

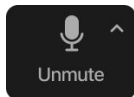


School System Financial Services
Monthly Call Meeting
for
Business Managers and Financial Officials

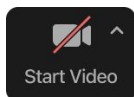
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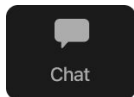
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Agenda

- Required Submissions
- State Grant Updates
- Federal Grants Update
- MFP Formula Update
- Reporting Requirements
- Bulletin 1929 Updates
- Important Reminders

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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.

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Charter Schools Annual Budgets

- The FY 2026-2027 Annual Charter School Operating Budgets were due on July 31, 2026.
- If the Annual Operating Budget submitted by August 1 is not adopted in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, submittal of the budget adopted in accordance with the Budget Act is required no later than September 30.
- A signed and dated Statement of Affirmation must be submitted with the annual budget workbook, which can be found in the Charter School Resources on the [Business Manager Support Library](#) webpage.

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School Systems General Fund Budgets

- September 15 -deadline for each city and parish school board to adopt a budget for the General Fund and each Special Revenue fund for the fiscal year.
- September 30 -deadline to submit the officially adopted budget and statute-required documents to LDOE.
- Required documents to be submitted to the LDOE include:
 - General Fund Budget Form A (Excel Document)
 - School System Adopted Budget
 - Signed and dated signature sheet.
- General Fund Budget documents can be found on the [Business Manager Support Library](#) webpage.

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Act 370 Reporting Requirements

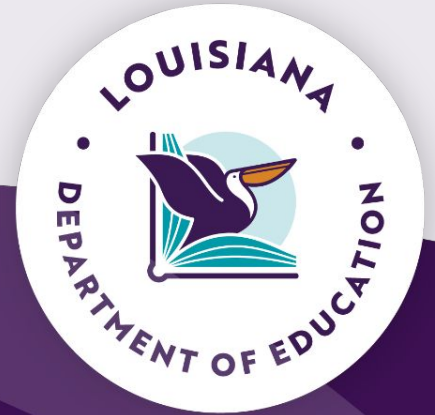
The Louisiana Department of Treasury has released the following important submission deadlines:

- August 14, 2026: The School Transparency Project Portal opened for data submissions covering the reporting period of January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.
- September 1, 2026: Deadline for school systems to upload all required data to the School Transparency Project Portal.
- September 30, 2026: Approved data for this reporting period will be published on the public School Transparency Project website.

Updated reporting forms, guidance documents, and additional resources are available on the Louisiana Department of the Treasury's School Transparency Project website at <https://www.treasury.la.gov/general-4>



State Grants



Education Excellence Fund (EEF)



2026 - 2027 EEF Funding

- EEF allocations will be available for the 2025-26 school year
- Projected Timeline
 - September 21: EEF application will be available in eGMS
 - October 9: deadline for submission of the EEF application
- Please be reminded that if you have not already done so, the 6/30 PER for your 2024-25 application needs to be submitted. Failure to do so could result in your LEA not being eligible for the 2025-26 application
- Investment funding: if you have investment funding that you want to budget, this should be done during the application process.

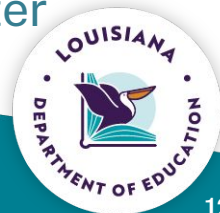
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2026 - 2027 EEF Funding

- Two webinars will be conducted to assist school systems in preparing for the upcoming release of the 2026-2027 Education Excellence Fund (EEF) application.
- Zoom meetings will be held on:
 - September 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m..
 - September 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
- Additional information will be included in the LDOE Weekly Newsletter that will include the Webinar link

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Federal Grants



2025-2026 High Cost Services

The High Cost Services Round 2 grant funding ends on September 30, 2026.

- Submit your reimbursement requests through eGMS to claim these funds.



2026-2027 Jump Start / CDF Funding

- The Jump Start / CDF Funding Guidance supports school systems in planning and leveraging funds to expand high-quality career and technical education pathways aligned to workforce needs.
- School systems are encouraged to review the updated Jump Start Funding Guidance to support budget planning and program alignment.
- The Jump Start / CDF Funding Guidance is available on the [Jump Start Policy, Funding, & Program Implementation](#) page of the LDOE's website.



FY24 ESEA Tydings Waiver

- LDOE is requesting the FY24 Tydings waiver, pursuant section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- **If approved:**
 - Extends availability by 12 months of FY24 funding
 - FY24 funding will expire as of 9/30/27 instead of 9/30/2026
- **Note:** FY23 funding will expire as of 9/30/26



FY27 Super App Updates

- Applications are currently in the Level 2 review process. If an application is “returned for change”, all corrections should be made, and the application submitted within 3-5 business days
- August 2026
 - Preliminary allocations will be loaded
 - 2027 Indirect Cost Rates will be included in the system
 - An amendment will be needed to account for any change in funding due to preliminary allocations
- Change being tested for “Budget Only” application creation
 - All funding that has an “accepted” review result will populate the budget only application



MFP Formula Update



2026-2027 MFP Formula Updates



2026-27 MFP Formula Update

HCR23 of the 2022 Regular Session remains in effect.

Next Steps

- All information currently available is posted in the [MFP Library](#) in the 26-27 pull down. As additional information is available, it will be provided.

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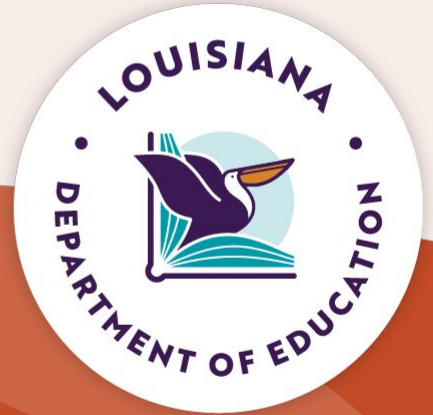
2026-27 MFP Formula Updates

- FY2026-27 School Lunch Match calculations are now posted in the [MFP Library](#) in the USDA Required School Lunch Match pulldown.
- FY2026-27 Certificated and Support Staff Continuing Pay Raise Guidance is now available in the [MFP Library](#)
- Weighted Funding calculations are now posted in August in the [MFP Library](#) “Accountability for Weighted Student Funds” section.
- The initial CDF Payment was released on August 13. Guidance document and allocation are posted in the [MFP Library](#)

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Executive Order Updates



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- The [Executive Order Guidance](#) is available in the MFP Library. This guidance document provides answers to questions on how a school system demonstrates compliance with using the redirected funds governed by Executive Order 26-047.
- Instructions regarding a portal in which school systems will be required to answer questions and upload documents regarding pay raises and/or stipends issued will be available in September.
- Payments to school systems for the Executive Order Allocation will be released upon approval of the information received via the portal.

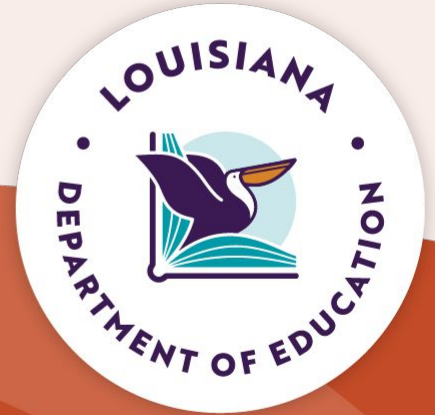
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Reporting Requirements



Annual Financial Report (AFR)



EdLink AFR

- MyLa Accounts and Edlink Profiles should be created, requested and approved prior to submitting the AFR for FY 2025-2026 by following the instructions in the [User Guide for Business Managers](#).
- The EdLink Ops portal will open August 31, 2026 for data collection. The deadline to submit the initial AFR is Wednesday, September 30, 2026.
- Guidance documents will be posted in the Business Manager Support Library in August 2026.

EdLink AFR

- How do I submit my AFR in Edlink Ops?

STATE AUDIT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Single Audit Report Submission Portal



Edlink OPS Portal



Edlink Ops AFR Demo



FY 2026-2027 AFR Coding Updates

- Beginning July 1, 2026, the following object/function combinations will not be allowed for reporting in the AFR:
 - 112/1410 -Teacher Co-curricular Activities
 - 112/1420 -Teacher (Coach, Dance, etc.)
- The reported teacher salary should be indicated by the base salary in the appropriate function (i.e. -112/ 1130)
- Any additional compensation received for co-curricular activities (i.e., Athletic coach, Dance Teacher) should be reported in Object 130
- These updates should be reflected when reporting the FY 2026-2027 AFR

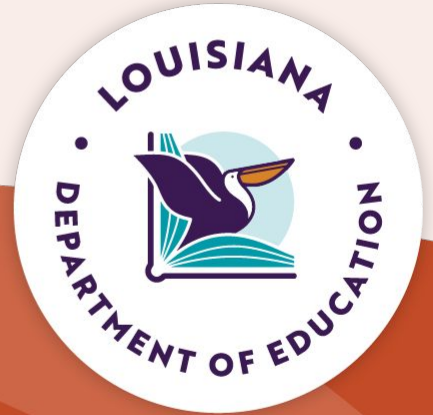
FY 2026-2027 AFR Coding Updates

- Beginning July 1, 2026, the following object/function combinations will not be allowed for reporting in the AFR:
 - 113 with any 2200 function code
- Curriculum specialists, instructional coaches, etc. who assist teachers in developing curriculum and/or providing professional development to teachers, that not work with students, should be coded to 111, 118 or 119 within the 2200 functional area.
- These updates should be reflected when reporting in the FY 2026-2027 AFR

FY 2026-2027 AFR Coding Updates

- Object Code 150 should be used for one-time stipend payment that is not direct compensation for work performed, or salaries earned.
- One time stipend payments should not be coded to base salaries, but should be coded to object code 150 on school systems general ledgers.
- The AFR does not have an option for 150 to be combined in all functional areas. In functional areas in which 150 is not available on the AFR, those expenditures should be reported in the 100 object code.

EdLinks Staffing Data



EdLinks Data System Collections

EdLink 360 opened **August 10** for the 2026–2027 collection year for both student and staff data submissions.

The last day to submit all extracts to the EdLink 360 SFTP for the **October 1** MFP/IDEA and Mentor and Resident Teacher Funding collections is **October 28** by 5 p.m.

- October 1 MFP/IDEA data are used to allocate MFP and IDEA funding and in Economically Disadvantaged (ED) calculations.
- Mentor and Resident Teacher data are used to allocate Mentor and Resident stipends.



MFP Data Collection

- The calculation of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula is dependent on student and staffing data.
- BESE regulations state that:
 - It is the responsibility of the school systems and schools to submit to LDOE all necessary and required information, in a timely manner and in the format required, for the computation of the Minimum Foundation Program formula allocations.

Common Errors in Staffing Data Reporting

- Valid function codes should be included in staffing data.
 - Obsolete function codes (2123, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2455, etc. should not be included in the submission of staffing data).
- One time stipend payments (object code 150) should not be included in base salaries when reporting in staffing data.
- Music Education and Physical Education staff should be coded to the 1100 function code and not the 1400 function code.
- Paraprofessionals should be coded to 1100 - 1600, and 2700 function codes only.



Common Errors in Staffing Data Reporting

- Services workers and skilled craftsman should not be coded to 1100-1600 functional areas.
- Clerical/Secretarial Staff should not be coded to 1100 -1600 functional areas.
- All staff should have a valid function and object code assigned to them.

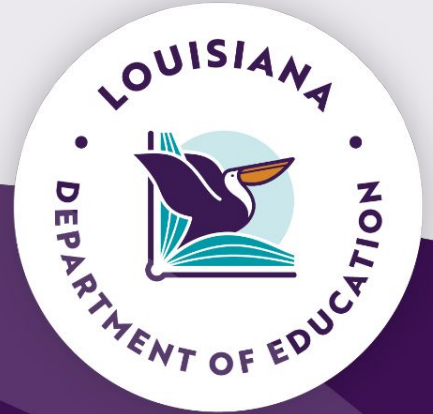
Bulletin 1929 Updates



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.

Important Reminders



Professional Development



Upcoming Regional Collaborations

Schedule: Business Managers Only

These half-day afternoon collaborations will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Cohort	Session 1	Session 2	Location
Monroe	NONE	Jan 26, 2027	University of Louisiana Monroe, Bayou Pointe, 1 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA
Alexandria	Sept 28, 2026	NONE	Rapides Parish School Board Media Center, 502 Beauregard Street, Alexandria, LA
Lafayette	Oct 1, 2026	Feb 2, 2027	University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA
Baton Rouge	Sept 30, 2026	Jan 28, 2027	September - Cook Hotel & Conference Center, 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr, Baton Rouge, LA January - University View Conference Center, 3113 Valley Creek Dr, Baton Rouge, LA
New Orleans	Sept 29, 2026	NONE	Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA



Upcoming Monthly Call Date



Reminders



The next Business Managers Monthly Call will be held on September 16, 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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