

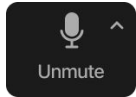


School System Financial Services
Monthly Call Meeting
for
Business Managers and Financial Officials

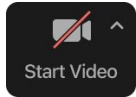
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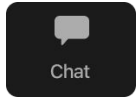
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Agenda

- Required Submissions
- 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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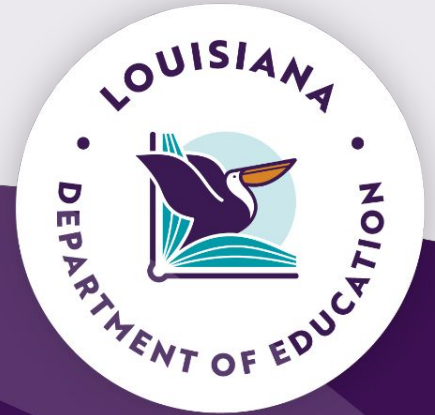
Charter Schools Annual Budgets

- The FY 2026-2027 Annual Charter School Operating Budgets are 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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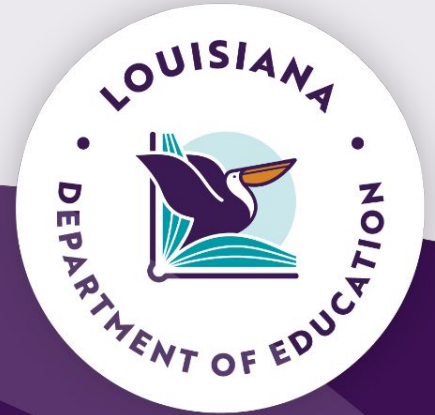
Federal Grants



Updated UGG Regulations

- The standard federal micro-purchase threshold is \$15,000.
 - For qualifying public works or construction projects subject to Davis-Bacon Act, the threshold remains \$2,000.
- The simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) is \$350,000.
- Further information will be forthcoming from the FSGR team.

MFP Formula Update



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 Update

- Projected formula calculations released in March 2026 are updated for July 2026 with the latest available data to include:
 - Level 4 updates include changes to the following allocations:
 - CDF Initial (75% of prior year)
 - SCA initial (2.1.26 student count)
 - International Associate Teacher Salary (2026-27 teacher counts)
 - Charter Per Pupil calculations were updated to the Initial FY 2026-27 from the Final FY2025-26.

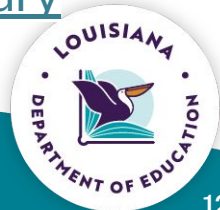
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2026-27 Updates

- FY2026-27 School Lunch Match calculations are now posted in the [MFP Library](#) in the USDA Required School Lunch Match pulldown.
- Materials to Request Forward Funding for FY26-27 are now available in the [Charter School Resources Library](#)
- FY2026-27 Certificated and Support Staff Continuing Pay Raise Guidance is now available in the [MFP Library](#)
- FY2026-27 MFP Payment Schedule is now available in the [MFP Library](#)
- Weighted Funding calculations will be posted in August in the [MFP Library](#) “Accountability for Weighted Student Funds” section.
- The initial CDF Payment will be released before August 29. Guidance document and allocation will be posted in the [MFP Library](#)

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Required School Lunch Match



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- 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 2026-27 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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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.

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

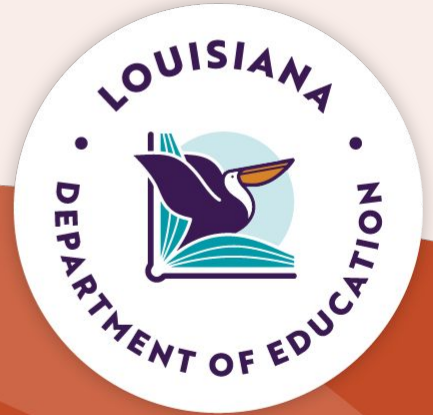
FY 2026-2027 AFR Coding Updates

- 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 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



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 should not be included in base salaries and reported 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.

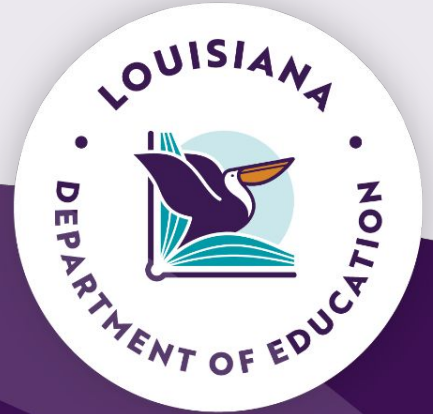
Bulletin 1929 Updates



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	Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center, 4545 Williams Blvd . Kenner, LA



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Registration

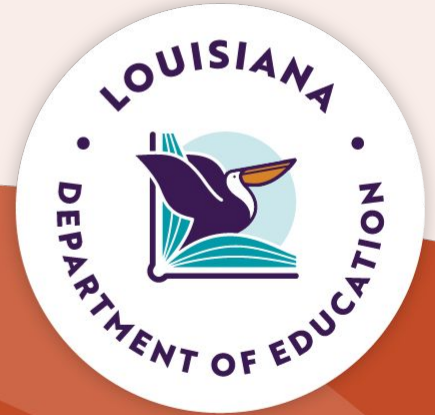
Business Managers should complete an individual registration using the registration link below.

[Business Managers Only Regional Collaboration Registration](#)

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Upcoming Monthly Call Date



Upcoming AFR Training

- Our office will hold an in-person refresher on AFR topics on August 24, 2026.
- Topics of discussion will include:
 - AFR Uses
 - Common Errors in AFR Reporting
 - Importance of accurate reporting
- Additional details will be forthcoming via the newsletter.



Reminders



The next Business Managers Monthly Call will be held on August 26, 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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