

**School System and Charter School** 

**Business Manager and Financial Officer** 

**Monthly Call Meeting** 

February 2025



#### **Zoom Meeting Preparation**



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# **Agenda**

- Required Submissions
- State Grants Update
- Federal Grants Update
- Maintenance of Effort
- MFP Formula Update
- Reporting Requirements
- Summer Feeding Application
- Important Reminders
- Call Dates and Slide Deck Links



# **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.

### FY 25 Fiscal Year End Deadlines

The deadlines noted below have been established by the Department to ensure all grants funding for FY 2024-25 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 19 8g claims due in eGMS
- July 7 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, 2025, claims are due in eGMS



### **State Grants**



#### FY 2024-2025 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, 2024 and June 30, 2025 to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Deadline to request reimbursement for Nonpublic Textbooks allocation is July 15, 2025.



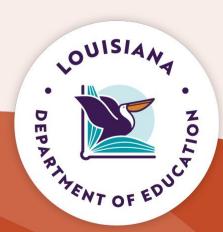
#### FY 2024-25 Agricultural Science Allocation

- 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, 2024.
- The allocation will be released in Spring 2025.

# **Federal Grants**



### FY 2025-2026 Super App Overview



### **School System Planning Key Dates**

Date	Item
October 17	2025-2026 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook released
December 31	Final 2024-2025 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App
January 23	2025-2026 Super App (competitive portion) due
FebMarch	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
FebMay	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 1	Allocations for 2025-2026 loaded in Super App
June 30	Deadline to submit 2025-2026 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2025-2026 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2025-2026 School System Plan

# **Maintenance of Effort**



# **Maintenance of Effort (MOE)**

Upcoming Maintenance of Effort submission deadlines.

- Look for updates and announcements regarding MOE in the newsletter and in eGMS announcements.
- Failure to complete the MOE applications by the required submission dates may jeopardize the availability of federal funds to School Systems.



### **MOE** Required Submission Timeline:

Required Submission	eGMS Availability	Submission Deadline
2024 IDEA MOE Confirmation	March 10, 2025	March 28, 2025
2026 ESSA MOE Verification	April 14, 2025	May 16, 2025
2026 IDEA MOE Verification	April 14, 2025	May 16, 2025



Upcoming in March 2025 Budget Letter:

- October and February Mid-Year Adjustments
- Prior Year Audit Adjustments
- Pay Raise Reconciliation/Payment Adjustments
- Charter Per Pupil Final Calculation
- Charter School Admin Fee Reconciliation
- Career Development Fund Final Allocation
- HCS Allocation (Informational only)
- Teacher Mentor Stipend (Information only)



#### **October and February Mid-Year Adjustment**

- School systems and schools receive payment adjustments based on the October 1, 2024 and February 1, 2025 student counts
- Adjustments are for gains and losses in student counts
- October adjustments are made on the full per pupil amounts while February adjustments are based on one-half of the per pupil



#### **Prior Year Audit Adjustments**

- MFP audits consist of reviews of student eligibility and tax revenues
- Results of the October 1, 2022 and February 1, 2023 student audits are incorporated into the March 2025 MFP payments
- Results of the FY 2022-23 tax revenue audits will also be incorporated into the March 2025 MFP payments
- Reports detailing these audit adjustments were previously distributed to school systems and schools (Superintendent and Data Coordinator)



#### **Pay Raise Reconciliation**

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



#### **Charter Per Pupil Calculation**

- Charter Per Pupil for the local revenue representation will be updated from the Initial to the Final calculation in the March Budget Letter
- The local revenue representation has been updated using two data sets:
  - Actual local revenues as reported in FY 2023-24 Annual Financial Report (AFR), and
  - October 1, 2024 MFP base student count
- State per pupil remains the same as was calculated in the FY 2024-25
   July Budget Letter

#### **Charter School Admin Fee Reconciliation**

Admin fees due to be collected from Legacy and New Type 2 charter schools and RSD Operated and Type 5 charter schools are reconciled and finalized in the March MFP Budget Letter



#### **Career Development Fund (CDF) Allocation**

- Final allocation to be released in March
- Initial allocation based on 75% of the prior year allocation
- Initial allocation funds released in one-time payment
- CDF final allocation based on fall CLASS course and student information
- Look for announcement regarding release of payments in weekly I DOF Newsletter
- Final allocation reported in March Budget Letter



#### **High Cost Services Allocation**

- Round 1 allocation has been calculated and made available to be released through eGMS
- Round 2 allocation will be calculated soon
- Final allocation reported in March Budget Letter
- 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.

#### **Mentor Teacher Stipends**

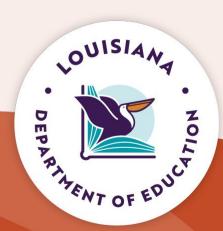
- Per the MFP Formula, a stipend of \$2,000 shall be provided to teacher mentors serving as assigned mentors of record, responsible for supporting undergraduate or post-baccalaureate residents.
- A separate payment was processed and released to districts on February 16, 2025.
- Final allocation reported in March Budget Letter



### Reporting Requirements in 2024-25



### **Act 370 Reporting Requirements**



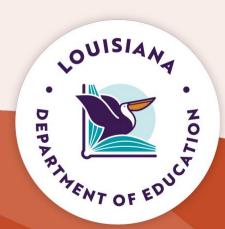
#### **Act 370 Reporting Requirements**

For guidance of reporting requirements regarding Act 370, please contact

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### **Audit Submission to LDOE**

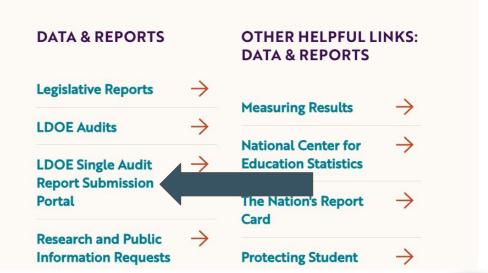


### **Audit Submission to LDOE**

The Single Audit Report 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





### **Summer Feeding Application**



### **Summer Feeding Application Timelines**

Sponsor Type	Sponsor and Congregate Applications Due	Non-Congregate Site Applications Due	Final Summer Feeding Applications Due
School Food Authorities	March 30, 2025	April 4, 2025	May 31 AND >14 days before operations

### **Important Reminders**



#### **New Website Design**

The Louisiana Department of Education has launched a new design to the website.



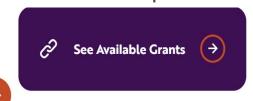
#### **SCHOOL & SYSTEM LEADERS**

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School System Finances	$\rightarrow$	
Measuring Results	$\rightarrow$	
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	$\rightarrow$	
Practice Tests	$\rightarrow$	



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#### Reminders

The next Business Managers Monthly Call will be held on March 19, 2025.

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.

