual Estimated Total Cost	\$5,000 - \$30,000	\$12,822 ✓	\$37,144 ⚠	\$10,886 ✓	\$34,836 ⚠
Estimated Total Cost	\$20,000 - \$120,000	\$51,288 ✓	\$148,576 ⚠	\$43,544 ✓	\$139,344 ⚠
Financial Aid	Not Available	4,183/2,680	8,660/2,897	Not Available	2,824/2,331
Applicants/Recipients	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Average Yearly Financial Aid Amount	Not Available	\$12,920	\$4,778	Not Available	\$11,289
Academic Info					
GPA	Not Available	2.80 ⚠	3.89	3.10	3.89
Test Scores					
SAT CR	600	450 - 600 ✓	550 - 640 ✓	580 - 800 ✓	500 - 610 ✓
SAT WR	600	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
SAT Math	600	450 - 600 ✓	500 - 600 ✓	450 - 800 ✓	510 - 620 ✓
SAT 1600 Scale	1200	910 - 1,200 ✓	1,130 - 1,320 ✓	1,040 - 1,600 ✓	1,010 - 1,230 ✓
ACT	25	20 - 36 ✓	25 - 30 ✓	19 - 36 ✓	22 - 28 ✓
Admissions Rating	VERY, MOD, MIN	Noncompetitive	Moderately Difficult	Noncompetitive	Moderately Difficult

Keep track of your progress for the TOPS Scholarship

TOPS Progress Tracker

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Basic Information

Grade 9 Entry BSSY: 2010
 Anticipated Graduation Year: 2014
 District: Abbeville School District
 School: Abbeville High School
 Overall GPA: 3.25

Last Update: 10/12/2012

TOPS Opportunity, Performance & Honors Awards Eligibility*

The academic requirements for the TOPS Opportunity, Performance & Honors Awards for students attending Louisiana public and private high schools are:

1. Earn 17.5 units of TOPS Core Curriculum courses (only the TOPS Core Curriculum courses you have completed and were reported by your school are included)

You still need 3 units to meet the TOPS Core Curriculum requirement.

2. Earn a Cumulative GPA on the TOPS Core Curriculum courses of:
 - At least a 2.5 for the TOPS Opportunity Award.
 - At least a 3.0 for the Performance and Honors Awards.

Your current Cumulative GPA on the TOPS Core Curriculum courses you have taken is 2.75.

3. Earn an ACT or SAT equivalent score of:
 - At least 20 for the TOPS Opportunity Award.
 - At least 23 for the TOPS Performance Award.
 - At least 27 for the TOPS Honors Award.

Your highest ACT or SAT equivalent score is 25.

Note: If you intend to take the ACT, be sure to list code "1599" on the list of institutions to receive test scores and your score will be sent to LOSFA. If you intend to take the SAT, be sure to list code "9019" on the list of institutions to receive test scores and your score will be sent to LOSFA.

Category Credit Requirement Progress

Category	Required Units	Units Taken	Requirement Met	Course	Grade
English I	1.00	1.00	Y	English 1	A
English II	1.00	0.00	N		
English III	1.00	0.00	N		
English IV	1.00	0.00	N		
Algebra I	1.00	0.00	N		
Algebra II	1.00	0.00	N		
1st Unit Math Electives	1.00	0.00	N		
US History	2.00	2.00	Y	Early US History US History (Modern World)	A B

View your Test Scores all in one place

Course History **Scores & Stats**

Academic Stats	
GPA	Unweighted: Weighted:
Class Rank	

High scores:	
ACT	Composite: 25 English 25 Math 25 Reading 25 Science 25
SAT	Total: 1800 Critical Reading 600 Math 600 Writing 600

Standardized Test Scores				
Edit	Delete	Test Name	Date	Scores
		ACT	11/01/2010	Mathematics: 25 , Composite: 25 , Reading: 25 , English: 25 , Science: 25 , Combined English Writing: 25
		LEAP	11/01/2010	English Language Arts: Advanced , Mathematics: Approaching Basic
		SAT I	11/01/2010	Total: 1800 , Mathematical: 600 , Critical Reading: 600 , Writing: 600
		EOC	05/01/2011	English II: Good , English III: - , Algebra I: Good , Geometry: Good , Biology: Good , American History: Good

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Tests I plan to take				
Edit	Delete	Test Name	Date	
		PLAN	10/24/2012	
		SAT I	11/14/2012	

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Find scholarships and other programs designed to help you succeed

Search for Scholarships Matches: 244 [Show Matches](#) [Save](#) [Reset](#) [Saved Searches](#)

1 Scholarship Home 2 Academics 3 **Work & Volunteer** 4 Personal Characteristics 5 Personal Affiliations 6 Deadlines 7 Recently Added

Are you or a parent employed in any of the following fields?

- Coal industry
- Construction
- Mentoring/advising
- Computer science
- Environmental industry**
- Environmental-related field
- Explosive ordnance disposal

Community Service is required

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Learn about College Costs, need-based aid and other financial assistance options

Financial Aid

My Scholarship List

- ALPFA Annual Scholarship Program
- Film and Fiction Scholarship
- Worldfest Student Film Award
- 1049K Run/Walk Scholarships
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship-Louisiana

Tools & Calculators

Step 1: Estimate My Contribution to College Costs

Your estimated **Expected Family Contribution** gives you a ballpark estimate that will help you figure out how much you will need to save or borrow for college tuition. The actual EFC may vary, but this will help begin to make a financial plan to pay for college.

[EFC Estimator](#)

My EFC Estimate: \$0.00/year

Step 2: Which Forms Do I File?

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[Apply for a PIN](#)

[Save PIN](#)

Overview of College Costs and Forms

College Name	Approximate Annual Cost	Estimate your EFC first	Deadline	Required Financial Aid Forms	Forms Submitted
Louisiana State University in Shreveport	\$11,410.00	(No data)	Priority deadline: 6/1	FAFSA Form	FAFSA Form
Louisiana State University at Eunice	\$4,312.00	(No data)	Priority deadline: 6/1	FAFSA Form, School specific form	(No data)

Search for Colleges and compare costs

College Cost Estimator

Step 4: Cost Gap Results

[Add a College](#)

	Louisiana State University in Shreveport	Louisiana State University at Eunice	Abilene Christian University
Annual Costs	\$4,674.00	\$2,595.00	\$34,636.00
Annual Awards	\$2,300.00	\$1,825.00	\$13,200.00
Yearly Cost Gap	\$2,374.00	\$670.00	\$21,636.00
Estimated Total Cost Gap	\$9,496.00	\$2,680.00	\$98,544.00

[Add a College](#)

View your Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)

My Individual Graduation Plan

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Basic Information

Plan Type:	College and Career Diploma
9th Grade Entry Date:	8/23/2010
High School Attending:	Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired
Originating Middle School:	Alexandria Middle Magnet School (Alexandria, LA)
Postsecondary Plans:	4-Year Degree
Extracurricular Activities and Skills:	Band, Basketball, Fencing Team, Soccer
Diploma Endorsements:	Academic Endorsement
Curriculum:	LA Core 4
Potential TOPS Eligibility¹:	No data loaded

1 Final TOPS eligibility is determined by CDEP. A user's FAFSA has been completed, your ACT score has been received, and the Department of Education has submitted your final grades. Visit www.ahs.la.gov to learn more about TOPS.

Primary Area of Concentration

Primary Area of Concentration: Advanced Studies/LA Core 4

Career Area of Concentration (Optional)

Career Cluster: Education and Training

Career Area of Concentration: Education

Courses and Test Scores

Courses:

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade

Test Scores:

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
EOC Test Results: Fair or above Algebra I EOC	DEELA&2 Results: Approaching Basic or above English Y Mathematics Y EOC Test Results: Fair or above Biology EOC Y English II EOC Y Geometry EOC Y	DEELA&2 Results: Approaching Basic or above Science OR Social Studies Y EOC Test Results: Fair or above English III EOC Y US History EOC Y	DEELA&2 Results: Approaching Basic or above English Y Mathematics Y Science OR Social Studies Y EOC Test Results: Fair or above English EOC Y Math EOC Y

Learn about careers and connect with Louisiana employers

Company Profile Search

My Company List

[Allen Canning](#)

[ConnectEDU, Inc.](#)

Companies Interested In Me

Recently Viewed Profiles

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[Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.](#)

[Acme Truck Line, Inc.](#)

[Bollinger Marine Fabricators, ...](#)

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Preferred ConnectEDU Partners

Actions	Company Name	City	State	Employees	Job Posting
+ ✖	Abbeville General Hospital	Abbeville	LA		0
+ ✖	Acadian Contractors	Rayne	LA		0
+ ✖	Acme Truck Line, Inc.	Gretna	LA	2093	0
+ ✖	Advantage Professional, LLC	Monroe	LA	501	0
+ ✖	Albemarle Corporation	Baton Rouge	LA	4260	0
+ ✖	Allen Canning	Lafayette	LA	1200	0
+ ✖	Alliance Compressors, LLC	Natchitoches	LA		0
+ ✖	American Legion Hospital	Crowley	LA	450	0
+ ✖	Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Inc.	Baton Rouge	LA		0

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Parents & Students, activate your account TODAY at:
www.louisianaconnect.org

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your first choice for college and career access...



Username:
Password:
[forgot password?](#)

Thinking about "life after high school" can be intimidating, especially when you have dreams ... but don't know how to achieve them. That's why we created LouisianaConnect.

Activate your account in LouisianaConnect and:

- Build Your Own Network of Colleges and Employers
- Receive Personal Alerts about Scholarships, Grant Opportunities, and Other Resources You May Be Eligible to Receive
- Search and Compare Schools by Majors, Programs of Study, Cost of Attendance and Admissions Requirements
- Learn How to Pay for College

You have goals. We'll help you reach them. So Get Connected...
Opportunity Is Just a Click Away

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

English ▾

Student ID:

First name: Last name:

High school: Please Choose ▾

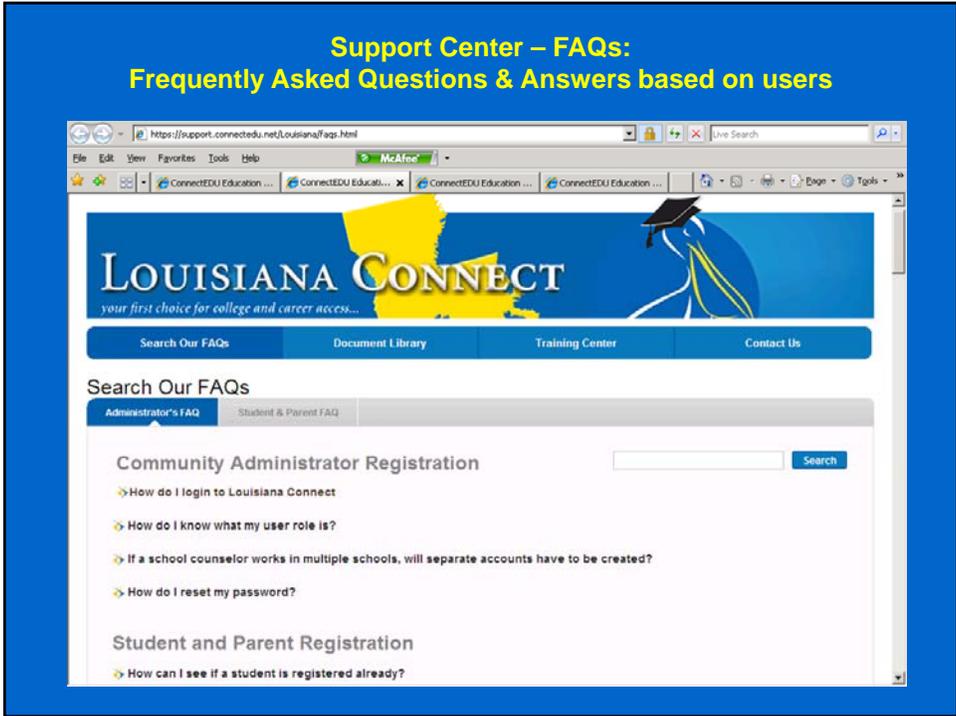
I am a Student
 I am a Parent

What People are Saying

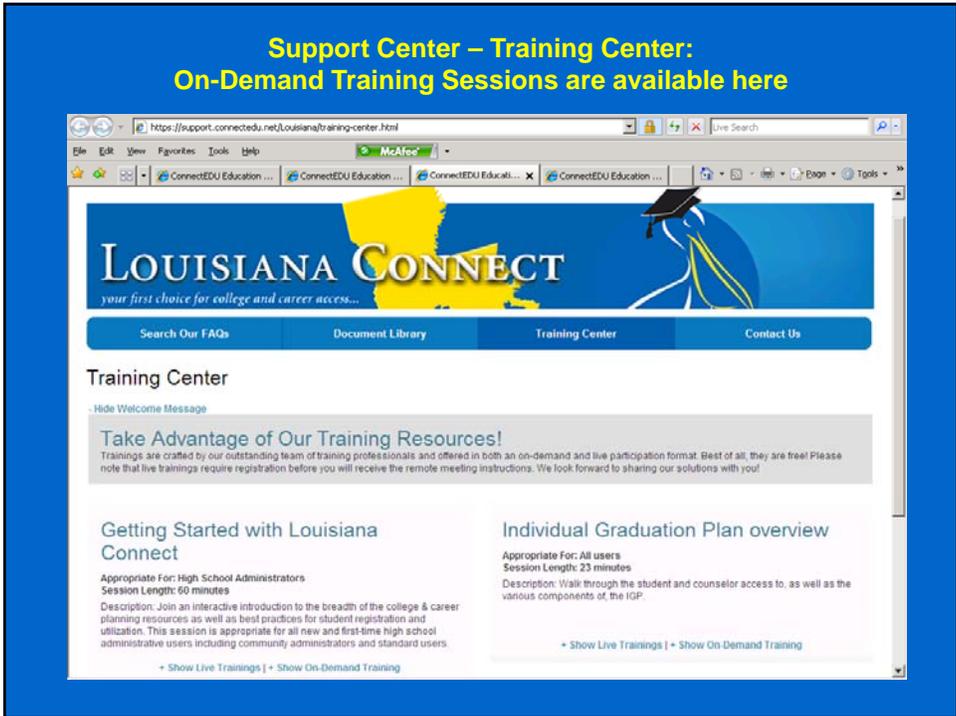
Support Center – Document Library: User guides and other tools at your fingertips

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Louisiana Connect Document Library. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/document-library.html>. The page features the Louisiana Connect logo and navigation links: Search Our FAQs, Document Library, Training Center, and Contact Us. The Document Library section is active, showing a list of user guides. Two guides are visible: "Louisiana Administrative User Guide" (PDF File, 87 Pages) and "Where Do I Begin?" (PDF Files, 2 Documents). The "Where Do I Begin?" guide is further categorized into "Community Administrators" and "Counselors".

**Support Center – FAQs:
Frequently Asked Questions & Answers based on users**



**Support Center – Training Center:
On-Demand Training Sessions are available here**



Support Center – Contact Info:
Need further assistance? Just e-mail Customer Support

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/contact.html>. The page features the Louisiana Connect logo with the tagline "your first choice for college and career access...". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for "Search Our FAQs", "Document Library", "Training Center", and "Contact Us". The main content area is titled "Contact Our Customer Support Team" and includes a form with the following fields: "Your Role" (dropdown menu), "School Name" (dropdown menu), "Full Name" (text input), "Email Address" (text input), "Phone Number (optional)" (text input), "Question Type" (dropdown menu), "Subject" (text input), and "How can we help you?" (text input). A note above the form states: "Need more help? Submit a case to our customer support team and someone will get back to you within 24 hours. If you have an immediate need, please feel free to reach us by phone: 1-888-509-7863".

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Individual Graduation Plan Questions?

- User Guide for IGP on the Portal
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/document-library.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/faqs.html>
- Technical IGP issues on the Louisiana Connect portal:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/Lite/>
- Pre-recorded Webinar on IGP to watch:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/training-center.html>
- Other IGP Questions: martha.moore@la.gov





Louisiana Connect Questions?

- Can you re-send my Community Administrator logon information:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/Lite/>
- Can you tell me who the Community Administrator is for my school:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/Lite/>
- User guides and Getting Started information:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/document-library.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions based on your questions:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/faqs.html>



Louisiana Connect Questions?

- Pre-recorded Webinars to watch:
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/training-center.html>
- Technical issues on the portal (can't see students, can't find students, any technical or logon issues, etc.):
<https://support.connectedu.net/Louisiana/Lite/>



LOSFA Assistance with Louisiana Connect

- Examples of questions LOSFA can assist you with regarding Louisiana Connect:
 - What is the Louisiana Connect portal?
 - Who can use the Louisiana Connect portal?
 - What features are available on the Louisiana Connect portal?
 - How can a student or parent logon to the Louisiana Connect portal?



LOSFA Assistance with Louisiana Connect

- Examples of questions LOSFA can assist you with regarding Louisiana Connect:
 - Can you tell me more about the TOPS tracker on the Louisiana Connect portal?
 - Questions regarding the classes listed on the TOPS tracker on the Louisiana Connect portal.
 - LOSFA Contact Information – send email to BOTH jerri.mack@la.gov and rhonda.bridevaux@la.gov

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