# Educational Technology Monthly Call

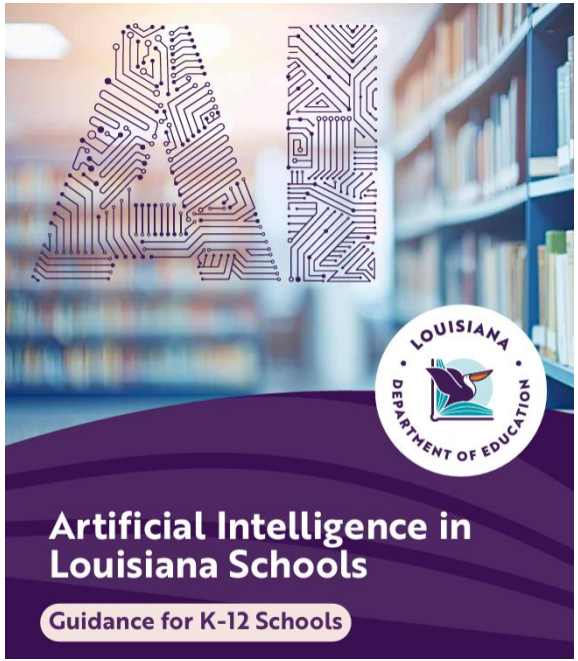
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# Agenda

- Digital learning updates
  - Updated Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Louisiana Schools Guidance
  - AI Evaluation Tool
  - Computer Science (CS) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Training Programs
  - Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators Annual (LACUE) Conference
- Additional supports and reminders

# Digital Learning

# Updated Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidance




The AI guidance includes new and updated supports for schools and systems:

- leader, teacher, and student AI competencies
- AI Evaluation Tool
- teacher resources developed by the AI Teacher Collaborative
- suggested professional development opportunities

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

# AI Evaluation Rubric

The AI guidance includes an **AI Technology Evaluation Rubric** designed to help school systems review AI tools before adoption and implementation.

**Five Key Areas of Review**

- Safety, Security, and Product Access
- Instructional Alignment and Evidence of Impact (Coherence)
- Functionality
- Training and Support
- Administrative Controls

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

# CS and STEM Micro-Credential Training Programs

For the 2026–2027 school year, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is partnering with Louisiana Tech University to offer two Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved micro-credential programs designed for

- K–5 teachers interested in earning the Computer Science and STEM Grades K–5 Add-on, and
- 6–12 teachers seeking computer science certification by adding the Secondary 6-12 Specialty Content Area Add-on in Computer Science to an existing certification.

For full program details, please visit the program overview document or email STEM@la.gov.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

# LACUE Annual Conference




**Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators Annual (LACUE) Conference**

Registration is open.

**Register Online Now**

Please contact the LACUE Office at lacue@lacue.org with questions.

# LDOE Sessions at LACUE

- Using Excel to Facilitate EdLink 360 Data Submissions
- Tech Together: A Family Digital Literacy Night
- Digital Detectives: Helping Students Evaluate Information Online
- Fact or Fairy Tale? Building Information Literacy in K–2
- Framework to Launch: Implementing Computer Science in Grade 6-12

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

# Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) Data Collection

The 2026 TRT Collection has closed, with more than 80 school systems submitting data — a record level of participation! The data will help LDOE:

- Assess technology readiness across Louisiana school systems.
- Identify statewide trends, strengths, and areas of need.
- Inform educational technology planning, resource allocation, and targeted support.

Thank you to all participating school systems for supporting data-informed technology planning!

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

# Additional Support

# Technology and Security Contacts

Review the 2026-2027 Technology and Security Contact List to ensure that the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOSHEP) has the current technology contact information for all school systems.

School systems that have not provided contact information or need to update information should use the School System Technology Contact Form.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.

# Stay Informed: Sign Up for CISA Alerts

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides free email updates with essential cybersecurity information for EdTech leaders.
  - Cybersecurity Alerts and Advisories
    - Receive immediate information on new, high-impact threats, vulnerabilities, and exploits that could affect school systems
  - CISA Community Bulletin
    - Receive broader updates on new resources, free services, toolkits, and publications, including those specific to K-12 schools
- Please visit the CISA website to subscribe to these updates.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.

# Louisiana Fusion Center Information

- Under Louisiana Act 117 (2020), all public bodies (including school systems) and their providers are legally required to report cyber incidents:
  - **Who:** Louisiana State Fusion Center (La-SAFE)
  - **When:** Within 24 hours of discovery of the incident
  - **Ransomware reporting:** If a ransom is paid, report it within 10 days.
- Contact Methods
  - **Phone:** (800) 434-8007 (24/7 Hotline)
  - **Local:** (225) 925-4192
  - **Email:** lafusion.center@dps.la.gov

Please contact lafusion.center@dps.la.gov with questions.

# LACUE Cybersecurity Group

The Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators (LACUE) Cybersecurity Group connects Louisiana education technology professionals through an email group focused on sharing cybersecurity information, resources, and support.

Interested education technology professionals may request to join.

Please contact garrett.couvillon@wbrschools.net with questions.

# E-Rate News Brief

- The E-Rate news brief provides information about funding commitments, application process tips, and other timely information.
- Download the October 2026 E-Rate News Brief.
- Subscribing to the news brief is the best way to stay informed about program updates.
- To learn more, visit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) web page and subscribe to the E-Rate News Brief.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

# Educational Technology
# Monthly Webinar and Meeting Dates

# 2026-2027 EdTech Monthly Webinars

Slides from each meeting will be posted on the Educational Technology Leaders website. Recordings are available on request.

A complete calendar of LDOE events can be found on the LDOE web page.

**2026-2027 Monthly EdTech Call Dates**

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13

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# 2026-2027 EdTech Monthly Webinars

| Next EdTech Monthly Call | |
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| Webinar Date and Time | January 14 at 9 a.m. |
| Webinar Link | https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93415364520?pwd=ogBd32vHNMrABUMgOZ7oyYXhgJTE7b.1 |
| Webinar Phone Number | 1-312-626-6799 |
| Meeting ID# | 934 1536 4520 |

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# Monthly Calls and Newsletters

| Monthly Call Title | Webinar Link |
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| Assessment and Accountability | November 17 at 3 p.m. |
| Assessment and Accountability | December 15 at 3 p.m. |
| Teaching and Learning | December 9 at 1 p.m. |

- Subscribe to the LDOE Weekly School System Newsletter, Principal's Newsletter, News Releases, Early Childhood Connection Newsletter, Teacher Leader Newsletter, and/or Counselor Connect Newsletter.

View the School System Support Calendar for full schedule.

# Thank you!

Please visit the LDOE Educational Technology webpages for additional supports:

Educational Technology Teachers

Educational Technology Leaders




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