

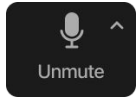


School System Financial Services
Monthly Call Meeting
for
Business Managers and Financial Officials

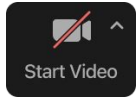
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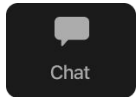
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Agenda

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- **State Grants Update**
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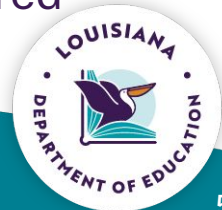
Required Submissions



Periodic Expenditure Reports (PERs)

- PERs are currently not being submitted by many school systems on or before deadline.
- Non-submission is a problem because PERs support education requirements for federal grants.
- Tools are being implemented to encourage school systems to comply with the due dates to include but not limited to reminder emails from eGMS.
 - PER Submission Deadlines are:
 - **3/31 due 4/15**
 - **6/30 due 7/15**
 - **9/30 due 11/15**
 - **12/31 due 1/15**
- Please arrange your work plans such that compliance with the required deadlines can be improved.

Please contact ldoe.federalclaims@la.gov



FY 26 Fiscal Year End Deadlines

The deadlines noted below have been established by the Department to ensure all grants funding for FY 2025-26 is utilized. Failure to meet these deadlines risks funding availability for school systems and schools. The Department cannot guarantee the payment of late reimbursement claims and/or late claims.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for helping us be good stewards of these funds.

- June 18 8g claims due in eGMS
- July 6 Carl Perkins claims for June expenses are due in eGMS
- July 15 All other state and federal awards (excluding 8g or Carl Perkins) ending June 30, 2026, claims are due in eGMS

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Charter Schools

3rd Quarter Budget Submission

- The Third Quarter Financial Budget Report for FY 2025-2026 is due by **April 30, 2026**.
- If your organization operates more than one charter school, you must submit the financial report for each individual school.
- For more details see the Instructions for Quarterly budgets tab in the Annual Budget Workbook.

Please contact charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov



State Grants



FY 2025-2026

Nonpublic Textbooks Allocation

- The Nonpublic Textbooks Application is now available in eGMS.
 - Applicants are encouraged to ensure that the Nonpublic Textbooks contact information is updated and saved in eGMS.
- Orders for textbooks, etc. must be received between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Deadline to request reimbursement for Nonpublic Textbooks allocation is July 15, 2026.

Please contact nonpublicfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions



Special Education Camera Maintenance Allocation

- Provides for one time payments to assist with maintenance costs associated with the purchases of cameras for special education classrooms.
- Allocation should be housed in a restricted fund/account and utilized for intended purposes only.
- Unspent funds should remain in restricted account as “fund balance.”

Allocations for FY 25-26 Special Education Camera Maintenance were issued to school systems in January 2026.



CPR and First Aid Certification Grant

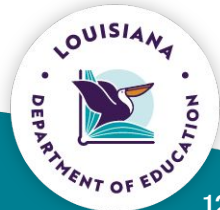
- Act 95 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session states that beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, any high school employee serving as a coach for the school shall obtain and maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs).
- Revenue should be coded to State Restricted Funds - 3290.
- Allocation should be housed in a restricted fund/account and utilized for intended purposes only.
- Unspent funds should remain in restricted account as “fund balance.”



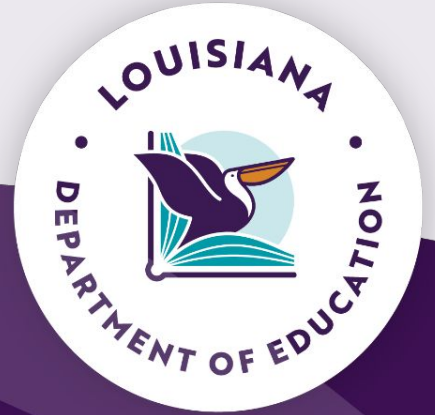
FY 2025-26 Agricultural Science Allocation

- Agricultural Science Allocation
 - Payable to the Non-Federal Support Program for city, parish, and other local public schools for the purchase of:
 - Instructional materials, both textbook and digital
 - Future Farmers of America training materials
 - Supplies, including consumable shop supplies
 - Equipment and parts
 - For students enrolled in a vocational agriculture, agribusiness, or agriscience course as of October 1, 2025.
- The allocation was released around April 7, 2026.

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Federal Grants



School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October	2026-2027 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook released
December 31	Final 2025-2026 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App
January	2026-2027 Super App (competitive portion) due
Feb.-March	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
Feb.-May	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 1	Allocations for 2026-2027 loaded in Super App
June 30	Deadline to submit 2026-2027 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2026-2027 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2026-2027 School System Plan



MFP Formula Update



Required School Lunch Match

- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires an annual match of state funds for the school lunch program.
- The Louisiana Department of Education is provided a total state match amount by the USDA each year that must be divided into individual school system match amounts.
- A memorandum explaining the requirements and a FY 2024-25 schedule containing the required match amount for each school system will be available in the MFP Library under the USDA REQUIRED SCHOOL LUNCH MATCH section on May 1, 2024.

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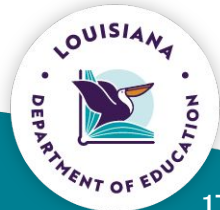


MFP Formula Update

Upcoming in May 2025 Budget Letter:

- High Cost Services Round 2 Complete
- International Teacher Stipend Years 2 and 3
- Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA) Reallocation

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MFP Formula Update

High Cost Services Allocation

- Round 1 has been released through eGMS
- Round 2 allocation will be calculated soon
- Final allocation reported in late Spring
- Reminders:
 - HCS funds are not intended to replace any existing federal, state, or local special education funds.
 - HCS funds are student specific and cannot be used to support other students.

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MFP Formula Update

Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA) - Reallocation

- Reallocation calculations include an annual review of year to date expenditures and a reduction in allocation amounts based on unused funds
 - Dollars are reallocated to those entities that have expenditures that exceed allocations
- Review and reallocation procedures are underway now for these funds
- Information on the reallocation amounts will be shared in early May

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MFP Formula Update

International Associate Teacher Stipends

- Allocations for 2nd and 3rd year stipends will be issued by May 31, 2024.
- The amounts by LEA will be included in the May 2026 Budget Letter.
- For more details, refer to the document in the [MFP Library](#).

Please contact LDOEmfphelpdesk@la.gov



MFP Formula Update

Reminder: Pay Raise Reconciliation

- Certificated and Support Pay Raise Allocation were updated in March Budget Letter
- Staffing counts were updated to the latest available data to generate final pay raise allocations
- Note Resident Teacher counts were included in the Pay Raise Reconciliation and payments

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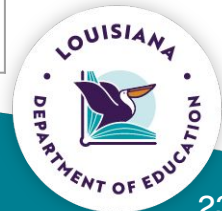


Maintenance of Effort (MOE)



MOE Required Submission Timeline:

Required Submission	eGMS Availability	Submission Deadline
2025 IDEA MOE Confirmation	April 20, 2026	May 4, 2026
2027 ESSA MOE Verification	May 11, 2026	June 5, 2026
2027 IDEA MOE Verification	May 11, 2026	June 5, 2026



Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

- Failure to complete the MOE applications by the required submission dates may jeopardize the availability of federal funds to School Systems.
- The [MOE Quick Reference Guide](#) is available to assist with those new to the MOE submission process. Step by step instructions to access each application for this year.
- A [Local Funds Calculator](#) is available to assist in completing the Local Only Funds section of the IDEA MOEs. *NOTE: It includes a tab for the Confirmation and the Verification*
- Description of [Allowable Exceptions and Examples](#) for IDEA

For questions regarding the MOE review process, contact fedaudit@la.gov

For technical inquiries or support with eGMS, contact jason.berard@la.gov

Bulletin 1929 Updates



2026-27 Property Threshold

- The Property Threshold will be increased to \$10,000 beginning July 1, 2026.
- Items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more per unit should be coded to Object Code 700 (Property).
- LEAS have the ability to establish a lower threshold.
 - If your LEA sets a lower property threshold, please indicate the threshold amount in your budget description.
 - If a lower threshold is not identified, reviewers will apply the \$10,000 threshold when reviewing your application.

Minimum Requirements for Lead School Business Administrators

- A baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate business courses that qualify as core purses in college major programs, including accounting, finance, business administration or business management.
- Within four years of the date of hire as an administrator/chief financial officer/business manager, all lead charter school administrators must acquire either a CLCSBA certification by LASBO or CLCSBA certification issued by LAPCS under a plan approved by LDOE.

Reporting Requirements



Audit Submission to LDOE



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The [Audit Submission Portal](#) is available for business managers and school finance officials to assist with timely submittals of annual single audits. A Quick Link to the portal is also available at www.doe.louisiana.gov.

Fostering Trust Through Transparency

At the Louisiana Department of Education, we are committed to increasing transparency and accountability for all citizens. Our Data and Reports page provides access to comprehensive statewide education data, legislative reports, and updates from state advisory councils. By making this information readily available, we uphold our responsibility to ensure that Louisiana's education system

DATA & REPORTS

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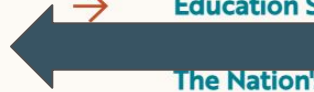
OTHER HELPFUL LINKS: DATA & REPORTS

[Measuring Results](#) →

[National Center for Education Statistics](#) →

[The Nation's Report Card](#) →

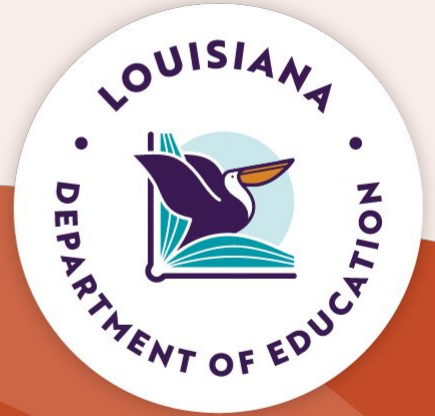
[Protecting Student](#) →



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Upcoming Changes to LAUGH



Upcoming Changes to LAUGH

- Updates to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) have been received with updates to revenue, object and function codes.
- The LDE has identified finance officials to serve a stakeholder group who will assist in updating the LAUGH and AFR to align with the NCES coding.
- The LDE will provide training and professional development for all finance officials prior to implementation of the new codes.



Important Reminders



Reminders



The next monthly call will be held on May 20, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Reminder with date and link will be posted in LDOE Weekly Newsletter

The slide decks for the monthly call can be found in the [Business Manager Support Library](#) on the website.

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