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Department of Education News

### **Department of Education announces school district closures**

**Baton Rouge** - The Louisiana Department of Education has released the list of school districts that have announced school closures due to the approach of Hurricane Gustav. As of 5:00 p.m. Friday, the following school districts indicated closures for the week of September 1st. Most schools had already planned to observe the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Acadia - Tuesday  
Allen - Tuesday  
Assumption - Tuesday  
Bogalusa City - Tuesday  
Cameron - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Iberia - Tuesday  
Jefferson Davis - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Lafayette - Tuesday  
Lafourche - Tuesday  
Orleans - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Plaquemines - Tuesday  
Pointe Coupee - Tuesday  
Recovery School District - Tuesday & Wednesday  
St. Charles - Tuesday & Wednesday  
St. Helena - Tuesday  
St. John - Tuesday & Wednesday  
St. Martin - Tuesday  
St. Mary - Tuesday  
St. James - Monday & Tuesday  
St. Tammany - Tuesday  
Terrebonne - Tuesday  
Vermilion - Tuesday  
Washington - Tuesday  
Louisiana School for the Deaf - Monday & Tuesday  
Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired - Monday & Tuesday

To provide timely and accurate information to the public, the Department has also created a link to emergency information on its website at [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net). The link will provide the latest information, as well as a blog for sending and receiving the latest updates. A similar emergency link has been established for the Recovery School District, which can also be accessed through the [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net) website.

"Our decisions are first and foremost guided by safety concerns for our students and employees, their families and school communities across the state," said State Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek. "We have worked and will continue to make adjustments to our communications program to ensure we provide accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date information to the public to a variety of access points."

The Department's toll free number, 877-453-2721, which is staffed during regular office hours, can also serve as an information tool during emergency situations if conditions are feasible for staffing. Otherwise, callers will hear a recorded message outlining basic information.

Visit [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org) for preparedness information and information related to Hurricane Gustav.

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