St Martin Parish Early Childhood Leadership Meeting

August 20, 2026

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- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program
- Southwest Louisiana AHEC
- Pupil/Appraisal/Child Search
- Volunteers of America
- Ready Start Network
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Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

St Martin Parish
Special Education

CHILD FIND/CHILD SEARCH

Seeking children who may not be receiving the help they need.

Helping children with special needs.



The first step in helping children with special needs is to find them.

Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

WHO DO WE SERVE

****Children ages 3-21 years****

The following are areas of concern or suspected disabilities which may potentially indicate a need for special education services in school districts.

Developmental Delay
Deafness or Hard of Hearing
Visual Impairment
Emotional Disturbance
Health Impairment
Deaf/Blind
Autism
Intellectual Impairment
Speech Impairment
Orthopedic Impairment
Learning Disability
Traumatic Brain Injury
Multiple Disabilities



Special Education can include instruction and related services provided by local school districts for students who meet specific state and federal criteria.

Pupil Appraisal/Child Search





SERVICES PROVIDED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Screenings and assessments provided to children within St. Martin Parish at no cost to the family

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A complete and individual educational evaluation, if appropriate, conducted at no cost to the family

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An Individualized Education Program for the child with a disability beginning at age three

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Activities to develop learning and self help skills

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Activities to help social and emotional development

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Assistive Technology

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Consultation with therapists for educationally relevant physical and occupational therapy

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Moving on to school or other services as needed at age 3 or when graduating from the program

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Referral to other agencies when needed.





Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

The St. Martin Parish Public Schools offer a continuum of services for children from ages 3 through 5 that are identified as having a disability.

- Early Childhood Special Instruction
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

For children who have been diagnosed or are suspected to have the following disabilities:

- Intellectual
- Developmental
- Physical
- Emotional

Including children suspected of having a disability who are also

- Highly mobile
- Migrant and/or
- Homeless

Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

MAKE A REFERRAL

Any child who is experiencing developmental delays and/ or difficulties in learning, whose parents or legal guardians live within the boundaries of St. Martin Parish or who attends a private school (BESE approved) within the boundaries of St. Martin Parish School District, may be referred.

St. Martin Parish Schools
Special Services Department
625 Corporate Blvd.
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517
337-909-2889

A free appropriate public education is the right of every child with a disability, age 3 through 21.



Children from birth through 3 years of age,
call the Early Steps System Point of Entry (SPOE) at 337-359-8748




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Ready Start Network

Goals

1. By the end of May 2026, expand access and enrollment to early learning for children aged birth-three in quality centers by 10%.
2. Increase the rating in Instructional Support on the Network's performance profile from 5.02 to 5.12 for the 2025-2026 performance rating cycle.
3. Increase the rating in Engaged Support for Learning on the Network's performance profile from 4.92 to 5.02 for the 2025-2026 performance rating cycle.
4. Maintain a rating of 6.00 or higher in Responsive Caregiving for the 2025-2026 performance rating cycle.
5. By June 30, 2026, sustain a highly functioning Ready Start Network Advisory Council to develop leadership capacity for governance/guidance of early childhood education in St. Martin Parish.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Louisiana is a transformative, early literacy program made possible through a unique public-private partnership between the State of Louisiana, The Dollywood Foundation, and local community partners.

Each month, children from birth to age five receive a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book personalized with their name and delivered directly to their home—helping to build home libraries, foster caregiver bonding, and set the stage for lifelong learning.

This partnership leverages support from The Dollywood Foundation, state investment, and local communities to keep costs remarkably low—just $2.60 per child per month. Through a 1:1 State of Louisiana match, local partners secure funding for $1.30 per child per month for books and mailing, ensuring local dollars stay in local communities.





Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Unique Public/Private Partnership

- Covers overall overhead and administration expenses
- Supports Local Program Partners and State Team
- Coordinates Blue Ribbon Book Selection Committee
- Provides marketing and branding collateral and support
- Provides secure database and technical support
- Produces books
- Coordinates monthly books order and fulfillment
- Mails Imagination Library books monthly to registered children's homes

Partnership Benefits

- Leverage strategic vendor relationships
- Remove overhead expenses
- Systemized operational systems and process
- Trusted, internationally recognized brand

Reduce retail books and mailing plus administrative costs –
From $22 per child per month to $2.60

Local Program Partners & Collaborators

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit or school district for bulk mailing permit
- Promotes program locally
- Enrolls children ages 0-5 in coverage area
- Contributes 50% of funds for monthly books and mailing
- Manages database of registered children
- Connects to community

50% $1.30

$2.60 per child per month or $31 annually

50% $1.30

Imagination Library of Louisiana

- Oversees 50% matching fund appropriation from the State
- Fosters growth, development, and sustainability of local programs in all parishes
- Statewide outreach, marketing, and fostering of community connections
- Builds state-level relationships and coordinates advisory board and committees

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Welcome, St. Martin Parish!



A new chapter begins! — On June 24, the St. Martin Parish School Board officially launched Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, bringing free monthly books to children from birth to age 5 throughout St. Martin Parish.

A special thank you to the organizations and individuals who donated in support of this effort: St. Martin Parish Library (kickstart funding), United Way of Acadiana, La Belle Ville Civic Club, St. Martin Parish Farm Bureau, St. Martinville Rotary Club, and Chad Boyer.

Additional remarks were delivered by Marcus Thomas, Director of Early Childhood Systems in the Office of Governor Jeff Landry, and St. Martin Parish School District Superintendent Frederick Wiltz.





Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Imagination Library of St Martin Parish

Total Eligible Population Under Five Yrs

3,195 children

Enrollment as of June 2026

397

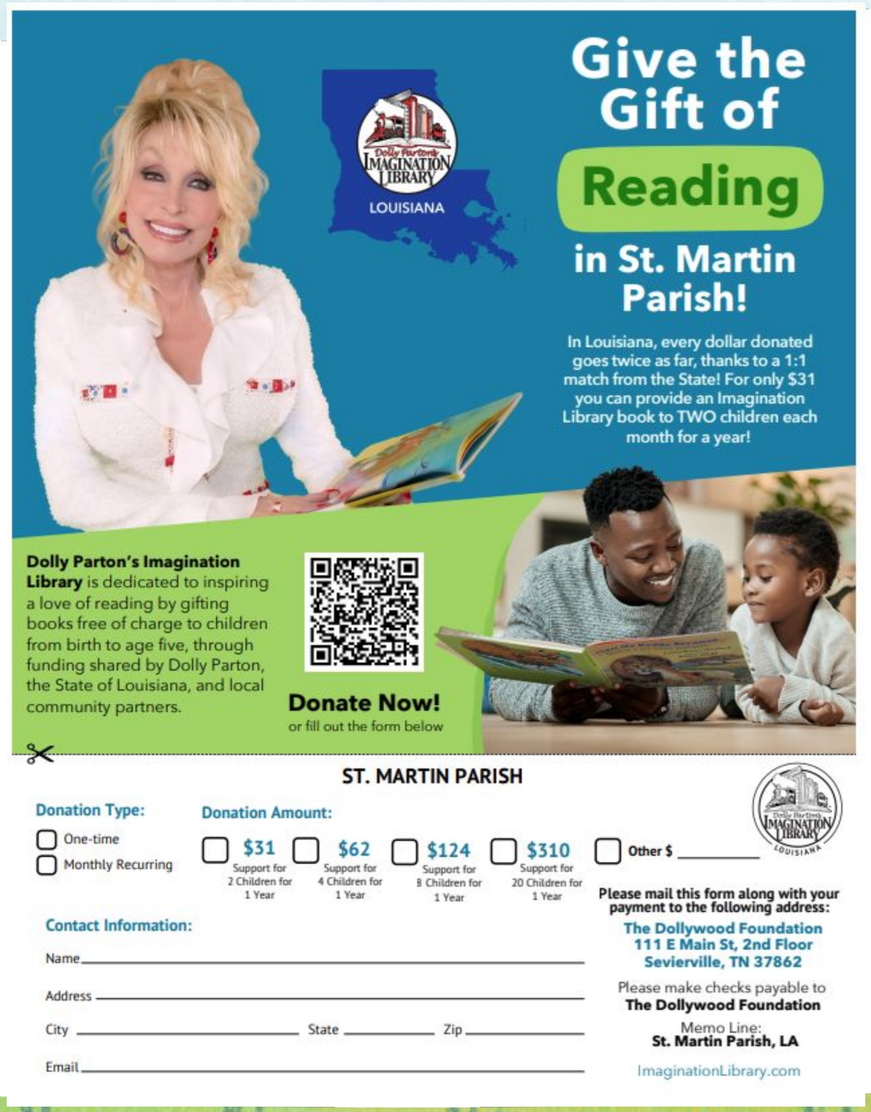
Currently enrolled (August 2026)

477

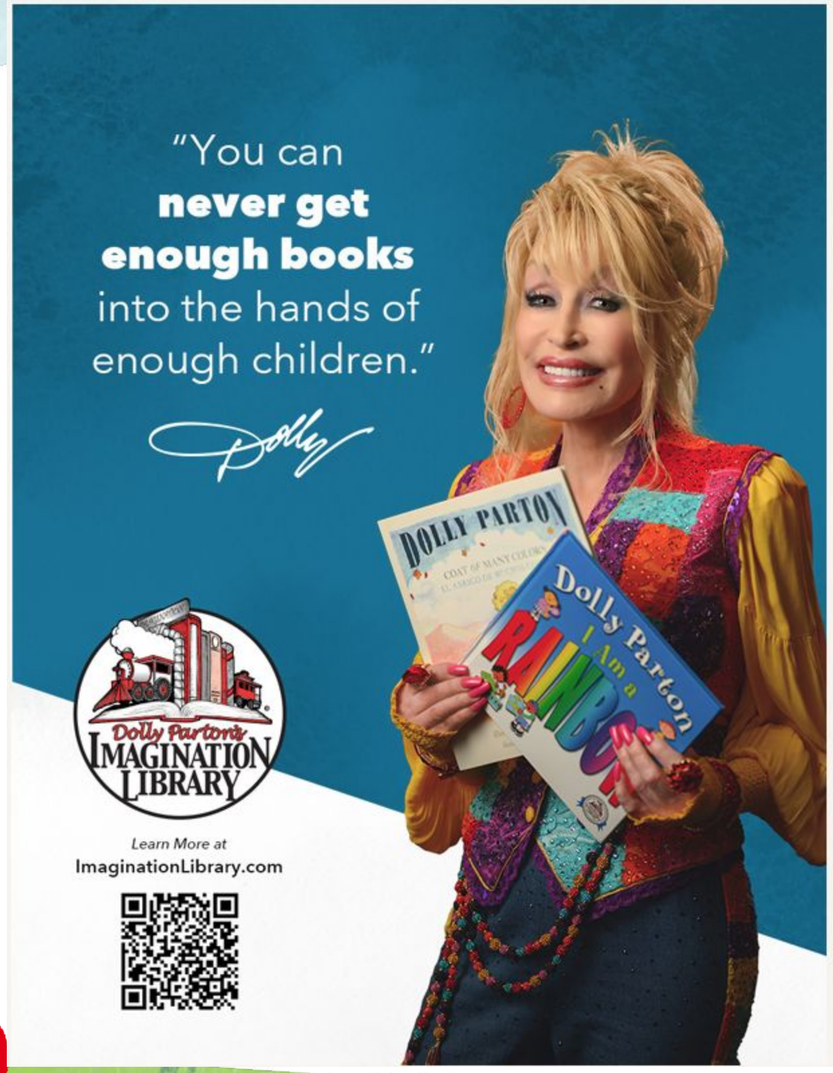
Current donation total

- $9,810.00
  - St Martin Parish Library - $5,000
  - La Belle Ville Civic Center - $1,000
  - State Representative Chad Boyer - $500
  - United Way of Acadiana - $2,000
  - St Martin Parish Farm Bureau Agency - $500
  - St Martinville Rotary Club - $500
  - B1 Bank- $310

Dolly Parton Imagination Library



Dolly Parton Imagination Library



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
St. Martin Parish

Educational Excellence St. Martin Parish School Board and Equal Access for All Students

St. Martin Parish Early Childhood Network
Connecting the pieces one child at a time

Scan HERE to begin the enrollment process
(Ages 0-4)



Family Summit Event

- State has issued St Martin Parish $19,550 to hold a Family Summit Event
  - Purpose is to build knowledge in families in parenting, education, etc.
  - ways that money can be used
    - to pay stipends for those who work
    - rent venues
    - purchase materials to hand to parents
    - purchase admittance to Zoo of Acadiana, Children's Museum
    - purchase food
- Monies must be spent by December 2026
- Virtual meeting was held on June 11 with program partners, EC staff, supporting partners

Family Summit Event

- Ideas for event
  - Winter carnival (pjs, hot cocoa, snow machine, dress up Santa)
  - Ty (Child Whisperer) as guest speaker
  - Piggy back off of Breaux Bridge Cajun Christmas parade
    - Sunday, November 29th @ 2:00
    - families could visit booths/activities before parade
  - rent a venue and have short trainings for parents (developmental milestones information), have booths/tables set up for parents to visit, have bingo card to stamp and be eligible for prizes
  - event where kids are in one area being entertained while adults are in short trainings then meet up together for a lunch
  - Expand Bookin on the Bayou
    - have it indoors, hand out books, booths where adults lead activities
  - Family day in park
    - Touch a truck, bounce houses, booths
  - scavenger hunt throughout the city

Family Summit Event

- Tentative event
  - Piggy back off of Breaux Bridge Cajun Christmas parade
    - Sunday, November 29th @ 2:00
    - central location in parish (Breaux Bridge)
    - attracts alot of people
    - held in the morning
      - location that has indoor area and grassy area
      - booths and activities for families indoors
      - touch a truck (dump trucks, ambulance, fire trucks, concrete truck, etc.) in grassy area
      - lunch will be served
    - Door prizes

Family Summit Event

- To ensure a successful event
  - commitment from program partners, supporting partners, district EC team
  - committees
    - contact vendors
    - food
    - set up and take down
    - gift bag
    - touch a truck
    - donations for door prizes
    - volunteer

Referral Documentation Form

- Email with the link will be emailed on the first Wednesday of each month
- Deadline to submit answers is due by the second Wednesday of each month
- Use numbers from previous month (ex. when filling form out in September, use August's numbers/enrollment
- Open Seats form will be emailed shortly after the second Wednesday of each month

Referral Documentation Form

St. Martin Parish Early Childhood Network

Numbers are based on data submitted by program partners on the Referral System Documentation Log.

Month of : December

	Number of Open Seats				
	Infants	One-year-olds	Two-year-olds	Three-year-olds	Four-year-olds
Boyer's Preschool and Childcare	0	0	0	0	0
Little Blessings of Breaux Bridge	1	0	0	2	1
Owens Developmental Center	5	0	10	13	13
St. Martin Sunshine Playschool	3	0	0	4	1
Breaux Bridge Primary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Cecilia Primary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Early Learning Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22
Parks Primary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Stephensville Elementary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Cecilia Head Start Academy	0	0	0	10	N/A
Breaux Bridge Head Start Academy	0	0	0	0	N/A
St. Martinville Early Head Start Academy	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
St. Martinville Head Start Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	N/A
Marie Tolliver	0	0	0	0	0
Steps in 2 Tomorrow	2	1	1	1	0

Provide site contact information to parents who are interested in applying.



October 1 Child Count

- Child Count is a count of all publicly funded children
  - School System
  - Early Head Start/Head Start
  - Family Child Care Providers
  - Type III Child Care Centers
- October 1 child count templates will be emailed to all Program Partners on September 28th
- Due Friday, October 9th



CLASS

- CLASS observations for the 26/27 school year will be conducted
- 2026-2027 Local Observation Protocol Guidance from the LDOE has been released and will be emailed to all observers/directors
- 2026-2027 Local Observation Protocol for St Martin will be available soon and will be emailed to all directors/observers
- St Martin Parish Network Local Observer Protocol and Guidance is available and will be emailed to all directors/observers
- Third Party observations will begin in September
  - will be scheduled and conducted by the University of Louisiana (ULL)
  - at least 2 weeks before the scheduled observations, ULL will send out an email providing the site with a timeframe in which the observations will occur

CLASS

- St Martin Parish Fall 2026 Observations
  - CLASS Schedule template were emailed to all directors on Friday, August 14th
    - updated template will be discussed on next slide
    - CLASS schedule templates due Friday, August 28th
  - Observations are to take place between Tuesday,September 8th and Friday, December 4th
    - For the 26/27 year, all Infant and Toddler classes will be observed using the 2nd Edition Infant/Toddler tool; only those that completed the Infant/Toddler training will be able to conduct observations in those rooms
  - CLASS schedule templates will be emailed to observers on Friday, September 4th
    - Observation schedule, from observers, due by Friday, September 11th
- Shadow Observations
  - 10% of classes must be shadow observed (at least one shadow observation in each age group) for each observation period (Fall and Spring)
- Calibration Exercises
  - Each observer must complete one calibration exercise in the Fall and one in the Spring
    - Fall calibration exercise will be sent out in November

CLASS

Boyer's Preschool

Fall 2026-2027

Please submit to Brooke by Friday, August 28th

Please refer to the configurations in red below to determine if the class is an Infant, Toddler or PreK room

If the teacher has a teacher degree, please put what type of degree or if they do not have one, put N/A

Has Teacher certificate section, put yes or no

If they have a teacher certificate number, please put it in the appropriate box

Please put the name of the curriculum your center uses in the appropriate column

Put Gold, Silver or Bronze for the Adult/Child Ratio for each age group in the appropriate column (see attached guidance)

Infant: majority birth to 15mths | **Toddler: majority 15mths up to 36mths** | **PreK: majority 3yrs old to 5yrs old**

*** Use the age of the children on September 30, 2026 to determine the classroom configuration for the school year***

Lead Teacher	Inf, Todd or PK	Observation Date	Observer	Shadow Observer	Teacher Degree (Bachelors, Masters, etc.)	Has Teacher Certificate (Yes or No)	Teacher Certificate Number	Curriculum	Adult/Child ratio (Gold, Silver, Bronze)
		TBD	TBD	TBD					
		TBD	TBD	TBD					
		TBD	TBD	TBD					

- send any changes to Brooke ASAP
  - lead teacher name
  - class configuration
  - class closures

CLASS

- Observation System
  - The previously used system, EC CLASS Portal was retired in July
  - beginning in August 2026, all Community Network Lead Agencies (CNLAs), Program Partners, and observers will begin using the new Early Childhood Observation System (ECOS). Historical observation data will be migrated to ECOS
    - Network Coordinators are responsible for
      - setting up sites and classrooms
      - assigning observations to local observers
      - entering observation data
      - viewing observation results

EdLink

Early Childhood Observation System

The prior EC CLASS® Portal has been retired, and users have limited access to the system. Beginning this month all Community Network Lead Agencies (CNLAs), Program Partners, and observers will begin using the new Early Childhood Observation System (ECOS).

ECOS is integrated within the Louisiana Educator Portal (LEP). All users are required to have a MyLA ID and an active EdLink Security User Profile to access ECOS.

Teachers must have an active Louisiana Educator Portal (LEP) Profile before they can be added to classrooms in ECOS. Providers must request the appropriate user role through EdLink security.

EdLink

The Early Childhood Observation System (ECOS) officially launched on August 11, 2026

ECOS User Guide

The Early Childhood Observation System User Guide should be used as the primary resource for navigating ECOS and completing system processes. The guide will continue to be updated as additional guidance and functionality are added.

Accessing ECOS

All users, including Early Childhood educators, must have an active MyLa ID and EdLink Security profile. Network administrators and site administrators/directors must request the appropriate permissions to access ECOS. Teachers and observers will only need a MyLa ID and an EdLink Security profile. Network Administrators should confirm that appropriate users within their network are able to access the system and address any access issues as soon as possible.

EdLink

NEW: EdLink New User Account Setup and Access Webinar

These webinar sessions are to assist providers with setting up EdLink user accounts, securing access to sites, and addressing other EdLink OPS requests. Interested participants can access the webinar using the information below:

- Webinar Date/Time: Mondays August 2026 at 10 a.m.
- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93164206416
- Meeting ID: 931 6420 6416

EdLink

Early Childhood Observation System

All directors should follow these steps in EdLink Security to access ECOS:

1. Click the *Permission Request* tab on the registration screen
2. Permission Request Type: “General User Access”
3. Organization Selection: “Early Childhood”
4. Application Selection: “Louisiana Education Portal”
5. Location Filter: “Local (Site)”
6. Location Selection: “Site Name”
7. Role Selection: “ECOS”
8. Permission Selection: “Admin”
9. Click *Submit*

**For additional support, refer to page 19 of the EdLink New Account Set-up and Existing User Access Guide for Providers (2025).*

CLASS

- CLASS observations will take place at the following locations
  - School System
    - Cecilia Primary School
    - Breaux Bridge Primary
    - Parks Primary
    - St Martin Early STEAM Academy
    - Stephensville Elementary
  - Head Start Centers
    - CDI Cecilia Head Start
    - CDI St. Martinville Early Head Start
    - CDI St. Martinville Head Start
  - Type III Child Care Centers
    - Little Blessings of Breaux Bridge
    - Boyer’s Preschool and Childcare
    - St Martin Sunshine Playschool
    - Owens Developmental Learning Center
  - Family Child Care Providers
    - Marie Tolliver (Cecilia/Arnaudville area)
    - Shereka Plummer (Breaux Bridge area)

CLASS

2025/2026 Fall and Spring CLASS score averages for parish

- St Martin Parish 24/25 Fall CLASS score average - 5.78
- St Martin Parish 24/25 Spring CLASS score average - 5.94
  - Data based on local observations only

2024/2025 Fall and Spring CLASS score averages for parish

- St Martin Parish 24/25 Fall CLASS score average - 5.31
- St Martin Parish 24/25 Spring CLASS score average - 5.85



2026/2027 Leadership Meeting Dates

3rd Thursday of every other month
12:30-1:30

October 15
December 17
February 18
April 15

Highly encourage face-to-face meetings but virtual will be offered as well

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- TBD - CLASS observation guidance and protocols will be emailed
- August 14th - CLASS schedule templates were emailed to director
- August 28th - Deadline for directors to submit CLASS templates
- September 2nd - Referral Documentation System Form will be emailed
- September 4th - CLASS schedule templates emailed to Observers
- September 9th - Open Seats form due
- September 11th - Deadline for CLASS observers to submit Fall observation schedule
- September 28th - October 1 child count template will be emailed
- October 7th - Referral Documentation System Form will be emailed
- October 9th - October 1 child count due
- October 14th - Open Seats form due
- October 15th - Next Leadership Meeting

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