Louisiana Believes

Louisiana Course Choice
A Bold Move Toward Student-centered Education Models
The Course Choice Program enables students and their families to choose publicly-funded course offerings that best match each student’s abilities.

The program provides Louisiana’s students with educational opportunities that will grow our state’s economy, create new jobs, and best position Louisiana’s families, businesses, and communities for success in the 21st Century and beyond.
Louisiana Legislative Policy

• The Course Choice Program was enacted by the Louisiana Legislature so that all Louisiana school children have access to the type and format of education that best meets the needs of the individual student.

• Each student has different needs that merit a variety of course choices on the individual student level, and that the state has the right, responsibility, duty and obligation to accomplish the objective of a quality, individualized education for all Louisiana children.

Act 2

Student Eligibility

• Students attending C, D or F public schools (including charter schools) are “eligible funded.” This means their Course Choice courses are paid for through public education funding – these courses are “free” to eligible funded students.

• Students attending A or B public schools (including charter schools) are “eligible funded” only if they register for a course that is not offered at their school. School counselors and the Course Choice Counselor Assistance Center can help students at A or B public schools determine if they are eligible funded for courses they are interested in taking.
Overview of RFA Process

Evaluation 1: Applications Submitted
- Applicants can choose to submit their application at an early deadline
- Early applicants who are Deferred or Rejected may revise and re-submit their application

Evaluation 2: Applicant Interviews
- Additional written submissions
- Reference checks
- Team interviews with LDOE panel
- Follow-up questions

- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of independent experts

Evaluation 4: BESE Review and Approval
- BESE will receive a final review of all application packages
- BESE will approve all winning applications
Course Provider Firmographics

- 94 applications resulted in BESE approval of 42 course providers through the 4 stage process

- 21 providers are active and offering courses to Louisiana students in the first year of Course Choice
Course Offerings

• **Course Providers are comprised of:**
  - Corporate or Industry Associations
  - Educational Entrepreneurs
  - Louisiana K-12 School Districts
  - Post-secondary Educational Organizations
  - Online or virtual educational providers
  - Online or virtual educational providers/corporate or industry associations
  - Others
Student/ Parent-centered Registration System

http://www.louisianacoursechoice.net/
How to Register

Beginning on March 7, 2013

It's EASY as 1-2-3

Step One
Just fill in the What, When, Where fields on the right.

Are You Eligible?

What: Algebra 2

When: Full Year: August 13-May 13

Where: 70791

About Course Choice

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