

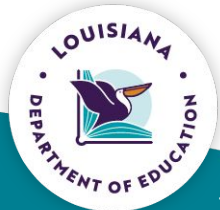


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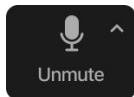
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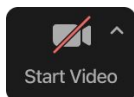
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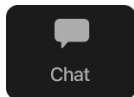
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# Agenda

- Required Submissions
- State Grants Update
- Federal Grants Update
- MFP Formula Update
- EdLinks AFR Reporting Update
- Important Reminders
- Call Dates and Slide Deck Links

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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 2025-2026 Annual Charter School Operating Budgets are due on Friday, August 1, 2025.
- 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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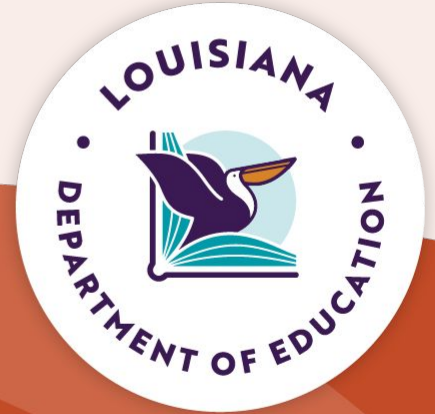


# State Grants



# State Grants - FY 2025-2026

## Approved During Legislative Session





# State Grants in FY 2025-26

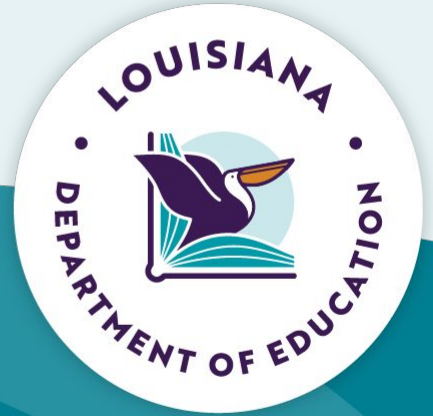
## ❖ Highlights of state grants from 2025 Legislative Session:

- Certificated and Support Staff Stipend Allocation (\$2,000/\$1,000)
- Differentiated Compensation Allocation
- High Dosage Tutoring Allocation
- Internship Allocation
- Agriculture Allocation

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# Certificated and Support Stipends



# Certificated & Support Stipends

- Provides for one time stipend payments.
- \$2000 for certificated employees and \$1000 for support employees
- Calculation methodology and data mirror the MFP pay raise allocation
- Includes retirement benefits at the FY 25-26 retirement rates.
- Stipends must be distributed no later than December 15, 2025.

Guidance document and allocation will be posted in the weekly LDOE newsletter and Business Manager Support Library in early August.

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# Differentiated Compensation Allocation

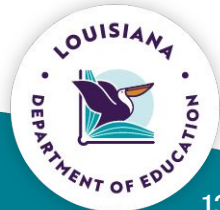


# Differentiated Compensation

- Provides funding to allow school systems to address their unique market needs in the recruitment and retention of teachers.
- Allocation methodology will be based on the number of teachers as reported in the latest available staffing data.
- Includes retirement benefits at the FY 25-26 retirement rates.

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# Differentiated Compensation

- Allocations may be utilized in **any** of the following areas:
  - Stipends for teachers in critical shortage area as determined by BESE and/or;
  - Stipends for Highly Effective Teachers (as defined in R.S. 17:381 through 3095 Bulletin 130. Section 309), and/or;
  - Stipends for teachers working in High Need schools defined as those with an Economically Disadvantaged rate of 85% or greater, and/or;
  - Stipends for teacher leadership positions such as classroom teachers appointed to lead weekly teacher collaborations, or serve as coaches.

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# Approving & Releasing Stipend Payments

- The certificated/support stipends and the differentiated compensation stipends must be presented and adopted by school boards prior to compensating employees (required by Act 1 of 2012).
- Both stipends must be reported in the system's salary schedule documents notated as stipends, and should not be added to the permanent salary pay scales.
- Louisiana Legislative Auditors will include testing for proper approval during Single Audit testing through State Agreed Upon Procedures.

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# High Dosage Tutoring Allocation



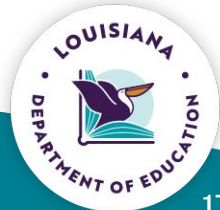


# High Dosage Tutoring Allocation

- Provides for an allocation to implement high dosage tutoring during the instructional day.
- Total allocation is \$30 Million.

Guidance document and allocation will be posted in the LDOE weekly newsletter and [Business Manager Support Library](#) in August.

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# High Dosage Tutoring Allocation

- Projected Award notification for FY 2026 High Dosage Tutoring allocations will be released within the next few weeks.
  - **Note: 2025-2026 allocation release will be contingent upon the completion of 2024-2025 quarter 4 fiscal reporting in eGMS**
- Systems should develop plans for tutoring initiatives, using the projected amount.
- Final award amounts will be released pending legislative appropriation and board approval in August 2025.
- Upon approval of the tutoring plan submitted in eGMS (due September 15), funding will be provided to school systems.
- To support the planning process, please reference the [25-26 Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring Workbook](#).



# Internships Allocation



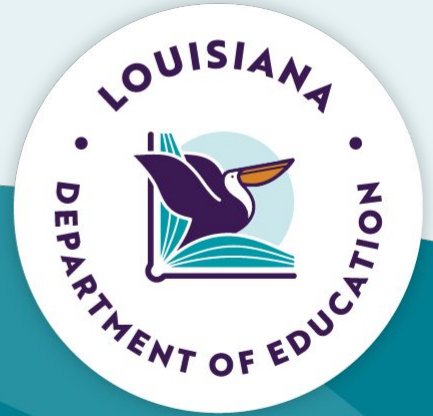
# Internships Allocation

- HB 1 provides one-time legislative funding in the amount of \$1,000 per course/student for internship experiences.
- Prior to releasing funds, the school system must submit documentation to validate the student enrollments meet the Work-based learning requirements.
- This funding can only be used for expenses directly related to the student internship experience such as salary, uniforms, and equipment for the internship. It may not be spent on instructor costs.
- Guidance document and allocation will be posted in the LDOE weekly newsletter and [Business Manager Support Library](#) in August.

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# Agriculture Allocation



# Agriculture Allocation

- HB 1 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature allocated \$850,000 of state funds for the purchase of instructional materials and supplies for each student enrolled in a vocational agriculture, agribusiness, or agriscience course, as of the most recent October 1 count.
  - **Are these funds part of the MFP?** No, these funds are completely separate from any MFP funds.
  - **Are these funds part of any Federal grant?** No, these funds are state funds.
  - **When does the department usually release these funds to the school systems?** These funds are usually released in April of each fiscal year.

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# State Grants - FY 2025-26

## Continuing Allocations



# State Grants in FY 2025-2026

## ❖ Continuing Allocations:

- Education Excellence Fund (EEF)
- Special Education Camera Maintenance
- Professional Improvement Program (PIP)
- Nonpublic Textbook and Textbook Administration

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# EEF Allocation



# 2025-26 EEF Funding

- EEF allocations will be available for the 2025-26 school year
- Projected Timeline
  - September 19: EEF application will be available in eGMS
  - October 10: 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.



# Special Education Cameras Allocation



# 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.”

Funds were issued to school systems in March 2025 for FY 2024-2025.

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# Special Education Camera Data Collection

- The LDOE released its FY 2024-2025 Special Education Camera data collection in the Electronic Grants Management System (eGMS).
- Systems are required to report the following for SY 2024-2025:
  - The number of parent requests for cameras
  - The number of parent requests approved for cameras
  - The amount of the original allocation that was expended
  - The amount of the maintenance funds that was expended

The data collection reports are due in eGMS by August 22, 2025.

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# Federal Grants



# High Cost Services

- Funding for High Cost Services Round 1 includes both State and Federal Funds.
  - State Funding: availability ended on 6/30/2025. All claims should have been submitted on or before July 15, 2025.
  - Federal Funding: availability ends on 9/30/2025. All claims must be submitted on or before November 15, 2025.

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# FY23 ESEA Waiver

- The LDOE has received approval for the FY23 ESEA Waiver, which extends the availability of the FY23 ESEA Formula Funds.
- These funds were set to expire as of 9/30/2025. The waiver extends the availability of the funds to 9/30/2026.

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# Equitable Services Classification of Revenue

- Additional funding for Title II and Title IV Equitable Services were provided to school systems by direct payment in June 2025.
- These State Education Agency (SEA) allocations are to be utilized to provide additional Title II and Title IV services to non-publics within school systems.
- The revenues received from this funding is state funds; therefore, these funds should be reported in Column 4 (General Fund) of the AFR as: Revenue from State Sources, State Restricted Grants-in-Aid, Other Restricted Revenues. (Keypunch code 6250, Account Code 3290).



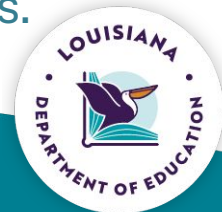
# Formula Funds Update

On June 30, 2025, ED notified states that given the change in Administrations, the Department was reviewing the FY 2025 funding for the Title I-C, II-A, III, IV-A, and IV-B grant program(s), and decisions have not yet been made concerning submissions and awards for this upcoming academic year.

Thus, ED did not issue Grant Award Notifications to states for these program funds on July 1.

If there is no decision on these funds in the next couple of weeks, the Department will be forced to remove the FY 25-26 funds from eGMS.

At this time, please do not move forward with obligating FY 25-26 funds.



# Formula Funds Update

- **LDOE has received the following GANs:**
  - Title I (Part A)
  - IDEA (611 and 619)
  - Title V (REAP)
  - Title X (McKinney-Vento)
- School systems may proceed as usual with the planning and implementation of these programs in the 2025-2026 school year.
  - Schools systems can begin obligating this funding based on the submission of the 2025-26 Super App award amounts.
    - Keep in mind these awards are “estimated” awards and we will provide updated “Preliminary” award amounts in August.



# Formula Funds Update

- **LDOE has not received the following GANs:**
  - Title I (Part C)
  - Title II
  - Title III
  - Title IV (Part A)
  - Title IV (Part B) -21st Century
- Again, for these fund sources, the Agency advises school systems to limit obligations to prior-year funds until further guidance is issued by ED.
  - **No obligations should be made based on the “Estimated” awards that were provided in the 25-26 Super App for these fund sources**



# MFP Formula Update



# MFP Formula Update

- Forward Funding Request FY 25-26
- Charter schools may request MFP forward funding for significant increases in student enrollment that occur from February 1, 2025 to October 1, 2025. Schools must demonstrate that the financial health of the school will be impacted if the student enrollment increase is not recognized with an adjustment the MFP monthly payments sooner than the March 2026 Mid-Year payment adjustments.
- To apply for increased monthly payments for documented growth prior to the October 1 count, refer to the [Charter School Library](#). The deadline to submit a request is August 15, 2025.

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# 2025-2026 MFP Formula Update

- July 2025 formula calculations are available in the MFP Library.
- Projected formula calculations released in March 2025 were updated for July 2025 to include:
  - Level 4:
    - CDF Initial (75% of prior year)
    - SCA Initial (2.1.24 student count, latest available data)
    - International Associate Teacher Salary (2025-26 teacher counts)
- Charter Per Pupil calculations were updated to the Initial FY 2025-26

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# 2025-2026 MFP Formula Update

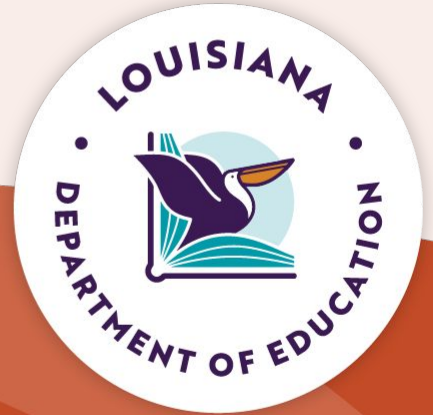
- Documents posted for July and August 2025 will include:
  - Formula Guidance Memo
  - FY Monthly Payment Schedule
  - Budget Letter (Allocations) Excel and pdf versions
  - Initial Charter Per Pupil (CPP) Amounts
  - Weighted Funding for FY25-26 will be released in late July
- Reference Documents:
  - Certificated and Support Staff Pay Raise Guidance document
  - Data Descriptions - MFP Membership Definition and Pay Raise Certificated and Support Staff Positions
  - House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 23 (2022 Regular session)

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# Required School Lunch Match



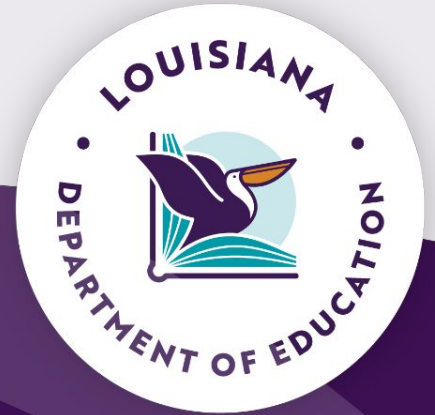
# Required School Lunch Match

- 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 2025-26 schedule containing the required recalculated match amount for each school system is available in the MFP Library under the USDA REQUIRED SCHOOL LUNCH MATCH section.

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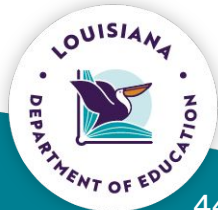
# EdLink AFR Reporting Update



# EdLink Update for AFR

- School Systems will be required to report Annual Financial Report date in EdLink AFR portal for the FY 2024-2025 reporting period.
- The LEADs portal will not be available for school systems to report Annual Financial Report data for the FY 2024-2025 reporting period.
- Training for EdLink AFR reporting will be held via Webinars on the following dates, more details to follow:
  - August 7th at 10:00 a.m.
  - August 14th at 10:00 a.m.
  - August 28th at 10:00 a.m.

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# Important Reminders



# Revisions to Certification Requirements for Lead School Business Administrators



# Lead School Business Administrators Certification Requirements

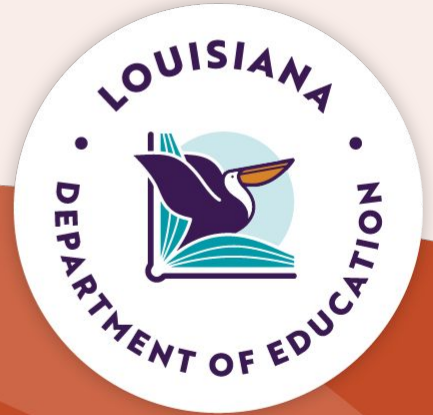
- Certification requirements contained in Bulletin 1929 were amended to incorporate the following:
  - Add the charter school business administrator credential requirements adopted in Bulletin 126.
  - Revise the local school districts and charter schools business administrator credential requirements, reducing the number of years from seven to **four** for earning the mandatory certification while employed as a lead school business administrator.

***Effective July 1, 2025, all lead school business administrators must become certified within 4 years.***

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# Professional Development





# Upcoming Regional Collaborations

## Schedule

These half day afternoon collaborations will be held from 1 to 4:30 pm, with the exception of the **High School Opportunities** pathway which will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cohort	Session 1	Session 2	Location
Monroe	September 23, 2025	January 27, 2026	University of Louisiana Monroe, Bayou Pointe, 1 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA
Shreveport	September 24, 2025	January 28, 2026	Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City, 2015 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City, LA
Lafayette	October 2, 2025	January 23, 2026	University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA
Baton Rouge	October 1, 2025	January 22, 2026	Cook Hotel & Conference Center, 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr, Baton Rouge, LA
New Orleans <b>Business Managers only</b>	September 30, 2025	January 21, 2026	Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center, 4545 Williams Blvd . Kenner, LA



# Upcoming Regional Collaborations

September Collaboration - **Business Managers only**

January Collaboration - **Business Managers and  
Grants Accounting Staff**

Availability is limited. Please register for one of the sessions using this [link](#).





# Reminders

- The next Business Managers Monthly Call will be held on August 27, 2025 at 2:00 pm.
- 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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