

Office of Career and College Readiness

2026-2027 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 2026-2027) 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 trued 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 2026-2027 will be released on or before August 14, 2026.
 - The final MFP CDF allocation due will be in a separate, single payment in February/March 2027.
 - 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.

Table 4: Budget Letter
Level 4 Supplementary Allocations

School Systems and Schools			
			Initial FY2026-27 CDF Allocation (75% of FY2025-26 Allocation or Minimum)
FY2026-27			3
1	1	Acadia	\$169,905
2	2	Allen	\$157,795
3	3	Ascension	\$889,652
4	4	Assumption	\$58,563
5	5	Avoyelles	\$196,656
6	6	Beauregard	\$90,737
7	7	Bienville	\$49,164
8	8	Bossier	\$533,213
9	9	Caddo	\$1,027,745
10	10	Calcasieu	\$736,376
11	11	Caldwell	\$65,974
12	12	Cameron	\$25,000
13	13	Catahoula	\$29,643
14	14	Claiborne	\$60,551
15	15	Concordia	\$118,753
16	16	DeSoto	\$282,693
17	17	East Baton Rouge	\$1,960,053
18	18	East Carroll	\$34,523
19	19	East Feliciana	\$28,378
20	20	Evangeline	\$99,774
21	21	Franklin	\$75,373
22	22	Grant	\$58,563
23	23	Iberia	\$357,704
24	24	Iberville	\$76,819
25	25	Jackson	\$68,504
26	26	Jefferson	\$1,089,923
27	27	Jefferson Davis	\$130,502
28	28	Lafayette	\$879,168
29	29	Lafourche	\$432,173
30	30	LaSalle	\$49,887
31	31	Lincoln	\$228,830
32	32	Livingston	\$1,448,892
33	33	Madison	\$78,265
34	34	Morehouse	\$112,607
35	35	Natchitoches	\$167,013
36	36	Orleans	\$1,377,908
37	37	Ouachita	\$210,212
38	38	Plaquemines	\$62,178
39	39	Pointe Coupee	\$113,150
40	40	Rapides	\$580,569
41	41	Red River	\$48,441
42	42	Richland	\$85,133
43	43	Sabine	\$163,940
44	44	St. Bernard	\$236,963
45	45	St. Charles	\$254,677
46	46	St. Helena	\$33,077
47	47	St. James	\$163,217
48	48	St. John the Baptist	\$224,853
49	49	St. Landry	\$611,477
50	50	St. Martin	\$157,253
51	51	St. Mary	\$272,210
52	52	St. Tammany	\$1,051,604
53	53	Tangipahoa	\$774,695
54	54	Tensas	\$25,000
55	55	Terrebonne	\$363,488
56	56	Union	\$45,730
57	57	Vermilion	\$121,103
58	58	Vernon	\$87,483
59	59	Washington	\$118,030
60	60	Webster	\$131,948
61	61	West Baton Rouge	\$100,497
62	62	West Carroll	\$63,805
63	63	West Feliciana	\$56,756
64	64	Winn	\$50,249
65	65	City of Monroe	\$140,804
66	66	City of Bogalusa	\$85,495
67	67	Zachary Community	\$111,523
68	68	City of Baker	\$25,000
69	69	Central Community	\$274,017
		Total City/Parish	\$20,091,856

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318	318001	LSU Lab School	\$11,749
319	319001	Southern Lab School	\$10,000
302006	302006	LA School for Math, Science and the Arts	\$10,000
334001	334001	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts	\$10,000
3C1001	3C1001	Thrive	\$10,000
101001	A02	Special School District	\$12,472
A02		Office of Juvenile Justice	\$49,706
		Total Lab & State Approved Schools	\$113,927
321001	321001	New Vision Learning	\$0
329001	329001	Glencoe Charter School	\$10,000
331001	331001	International School of LA	\$0
333001	333001	Avoyelles Public Charter School	\$10,000
336001	336001	Delhi Charter School	\$36,150
337001	337001	Belle Chasse Academy	\$0
340001	340001	The MAX Charter School	\$0
		Total Legacy Type 2 Charter Schools	\$56,150
341001	341001	D'Arbonne Woods	\$57,840
343001	343001	Madison Prep	\$39,223
344001	344001	Int'l High School of N. O.	
345001	345001	University View Academy	\$155,807
346001	346001	Lake Charles Charter Academy	\$0
347001	347001	Lycee Francois de la Nouvelle Orleans	\$10,000
348001	348001	New Orleans Military/Maritime Acdmy	\$61,094
W18001	W18001	Noble Minds Institute	\$0
W1A001	W1A001	JCFA - East	\$11,568
W1B001	W1B001	Advantage Charter Academy	\$0
W1D001	W1D001	JCFA - Lafayette	\$10,000
W2B001	W2B001	Willow Charter Academy	\$0
W33001	W33001	Lincoln Prep School	\$14,641
W3B001	W3B001	Iberville Charter Academy	\$10,000
W4A001	W4A001	Delta Charter School	\$15,183
W4B001	W4B001	Lake Charles College Prep	\$10,000
W5B001	W5B001	Northeast Claiborne Charter	\$10,000
W6B001	W6B001	Acadiana Renaissance	\$88,206
W7A001	W7A001	Louisiana Key Academy	\$0
W7B001	W7B001	Lafayette Renaissance	\$52,598
W8A001	W8A001	Impact Charter	\$0
WAG001	WAG001	Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	\$158,699
WAK001	WAK001	Southwest LA Charter School	\$0
WAL001	WAL001	J. S. Clark Leadership Academy	\$35,608
WAU001	WAU001	GEO Prep Academy	\$0
WBX001	WBX001	GEO Next Generation HS	\$56,756
WJ5001	WJ5001	Collegiate Academy (EBR)	\$69,770
WZ8001	WZ8001	GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater B. R.	\$0
WZN001	WZN001	GEO Prep Baker	\$0
WZO001	WZO001	Louisiana Key Academy Northshore	\$0
WZP001	WZP001	Discovery Ochsner BR	\$10,000
WZQ001	WZQ001	Kenilworth Middle	\$0
WZT001	WZT001	LaKey Caddo	\$0
WZU001	WZU001	Rebirth Blended Learning Academy	\$13,376
WZX001	WZX001	Academy of Collaborative Education (ACE)	\$0
WZW001	WZW001	Vermilion Charter	\$10,000
WZZ001	WZZ001	Northshore Charter Academy	\$0
		Total New Type 2 Charter Schools	\$900,369
WYC001	WYC001	Linwood Public Charter (RSD Operated)	\$0
WZV001	WA7001	Prescott Academy	\$0
WAO001	3AP003	Redesign Dalton Charter School	\$0
WAP001	3AP001	Redesign Lanier Charter School	\$0
		Total RSD/Type 5 Charters	\$0
		Total Statewide	\$21,162,302
36	36	Orleans Direct Run	\$25,000

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W31001	W31001	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Charter	\$0
W62001	395005	LB Landry-OP Walker	\$43,742
W66001	395001	Martin Behrman	\$0
W71001	397001	Sophie B. Wright Learning Acdmy	\$79,892
W81001	398002	KIPP McDonogh 15 Sch. for Creative Arts	\$0
W82001	398001	KIPP Believe College Prep	\$0
W84001	398005	John F. Kennedy High School	\$184,908
W85001	398006	KIPP N.O. Leadership Acdmy	\$0
W86001	398007	KIPP East	\$0
W87001	398008	KIPP Booker T. Washington High School	\$63,443
W91001	399001	Samuel J. Green Charter School	\$0
W92001	399002	Arthur Ashe Charter School	\$0
W94001	399004	Phillis Wheatley Community School	\$0
W95001	399005	Langston Hughes Charter Academy	\$0
WAA001	368001	Morris Jeff Community School	\$56,033
WAE001	364001	Fannie C. Williams Charter School	\$0
WAF001	363001	Harriet Tubman Charter School	\$0
WAH001	360001	The NET Charter School	\$10,000
WAM001	363002	Paul Habans Elem (dba Dorothy Heights)	\$0
WAZ001	WAZ001	Audubon Charter School	\$0
WBB001	WBB001	Benjamin Franklin High School	\$67,239
WBC001	WBC001	Alice M. Harte Elementary Charter	\$0
WBD001	WBD001	Edna Karr High School	\$162,314
WBE001	WBE001	Lusher Charter School (dba Willow School)	\$38,138
WBF001	WBF001	Eleanor McMain Secondary School	\$88,387
WBH001	WBH001	Lake Forest Elementary Charter School	\$0
WBI001	WBI001	New Orleans Charter Sci. & Math HS	\$89,833
WBK001	WBK001	Bricolage Academy	\$0
WBL001	WBL001	Wilson Charter School	\$0
WBO001	WBO001	Einstein Charter @ Sherwood Forest	\$0
WBP001	WBP001	McDonogh 42 Charter School (dba Pierre Capdau S.T.E.A.M.)	\$0
WBT001	WBT001	Audubon Gentilly	\$0
WBU001	WBU001	Collegiate Rosenwald	\$10,000
WBV001	WBV001	Dwight D. Eisenhower	\$0
WBZ001	WBZ001	McDonogh 35 Senior H. S.	\$142,612
WC2001	WC2001	Opportunities Academy	\$10,000
WJ1001	382001	Sci Academy	\$10,000
WJ2001	382002	G.W. Carver Collegiate Acdmy	\$35,246
WJ4001	382004	Livingston Collegiate Academy	\$13,556
WL1001	398004	KIPP Central City Primary	\$0
WU1001	374001	Success Preparatory Academy	\$0
WZ2001	369002	ReNEW SciTech Acdmy.	\$0
WZ3001	369003	ReNEW Delores T. Aaron Elem	\$0
WZ6001	369006	ReNEW Schaumburg Elem	\$0
WZ9001	360002	The NET 2 Charter School	\$10,000
WZA001	360003	Accelerated High, City Park	\$10,000
WZB001	WZB001	Warren Easton Charter High School	\$195,752
WZC001	3C2001	Edward Hynes Charter School - Lakeview	\$0
WZD001	3C2002	Edward Hynes Charter School - UNO	\$0
WZG001	3C3001	Esperanza Charter School	\$0
WZJ001	3C2003	Hynes Parkview (dba Edward Hynes Charter School)	\$0
WZK001	3C6001	Homer Plessy Community School	\$0
WZL001	3C8001	YACS at Lawrence D. Crocker (dba Young Audiences at Crocker Elementary)	\$0
WZM001	3C7001	Rooted School	\$19,883
WZS001	363003	Mildred Osborne Charter School	\$0
WBG001	369008	Robert Russa Moton (new)	\$0
WZY001	36197	Elan Academy Charter School	\$0
		Placeholder for closed schools (OPSB only)	\$11,930
		Total Orleans Parish	1,377,908