

Office of Career and College Readiness

2025-2026 CDF Allocation

Guidelines for the Use of CDF Allocation

Purpose of CDF Funds

CDF funds are intended to support increased student access to high-value CTE courses and training. Based on data, BESE and the Legislature concluded that additional funding is necessary to offer CTE courses in high-wage employment sectors (e.g., welding, information technology, manufacturing, etc.). As such, dedicated funds have been included in the MFP, CDF funds, for the exclusive purpose of making high-value CTE courses and training available to more students across Louisiana.

CDF Funding Availability

LEAs, including charters and special schools receive a 6% MFP adder (\$241-in FY 2024-2025) for each student enrollment in a CDF-qualifying course. BESE and the Legislature realized that there is a certain minimum amount of money below which CDF funds would not have a significant positive impact on smaller districts, charter, and special schools. Therefore, there are minimum amounts of CDF established in the MFP:

- LEAs receive the greater of: a) \$25,000; or b) the sum of 6% adders for all their students' CDF-qualifying courses;
- Charter and special schools (with grades 9-12) receive the greater of: a) \$10,000; or b) the sum of 6% adders for all their students' CDF-qualifying courses;

Receipt of CDF Funds

LEAs, including charters and special schools, will receive their initial CDF allocation each July. Doing so will enable systems to invest the funds to maximize student opportunities for the coming school year. The July separate CDF remittance for districts and charter/special schools will include the greater of:

- Their minimum \$25,000/\$10,000 CDF allocation; or
- 75% of their previous year's CDF allocation.

Each February/March the final CDF allocation due districts and charter/special schools will be tried up based on actual student enrollments. Any additional CDF allocation due will be in a February or March separate CDF remittance. Any overpayment of CDF allocation will be reduced in the June MFP remittance.

CDF Reporting Requirements

- **Student enrollments:** CDF-qualifying courses must be reported through the 2025-26 Jump Start Technical Course Grid, 2025-26 Class Schedule Data Collection.
- **End of Year Reporting:** At the end of the year, school systems will complete and submit the CDF End of Year Report. CDF funds may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next.

CDF-Qualifying Courses

- The most current CDF-Qualifying Courses can be found on the [Louisiana Department of Education](#) website.
- The list of qualifying courses is updated once each year. Changes are based on the trends in the Louisiana economy, and our dedication to making sure that CDF funds are applied to CTE programs that are not yet available to sufficient numbers of Louisiana students.

Allowable Expenses

CDF funds must be spent to increase student access to high-value CTE courses/training. Specific approved uses include:

- Facilities, materials, equipment, and transportation expenditures related to students identified on a [Fast Forward](#) pathway who are enrolled in a required Fast Forward pathway course.
- Teacher training towards attainment of [Jump Start statewide credentials](#), which can include Super Summer Institute training and externship stipends for externships in regional or statewide high-demand industry sectors.
- Facilities, materials and equipment expenditures related to student attainment of [Jump Start statewide credentials](#) and IBCs that are a part of a statewide bundle. This type of expenditure may include:
 - the cost of student statewide industry-based credentials;
 - the cost to license software related to statewide credentials;
 - the cost to license software systems that provide students with access to experts in high-demand industry sectors;
 - career counseling services and software that help students learn about how they can pursue the courses and industry credential for high-demand industry sectors;
 - facilities, materials and equipment expenditures related to obtaining statewide credentials (i.e., welding shops, computers for approved credentialing courses, medical uniforms, food for ProStart, supplies for construction crafts, etc.).
- Transportation of students and teachers to sites where high-value CTE courses and training are available. Qualifying sites such as community and technical colleges, school facilities, and industry training organizations. Transportation costs include all the costs schools incur for transportation, such as driver costs and benefits. Bus tokens are also allowable expenses.
- Expenses incurred by having a JAG-Specialist on staff, including salary and benefits.
- Expenses incurred by having CTE staff provide instruction or IBC testing outside of the school day.
- Expenses for the new Career Readiness Quest for Success course.
- Expenses related to student internships and apprenticeships not covered by the partner business (i.e. union dues, steel toe shoes, drug test, TWIC, etc.).
- Student tuition.
- Travel expenses and registration costs related to educators and CTE staff attending the Teacher Leader Summit. Documentation demonstrating attendance at sessions directly related to CTE, work-based learning, and accountability must be provided in the CDF end of year report. School systems are encouraged to braid funding sources to maximize support for professional development opportunities that align with CTE program goals.
- Other expenses recommended by the school system and approved by LDOE.

Non-allowable Expenses

- Salaries or benefits for teachers, except for externship stipends in high-demand industry sectors and JAG specialists.
- Teacher training for credentials other than Jump Start statewide credentials.

Accounting

- The CDF allocation is part of Level 4, Supplementary Allocations.
- The funds are released through two allocations, an Initial and a Final allocation. A separate payment is released just for the CDF Initial allocation.
 - The initial MFP CDF payments for FY 2025-2026 will be released on or before August 14, 2025.
 - The final MFP CDF allocation due will be in a separate, single payment in February/March 2025.
 - Funds should appear in bank accounts within one to three business days depending on the banking institution with which a school system, charter school, or state school conducts business.
- The account codes in which these funds should be reported in the AFR: Revenue from State Sources, State Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid, State Public School Fund (MFP), Acct Code 3110.

Please send any questions, concerns or recommendations to fastforward@la.gov.

FY2025-26 Budget Letter
Career Development Fund Final Allocation

School Systems and Schools		Initial CDF Allocation & Payment (75% of FY2024-25 or Minimum) Reported in July 2025 BL	Final CDF Allocation (Based on Actual Course Data) Reported in March 2026 BL	Final CDF Payment (Difference between Initial and Final)	CDF Overpayment (Reduce Final June MFP Payment)
		1	2	3	4
1	Acadia	\$170,086	\$226,446	\$56,360	\$0
2	Allen	\$162,856	\$210,306	\$47,450	\$0
3	Ascension	\$862,720	\$1,185,710	\$322,990	\$0
4	Assumption	\$54,225	\$78,052	\$23,827	\$0
5	Avoyelles	\$169,724	\$262,099	\$92,375	\$0
6	Beauregard	\$67,601	\$120,932	\$53,331	\$0
7	Bienville	\$41,211	\$65,525	\$24,314	\$0
8	Bossier	\$441,211	\$710,655	\$269,444	\$0
9	Caddo	\$765,657	\$1,369,757	\$604,100	\$0
10	Calcasieu	\$649,073	\$981,427	\$332,354	\$0
11	Caldwell	\$61,274	\$87,929	\$26,655	\$0
12	Cameron	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
13	Catahoula	\$25,000	\$39,508	\$14,508	\$0
14	Claiborne	\$49,887	\$80,702	\$30,815	\$0
15	Concordia	\$90,014	\$158,271	\$68,257	\$0
16	DeSoto	\$275,282	\$376,768	\$101,486	\$0
17	East Baton Rouge	\$1,682,783	\$2,612,320	\$929,537	\$0
18	East Carroll	\$35,969	\$46,012	\$10,043	\$0
19	East Feliciana	\$30,366	\$37,821	\$7,455	\$0
20	Evangeline	\$104,112	\$132,977	\$28,865	\$0
21	Franklin	\$58,925	\$100,455	\$41,530	\$0
22	Grant	\$67,962	\$78,052	\$10,090	\$0
23	Iberia	\$274,740	\$476,741	\$202,001	\$0
24	Iberville	\$57,117	\$102,383	\$45,266	\$0
25	Jackson	\$91,098	\$91,301	\$203	\$0
26	Jefferson	\$1,119,927	\$1,452,627	\$332,700	\$0
27	Jefferson Davis	\$122,006	\$173,930	\$51,924	\$0
28	Lafayette	\$869,588	\$1,171,738	\$302,150	\$0
29	Lafourche	\$430,004	\$575,992	\$145,988	\$0
30	LaSalle	\$79,530	\$66,488	\$0	(\$13,042)
31	Lincoln	\$115,861	\$304,979	\$189,118	\$0
32	Livingston	\$1,239,041	\$1,931,054	\$692,013	\$0
33	Madison	\$38,319	\$104,310	\$65,991	\$0
34	Morehouse	\$133,755	\$150,081	\$16,326	\$0
35	Natchitoches	\$142,793	\$222,592	\$79,799	\$0
36	Orleans (R36) (Includes Independents)	\$1,046,532	\$1,728,415	\$681,883	\$0
37	Ouachita	\$220,515	\$280,167	\$59,652	\$0
38	Plaquemines	\$77,542	\$82,870	\$5,328	\$0
39	Pointe Coupee	\$124,537	\$150,803	\$26,266	\$0
40	Rapides	\$538,093	\$773,771	\$235,678	\$0
41	Red River	\$27,113	\$64,561	\$37,448	\$0
42	Richland	\$79,892	\$113,464	\$33,572	\$0
43	Sabine	\$143,877	\$218,496	\$74,619	\$0
44	St. Bernard	\$369,815	\$315,820	\$0	(\$53,995)
45	St. Charles	\$270,583	\$339,428	\$68,845	\$0
46	St. Helena	\$25,000	\$44,085	\$19,085	\$0
47	St. James	\$107,546	\$217,533	\$109,987	\$0
48	St. John the Baptist	\$132,128	\$299,680	\$167,552	\$0
49	St. Landry	\$483,145	\$814,965	\$331,820	\$0
50	St. Martin	\$208,766	\$209,583	\$817	\$0
51	St. Mary	\$267,149	\$362,795	\$95,646	\$0
52	St. Tammany	\$869,408	\$1,401,556	\$532,148	\$0
53	Tangipahoa	\$715,409	\$1,032,497	\$317,088	\$0
54	Tensas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
55	Terrebonne	\$392,589	\$484,450	\$91,861	\$0
56	Union	\$40,307	\$60,948	\$20,641	\$0
57	Vermilion	\$140,443	\$161,403	\$20,960	\$0
58	Vernon	\$74,831	\$116,596	\$41,765	\$0
59	Washington	\$109,354	\$157,308	\$47,954	\$0
60	Webster	\$105,739	\$175,857	\$70,118	\$0
61	West Baton Rouge	\$126,525	\$133,940	\$7,415	\$0
62	West Carroll	\$30,185	\$85,038	\$54,853	\$0
63	West Feliciana	\$65,251	\$75,643	\$10,392	\$0
64	Winn	\$81,699	\$66,970	\$0	(\$14,729)
65	City of Monroe	\$138,455	\$187,661	\$49,206	\$0
66	City of Bogalusa	\$56,575	\$113,946	\$57,371	\$0
67	Zachary Community	\$51,152	\$148,635	\$97,483	\$0
68	City of Baker	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
69	Central Community	\$255,038	\$365,204	\$110,166	\$0
Total City/Parish		\$18,029,910	\$26,645,023	\$8,696,878	(\$81,766)

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318	LSU Lab School	\$15,002	\$15,659	\$656	\$0
319	Southern Lab School	\$11,387	\$10,000	\$0	(\$1,387)
302006	LA School for Math, Science and the Arts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
334001	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
3C1001	Thrive	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
101001	Special School District	\$10,000	\$16,622	\$6,622	\$0
A02	Office of Juvenile Justice	\$25,486	\$66,248	\$40,762	\$0
Total Lab & State Approved Schools		\$91,875	\$138,528	\$48,040	(\$1,387)
321001	New Vision Learning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
329001	Glencoe Charter School	\$12,833	\$10,359	\$0	(\$2,474)
331001	International School of LA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
333001	Avoyelles Public Charter School	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
336001	Delhi Charter School	\$33,077	\$48,180	\$15,103	\$0
337001	Belle Chasse Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
340001	The MAX Charter School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Legacy Type 2 Charter Schools		\$55,910	\$68,539	\$15,103	(\$2,474)
341001	D'Arbonne Woods	\$31,089	\$77,088	\$45,999	\$0
343001	Madison Prep	\$32,174	\$52,275	\$20,101	\$0
344001	Int'l High School of N. O.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
345001	University View Academy	\$134,117	\$207,656	\$73,539	\$0
346001	Lake Charles Charter Academy	\$0	\$5,059	\$5,059	\$0
347001	Lycee Francois de la Nouvelle Orleans	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
348001	New Orleans Military/Maritime Adcmly	\$59,105	\$81,424	\$22,319	\$0
3C5001	St Landry Charter School	\$0	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$0
W18001	Noble Minds Institute	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
W1A001	JCFA - East	\$10,000	\$15,418	\$5,418	\$0
W1B001	Advantage Charter Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
W1D001	JCFA - Lafayette	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
W2B001	Willow Charter Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
W33001	Lincoln Prep School	\$17,171	\$19,513	\$2,342	\$0
W3B001	Iberville Charter Academy	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
W4A001	Delta Charter School	\$10,000	\$20,236	\$10,236	\$0
W4B001	Lake Charles College Prep	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
W5B001	Northeast Claiborne Charter	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
W6B001	Acadiana Renaissance	\$79,530	\$117,559	\$38,029	\$0
W7A001	Louisiana Key Academy	\$12,653	\$0	\$0	(\$12,653)
W7B001	Lafayette Renaissance	\$63,263	\$70,102	\$6,839	\$0
W8A001	Impact Charter	\$0	\$5,059	\$5,059	\$0
WAG001	Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	\$56,033	\$211,510	\$155,477	\$0
WAK001	Southwest LA Charter School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WAL001	J. S. Clark Leadership Academy	\$35,789	\$47,457	\$11,668	\$0
WAU001	GEO Prep Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WBQ001	New Harmony High School	\$28,920	\$48,180	\$19,260	\$0
WBR001	Athlos Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WBX001	GEO Next Generation HS	\$45,730	\$75,643	\$29,913	\$0
WJ5001	Collegiate Academy (EBR)	\$58,202	\$92,987	\$34,785	\$0
WZ8001	GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater B. R.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZN001	GEO Prep Baker (New*)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZO001	Louisiana Key Academy Northshore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZP001	Discovery Ochsner BR *(New in 2023-2024)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
WZQ001	Kenilworth Middle *(New in 2023-2024)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZT001	LaKey Caddo *(New in 2023-2024)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZU001	Rebirth Blended Learning Academy	\$10,000	\$17,827	\$7,827	\$0
WZX001	Academy of Collaborative Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZW001	Vermilion Charter	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
WZZ001	Northshore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Placeholder for Closed Schools					
Total New Type 2 Charter Schools		\$703,776	\$1,240,292	\$549,169	(\$12,653)
WYC001	Linwood Public Charter (RSD Operated)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WZV001	Prescott Academy *(New in 2023-2024)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WAO001	Redesign Dalton Charter School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WAP001	Redesign Lanier Charter School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Placeholder for Closed Schools					
Total RSD/Type 5 Charters		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Statewide		\$18,881,471	\$28,092,382	\$9,309,190	(\$98,280)