

LHSRA | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

General Assembly of Principals Meeting Agenda

April 18, 2026, 10:00AM – 11:00 AM

Life Sciences Annex, Room 101

A breakfast buffet will be offered from 9:30AM-10:00AM in the lobby

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. LHSRA Welcome & Introduction
- III. Reading and Approval of 2025 GAP meeting minutes
- IV. Gordon A. Cain Center for Presentation: Dual Enrollment: Choice Credit Modality
- V. Members present

Name	District	Title
Stella Arabie	Vermilion Catholic	
Stephen Burch	Mansfield High School	
Connie Dantagnan	Archbishop Chapelle High School	
Taylor Ducote	Ascension Episcopal School	
Ashley Evison	Cabrini High School	
Tyron Lacy	Caddo Virtual Academy	
Toney Linn	Berwick High School	
Alexis Long	New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy	
Bridget Malveaux	Early College Academy	
Kendall McManus-Thomas	Benjamin Franklin High School	
James Moody	Loyola College Prep	
Richard Neider	De La Salle High School	
Stacie Rathbun	Evangel Christian Academy	
Jeremy Reuther	Jesuit High School	
Joseph Saverino	North DeSoto High School	

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Cyndi Scroggs	Glenbrook School
Christopher Thomas	Mansfield High School

a. Membership Report

We have 333 Louisiana middle and high schools registered as active members of the LHSRA for 2025 – 2026. 7 schools registered but did not participate.

	25-26	24-25	23-24	22-23	21-22	18-19	17-18	16-17	15-16	14-15
Division I	51	55	58	58	54	63	66	63	63	62
Division II	73	71	72	65	63	71	75	77	80	79
Division III	73	75	74	69	59	81	80	78	87	84
Division IV	47	53	49	56	50	48	54	61	66	61
Division V	89	91	84	74	72	82	83	88	84	96
Totals	333	345	337	322	298	345	358	367	380	382

District	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Div. IV	Div. V	Total
All	51	73	73	47	89	333
Central Louisiana (LCU)	1	5	2	5	9	22
LSU Eunice	0	7	9	3	5	24
North Louisiana (LA Tech)	5	7	12	11	16	51
Northwest La. (Northwestern)	5	5	11	3	16	40
South Central La. (Nicholls)	9	12	2	7	6	36
Southeast La. (Southeastern)	22	17	17	7	13	76
Southwest La. (McNeese)	3	5	11	5	13	37
UL - Lafayette	5	15	9	6	11	46
Virtual Schools	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	51	73	73	47	89	333

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VI. LHSRA Budget Summary

a. Current Account Balance:

LA High School Rally Financial Statement	
As of March 31, 2026	
Account	Balance
Club Checking	58,349.01
Savings	6,946.55
Certificate of Deposit	17,674.60
Certificate of Deposit	63,693.95
Certificate of Deposit	18,717.28
Certificate of Deposit	77,248.87
Total	242,630.26

The current balance does not reflect most expenditures for State Rally 2026.

- b. Current expenditures for most salaries are covered by the Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy. LHSRA allocated \$15,000 this year for paying wages for student workers and temporary help.
- c. For projected expenses, we present the enclosed budget. We project a shortfall of membership revenue compared to the projected expenditures. This is partly due to the work we had to do to transition from paper to paperless testing, but also due to increased costs for everything ranging from medals all the way to food and postage. In addition to that, LSU decided to reduce its financial support to zero.
- d. While the transition to paperless testing should decrease the amount of money needed for conducting State Rally and possibly district rallies, we expect that all other costs will continue to rise.
- e. LHSRA is required to discuss membership fees every three years. Our current membership fees have been in place for at least six years. This year we project a negative balance which can be covered by the current reserves. My suggestion is to allow the budget to stabilize after the transition to paperless testing to establish more stable budget projections and to maintain current levels of membership fees. Probable shortfalls can be covered by LHSRA reserves until a level to be determined is reached. I propose that new fees be discussed at the 2029 GAP meeting.

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VII. Scholarships Update & Eligibility

We awarded eight scholarships for this year, one \$1,000 and seven \$500 scholarships. Four scholarships were awarded to students attending LSU, three went to LA Tech, and one to ULL.

VIII. District Rallies

District Rallies went very well. Harald Leder visited the LSU Eunice District Rally. This year the weather was perfect, and all rallies could take place as planned.

IX. Voting Items

- a. District Rally 2027: March 20, 2027
- b. State Rally 2027; April 17, 2027
- c. District Rally 2028: March 18, 2028
- d. State Rally 2028: April 22, 2028

X. State Rally Paperless Testing

The 2025 pilot project for paperless testing went very well. This year we will administer all tests in paperless form. Students and rally coordinators were advised accordingly. We will have paper tests ready in each classroom, in case we run into unexpected problems.

XI. The new Open Event for Spanish heritage Speakers was very successful. We are offering it again this year. Harald Leder will step down as Executive Director of LHSRA on May 31, 2026. His successor in the Executive Director position will be Ms. Katilyn Simpson who is also a member of the Cordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy. Ms. Simpson started to train for this task six months ago to assure a smooth transition.

XII. The GAP attendees were informed that Harald Leder will step down as Executive Director of LHSRA on May 31, 2026. His successor in the Executive Director position will be Ms. Katilyn Simpson who is also a member of the Cordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy. Ms. Simpson started to train for this task six months ago to ensure a smooth transition.

XIII. Open Discussion/ Announcements/ Miscellaneous

XIV. Adjournment