Announcements

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Below are the latest news and announcements from Online Services, as seen in the D2L Announcements widget. This page will be regularly updated, with the newest information at the top.

Campuses Closed Sep. 5-7 for Labor Day
Posted in D2L on Sept 3, 2026 12:01 AM

Campuses Closed Sep. 5-7 | Taking Time to Appreciate the Work We Do Together. (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm)

VTAC / VLAC Scheduled Maintenance
Posted in D2L on Aug 31, 2026 12:01 AM

The 3rd-Party vendor for the VTAC and VLAC knowledge bases, KnowledgeOwl, will be conducting necessary server maintenance on **Sunday, September 4, from 9:00 PM-10:00 PM CDT.**

During this time, the VTAC and VLAC sites will be **unavailable**. If you need access to an article during the scheduled maintenance, you can download a print version by clicking the **Adobe PDF icon** next to the article's title. Please refer to the vendor's status page (https://knowledgeowl.statuspage.io/) for further information.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Got an idea? We're listening!
Posted in D2L on Aug 28, 2026 12:01 AM

If you attend classes on campus, your ideas can help make our classrooms better for everyone.

Through i2: Input to Impact, Lone Star College students and employees can share ideas for small improvements to our physical learning spaces — from classroom technology and equipment to furniture, accessories, and other things that could improve your experience.

The next time you're on campus and sitting in your classroom, take a look around. What would make the space work better for you and your classmates?

Have an idea? Submit an i2 request and help turn your input into real impact.

 Share Your Idea: LoneStar.edu/i2-Requests (https://lonestar.edu/i2-Requests)

Faculty, we encourage you to share i2 with your students and invite them to submit their ideas, too. We want all the input!

Your Input. Real Impact. Better Learning Spaces.

Ask a Librarian! Live Chat and Knowledge Base now Available!
Posted in D2L on Aug 27, 2026 2:55 PM

Ask a Librarian! Get Help via Live Chat, or search our comprehensive Knowledge Base! (https://libanswers.lonestar.edu/)

August D2L Update
Posted in D2L on Aug 26, 2026 11:00 AM

*The following D2L update will go live on **Friday, August 28**.*

Quizzes

- Students can select the **bookmark icon** beside a quiz question to flag it for review. Flagged questions appear in the left navigation, allowing students to quickly return to them later.
- Students can select the **strikethrough icon** beside answer options to eliminate choices they believe are incorrect.
- Instructors can disable these tools by selecting **Hide question annotation tools** in the Timing & Display section of the quiz edit page.

Work To Do Widget

- When students complete all activities in a module, the module is automatically marked as complete and removed from the Work To Do widget.
- Students now see only activities that still require completion, reducing clutter in the widget.

Next Start Classes
Posted in D2L on Aug 26, 2026 12:01 AM

Your Next Starts Here - Enroll Today, Fall 2026 Next Start Classes! (https://www.lonestar.edu/class-start-options.htm)

Welcome Students!
Posted in D2L on Aug 19, 2026 12:01 AM

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Support:

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Getting Started:

- Review your course syllabus. You can access it from the Syllabus link on the navbar.
- Contact your instructor with course-related questions.
- Refer to the Good Start Checklist (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/good-start-checklist).

Thank you for choosing Lone Star College. We wish you the greatest success in your educational journey.

Shop Today at Your Campus Store
Posted in D2L on Aug 17, 2026 12:01 AM

The campus store (https://lonestar.studentstore.com/) accepts financial aid!

Your one-stop shop for laptops, backpacks, tech accessories, supplies, and spirit wear!

Upcoming Name Changes to Virtual Learning Resources in myLoneStar
Posted in D2L on Aug 5, 2026 10:55 AM

Hello Students and Faculty,

Beginning the evening of **Tuesday, August 11**, you'll notice updated names for some of your virtual learning resources:

- **LSC Online** in myLoneStar → **Virtual Learning**
- **LSC Online Homepage** → **Virtual Learning Homepage**
- **Online Tutoring** → **Virtual Tutoring**

Same great experience, new names.

Your D2L Brightspace courses, links, and virtual learning resources are not changing. These updates simply provide clearer, more consistent naming across our virtual learning resources.

STAR Bundle Book Pickup begins August 17th
Posted in D2L on Aug 3, 2026 1:19 PM

Physical book pick-up begins on August 17th, for Fall 2026 term.

Check your email for your pickup details.

Full STAR Bundle information at: LoneStar.edu/StarBundle (https://LoneStar.edu/StarBundle)

Fall 2026 Payment Due Date
Posted in D2L on July 23, 2026 12:01 AM

Secure Your Pre-Registered Classes. Pay by the Deadline: August 1. Payment Plans Available. (https://www.lonestar.edu/payment.htm)

Star Bundle
Posted in D2L on July 21, 2026 12:01 AM

Star Bundle: All Your Course Materials. One Simple Bundle. (https://www.lonestar.edu/starbundle)

[RESOLVED] Bookstore Service Degradation
Posted in D2L on July 20, 2026 3:30 PM (Edited)

UPDATE: This issue is resolved.

Original Message:

The Bookstore vendor is currently experiencing a degradation in service. The bookstore, and any books or third-party integrations which are accessed or integrated through the bookstore, including Pearson, TopHat, Norton, and Macmillan, may not be available at this time.

The Bookstore vendor is currently investigating the issue. You can click here (https://status.vitalsource.com/incidents/55b2qx7pwqp6) for updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. We will provide additional updates as they are made available.

Fall 2026 Registration is Open
Posted in D2L on July 7, 2026 12:01 AM

Do the thing! Register now for Fall 2026! (https://www.lonestar.edu/registration.htm)

Campus Close - 4th of July Holiday
Posted in D2L on June 29, 2026 12:01 AM

LSC campuses are closed July 2-5 (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm). Wishing You a Safe and Joyful Holiday!

Campus Closed - June 18
Posted in D2L on June 15, 2026 12:01 AM

LSC campuses are closed on June 18 (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm), in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

STAR Bundle Pickup Starts Now!
Posted in D2L on June 1, 2026 12:01 AM

Physical book pick-up begins on **June 1st**, for main summer sessions. Check your email for your pickup details.

Full STAR Bundle information at LoneStar.edu/StarBundle (http://www.LoneStar.edu/StarBundle).

Memorial Day Campus Closure
Posted in D2L on May 20, 2026 12:01 AM

Campuses will be closed on May 23-25 for the Memorial Day Holiday. (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm) A time to remember and reflect.

Student Career Portal
Posted in D2L on May 12, 2026 12:01 AM (repeated)

Visit our Student Career Portal (https://www.lonestar.edu/student-career-portal), powered by Handshake. Where talent meets opportunity.

Secure Your Summer Classes - Pay by May 15
Posted in D2L on May 9, 2026 12:01 AM

Summer Sessions payment is due May 15. Payment plans are available. (https://www.lonestar.edu/payment.htm)

Secure Your Mini-mester Classes - Pay by May 8

Posted in D2L on May 7, 2026 12:01 AM

Mini-mester payment is due May 8. Payment plans are available. (https://www.lonestar.edu/payment.htm)

[RESOLVED] VTAC/VLAC Sites Are Down
Posted in D2L on Apr 27, 2026 9:40 AM (Edited)

UPDATE: "The fix is holding and this incident is now resolved. All systems should be back online."

Original Message:

> The VTAC/VLAC support sites were having connection issues. The vendor has decided to put all knowledge bases into maintenance mode while they work on a resolution.
>
> We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. We will provide additional updates as they are made available. You can track the status of this issue here (https://knowledgeowl.statuspage.io/incidents/wntc2335l2j4).

Register for Fall 2026
Posted in D2L on Apr 13, 2026 12:01 AM (repeated)

Do the thing! Plan your Fall and register now for Fall 2026! (https://www.lonestar.edu/registration.htm)

Request for Library Feedback
Posted in D2L on Apr 6, 2026 3:29 PM (repeated)

LSC Libraries want to hear from you!

Please share your thoughts on the LSC Libraries Spring 2026 Survey (https://forms.office.com/r/KqHXY76mEk). Available April 6-19.

Mini-mester to Summer Success
Posted in D2L on Mar 30, 2026 12:01 AM (repeated)

Short term - Big Progress!

Don’t Pause Your Progress - Mini-mester to Summer Success (https://www.lonestar.edu/mini-mester-and-summer-registration)

Session Start Times:

- May Mini - May 18

- Summer I - June 8
- Summer II - July 16

Spring Break
Posted in D2L on Mar 20, 2026 1:07 PM

Enjoy the Break — Offices Closed March 16-22 (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm)

Next Start Classes
Posted in D2L on Feb 27, 2026 12:01 AM

Next Start Classes: Achieve your goals with our flexible 8-14 week courses.

Flexible Classes That Fit Your Life. (https://www.lonestar.edu/class-start-options.htm)

Register for a Full Year Schedule
Posted in D2L on Feb 26, 2026 12:01 AM (repeated)

Plan and Enroll for the Entire Year — April 13 (https://www.lonestar.edu/fullyearschedule.htm)

Open House
Posted in D2L on Feb 16, 2026 12:01 AM (repeated)

Designed for Your Goals | April 7 | 4-7 PM (https://www.lonestar.edu/openhouse)

Financial Aid Frenzy
Posted in D2L on Jan 26, 2026 12:01 AM (repeated)

Free Help. Real Answers. FAFSA Done. (https://www.lonestar.edu/fa-event)

Feb. 21, 9 am - 2 pm

Campus Closure: January 26
Posted in D2L on Jan 23, 2026 5:07 PM

Because of possible freezing weather, all Lone Star College System properties will be closed, and classes will be **canceled on Monday, January 26, 2026**.

LSCS expects to reopen for normal hours and **resume classes on Tuesday, January 27, 2026**.

For questions regarding your class, contact your instructor or visit https://www.lonestar.edu/weather. (https://www.lonestar.edu/weather) For additional helpful resources, click here (https://www.lonestar.edu/care.htm).

Stay Safe and Warm!

Star Bundle
Posted in D2L on Jan 22, 2026 12:01 AM

Star Bundle: All Your Course Materials. One Simple Bundle. (https://www.lonestar.edu/starbundle)

Next Start Classes
Posted in D2L on Jan 21, 2026 1:15 PM

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All Your Course Materials. One Simple Bundle.
Posted in D2L on Jan 15, 2026 12:01 AM

All Your Course Materials. One Simple Bundle: Star Bundle (https://www.lonestar.edu/starbundle)

Cengage Student Office Hours
Posted in D2L on Jan 14, 2026 12:01 AM

During the Spring 2026 semester, if you need help getting started with Cengage, there will be **Virtual Office Hours (https://www.cengage.com/coursepages/Live_Student_Office_Hours)** held on Jan. 12 - Feb. 4, at various times. The vendor (Cengage) will answer any questions about accessing or using your Cengage materials.

Also, check out the Cengage Lone Star College Student Support page! (https://www.cengage.com/coursepages/LSC_Students_Start_Strong)

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Spring 2026 Payment Due
Posted in D2L on Jan 10, 2026 12:01 AM

Secure Your Spring Classes - Pay by January 10 (https://www.lonestar.edu/payment.htm)

Happy Holidays!
Posted in D2L on Dec 22, 2025 12:01 AM

Campuses will be closed for Winter Holidays: Dec. 22 - Jan 2. (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm)

Secure Your Spring Classes - Pay by Jan. 10
Posted in D2L on Dec 19, 2025 12:01 AM

Friendly Reminder: Spring 2026 Payment is Due on Jan. 10. (https://www.lonestar.edu/payment.htm)

RESOLVED: Course Materials link not working
Posted in D2L on Dec 8, 2025 5:39 PM (Edited)

Update: The 'Course Materials' link now is working for all students. The outage window was 4:00 pm - 7:20 pm CST.

Original message:

> Course Materials link in your D2L course is currently not working.
>
> We apologize for any inconvenience. We will continue to provide updates as we work with the vendors for an immediate fix. Should you experience any further issues, please do not hesitate to contact the support team.

Free Food for Finals!
Posted in D2L on Nov 24, 2025 12:00 PM

Finals got you fried? We've got the fix!
Tuesday, December 10, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (https://www.lonestar.edu/dining)

Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closure
Posted in D2L on Nov 24, 2025 12:01 AM

Wishing You a Restful Thanksgiving Break! Nov. 26 - 30 (https://www.lonestar.edu/academic-calendar.htm)

Mini-mester Payment Due on Dec. 5
Posted in D2L on Nov 21, 2025 12:01 AM

Winter class? Make it official. Payment is due on Dec. 5. (https://www.lonestar.edu/payment.htm)

Spring 2026 STAR Bundle
Posted in D2L on Nov 20, 2025 4:00 PM

Spring semester is approaching! Update your shipping address for STAR BUNDLE before Dec 5th! (http://lonestar.textbookx.com/)

Winter Mini-mester Fall 2025 - Register Now!
Posted in D2L on Nov 20, 2025 12:01 AM

Winter Mini-mester 2025 - Register Now! (https://www.lonestar.edu/winter-mini)

Survey about D2L Brightspace
Posted in D2L on Nov 19, 2025 12:01 AM

The Online Services team at Lone Star College would like to hear **your feedback regarding D2L Brightspace** (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YRCP6K8). Please let us know what is working well and what areas could be improved.

We will soon be conducting a formal comparison between several learning management systems and your opinion will help guide our process.

Thank you for your feedback!

Foxconn Career Fair
Posted in D2L on Nov 13, 2025 1:41 PM

Come to the Foxconn Career Fair (https://www.lonestar.edu/foxconn-career-fair): Thurs, Nov. 20, 1-4pm

Connecting Students, Alumni, and Opportunity. (https://www.lonestar.edu/foxconn-career-fair)

Spring 2026 Star Bundle
Posted in D2L on Nov 10, 2025 12:01 AM

Update your shipping address for STAR BUNDLE before Dec 5th! (http://lonestar.textbookx.com/)

Winter Mini-mester Fall 2025 - Register Now!
Posted in D2L on Nov 5, 2025 12:01 AM

Winter Mini-mester 2025 - Register Now! (https://www.lonestar.edu/winter-mini) Classes start on Dec. 15.

Retirement of Legacy ProctorU Extensions
Posted in D2L on Nov 4, 2025 7:30 AM

Meazure Learning is **retiring the legacy ProctorU Chrome and Firefox extensions** on November 6. Students using those legacy extensions for online proctoring will see an error message when attempting to connect and will not be able to proceed. Instead, students need to use the Guardian Browser (https://guardian.meazurelearning.com/) or Guardian Extension (https://chromewebstore.google.com/detail/guardian/fiffaolbojaggkamgjpmambpadolfkmd).

Most students have already moved to the new Guardian platform. Either way, don't forget to

delete any legacy ProctorU browser extensions from Chrome and/or Firefox.

Winter Mini-mester Fall 2025 - Register Now!
Posted in D2L on Nov 1, 2025 12:01 AM

Short semester, big impact! Mini-mester classes start Dec 15 (https://www.lonestar.edu/winter-mini).

National Student Transfer Week
Posted in D2L on Oct 22, 2025 12:01 AM

Plan Your Future on October 20 - 24. (https://www.lonestar.edu/transfer-services)

Spring 2026 - Register Now!
Posted in D2L on Oct 21, 2025 12:01 AM

Be the one to achieve your dreams! Register now for Spring 2026. (https://www.lonestar.edu/registration.htm)

DAAPP Student Survey
Posted in D2L on Oct 20, 2025 3:22 PM

Please Take the Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) Student Survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSC-DAAPPSurvey) - Help LSCS to Help You!

RESOLVED: Intermittent D2L Issues
Posted in D2L on Oct 20, 2025 12:18 PM (Edited)

UPDATE: Amazon Web Services (AWS) has returned to normal operations. D2L and other reliant technologies have been fully restored.

Original Message:

> Dear Faculty and Students,
>
> A global outage of Amazon Web Services (AWS) is impacting numerous online services, **including D2L** and some of its integrated technologies. Our team will continue to monitor the platform closely to ensure stability and performance. You may notice slowness and/or some services not functioning as expected.
>
> This outage is also impacting Respondus, Turnitin, Meazure Learning, Pearson, McGraw Hill, among others.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this may have caused. Should you experience any further issues, please do not hesitate to contact the support team.

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Posted in D2L on Oct 15, 2025 12:01 AM

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Use Financial Aid at the LSC Virtual Bookstore
Posted in D2L on Oct 8, 2025 11:23 AM

Purchase tech and school supplies at the LSC Virtual Bookstore with your Financial Aid. (https://www.lonestar.edu/book-advances.htm)

Free College Application Week Oct. 13-19
Posted in D2L on Oct 6, 2025 12:01 AM

Apply for Free, Oct. 13-19, at ApplyTexas.org. (https://www.applytexas.org/)

Register Now for Fall 2025 Next Start Classes!
Posted in D2L on Oct 3, 2025 10:09 AM

Register Now for Fall 2025 Next Start Classes! (https://www.lonestar.edu/class-start-options.htm)

Download the SafeZone App
Posted in D2L on Oct 3, 2025 8:00 AM

What is SafeZone?

SafeZone (https://safezoneapp.com/) is a FREE personal safety app for all Lone Star College students, faculty, and staff. It quickly connects you directly to LSC Police (https://www.lonestar.edu/campus-police.htm) and other resources.

Key Features:

- Safety Alerts and Notifications
- Emergency Help
- Report Threats and Crime
- Check-In Timer
- and more!

Download the SafeZone app today! (https://safezoneapp.com/)

For more information, view the VLAC page about it (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/safezone-app) or check out the full tutorial on the app's features (https://www.lonestar.edu/departments/policesafety/SafeZone%20-%20Community%20Job%20Aid.pdf).

Spring 2026 - Register Now!
Posted in D2L on Oct 1, 2025 12:01 AM

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RESOLVED: Microsoft 365 Widget Sign-In Unavailable
Posted in D2L on Sep 30, 2025 11:12 AM (Edited)

UPDATE: The issue described below appears to now be resolved, as of 10:45 AM, 10/1/2025.

Original Message:

> Dear Students and Faculty,
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> At this time we are aware of an issue with the Microsoft 365 Widget. At this time it is not possible to sign into the Widget.
>
> We have reached out to D2L and OTS and the issue is being investigated.
>
> If you need to sign into your Microsoft Outlook Email you can use this link: https://outlook.office.com/mail/ (https://outlook.office.com/mail/)
>
> You can also navigate from within a course via Collaboration → Microsoft 365 Email, or access your email via myLoneStar.
>
> Thank you for your patience.

International Fall Festival
Posted in D2L on Sep 24, 2025 1:54 PM

RSVP for the International Fall Festival (https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NWXzMa_R-UeZDzjcBND6R4hqh1SRzQFEjwQjmmu50A5UExMRE9DNDhYWlVHRVQ3MkM2TDc1SlJIVi4u&route=shor on Oct. 24 at 12:00 PM in the LSC-UP Grand Hall. Open to all LSC students!

RESOLVED: Turnitin Originality Checker Unavailable

Posted in D2L on Sep 17, 2025 10:21 AM

UPDATE: The Turnitin Originality Checker has been restored.

Original Message:

> *The **Turnitin Originality Checker** is temporarily unavailable. We are currently working with our partners to restore access.*
>
> *Please continue submitting assignments as usual. Your instructors are aware, and we'll update you once the tool is back online.*

Thank you for your patience.

Gilman-McCain Scholarship Info Session
Posted in D2L on Sep 16, 2025 11:30 AM

RSVP today (https://lonestar-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/0jUrhT7jTKCFRlRigrYnEQ) for an Info Session on the Gilman-McCain Scholarship on 9/18 at 4:00 PM.

RESOLVED: Turnitin - Outage
Posted in D2L on Sep 2, 2025 12:09 PM (Edited)

RESOLVED: This issue is resolved. Turnitin access has been restored.

Original Message:

> At this time, **Turnitin** is not available due to an outage. We are working with Turnitin to resolve this issue.
>
> We sincerely apologize for the impact this disruption may be causing. We will provide an update as soon as new information becomes available.

Star Bundle Questions? Adoption Questions?
Posted in D2L on Aug 28, 2025 3:28 PM

Dear Faculty and Students,

If you have questions about star bundle, materials or adoptions for your course please reach out to lsc-bookstore@lonestar.edu ().

Labor Day Campus Closure
Posted in D2L on Aug 27, 2025 6:00 AM

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