

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: April 16, 2024

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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

April is the Month of the Military Child. It's a time to celebrate the strength and bravery of military families in Louisiana and across this great nation. There are over 12,000 military-connected students in Louisiana schools. As educators, we play a crucial role in supporting the academic achievement of the children of America's heroes.

Louisiana has been proactive in helping military-connected families experience success in the classroom. Military families move every two to three years on average, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks. The [Purple Star School](#) program recognizes schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces.

I encourage you to engage your school communities in meaningful discussions and activities that promote awareness and appreciation for our military-connected students and families. Thank you for your dedication to serving all students, and for joining me in honoring our America's heroes this and every month.

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Nonpublic Monthly Call: [April 17 at 2 p.m.](#)
- eScholar Office Hours: [April 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [April 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Data Coordinator Office Hours: [April 18 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [April 18 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Early Childhood Lead Agencies Office Hours: [April 23 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [April 24 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [April 24 at 1 p.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [April 24 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [April 24 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [April 25 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [May 2 at 8 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [May 3 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [May 7 at 1 p.m.](#)

- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [May 8 at 9 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charters Monthly Call: [May 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [May 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [May 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [May 20 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Last day to complete [Business Manager Survey](#): April 20
- Last day to request changes in La Data Review for Cohort Graduation: April 26
- Last day to administer K-3 Literacy Screener: April 30
- Deadline to submit Davis-Bacon Checklist application in [eGMS](#): April 30
- [Act 260 System Contact Form](#) Deadline: May 1
- [Teacher Leader Summit 2024](#): May 28-30, New Orleans
- Congregate Feeding Application Deadline: May 31

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

ACT/WorkKeys

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

ACT standard time, on paper and online with accommodations and/or supports, and ACT non-college reportable materials for Testing Window 2 closes on April 19. All WorkKeys testing closes on April 19. Online student reports are now available to schools and districts in the Success system. Reports can be emailed to parents from the system.

For districts that have a non-LDOE WorkKeys realm, a [Data Sharing Agreement](#) (other realms) is required that allows ACT to provide data from that realm on the master WorkKeys file used for accountability. These agreements will be active until June 30, 2026.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Interests and Opportunities Data Certification for Public Schools

Please share with school leaders and school system accountability contacts.

The Louisiana Data Review (LDR) online system will be open to school system accountability contacts from 8 a.m. on Monday, April 29 through the end of the day Friday, June 7 for the purpose of submitting data for their selected 2023-2024 Interest and Opportunities documentation-based indicators that will be used in 2024 school performance scores.

A letter with more details on LDR user guides and directions will be sent to accountability contacts on Friday, April 26.

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.

LEAP Connect Score Reports

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

LEAP Connect individual score reports and school rosters will be released no later than May 1. District test coordinators will be notified by the assessment team when the reports are posted to DRC INSIGHT.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

2024-2025 CDF Funding Update

Please share with CTE supervisors, principals, school counselors, secondary supervisors, and system leaders.

During the 2024 Jump Start Convention, the LDOE presented potential changes to the CDF list to garner feedback from school systems. The LDOE also conducted a fiscal impact analysis on the potential changes. This includes an analysis of CDF funds school systems are carrying over.

Because of the need for continued, in-depth analysis and consideration of system feedback, the CDF list will not be modified for the 2024-2025 school year. However, in the fall of 2024, the LDOE intends to publish an updated CDF list that will be implemented in the 2025-2026 school year along with a formal process for school systems to request courses to be added to the list.

Please contact timberly.deville2@la.gov with questions.

College Board: AP Precalculus Lunch & Learn

Please share with administrators, AP teachers, counselors, and test coordinators.

The College Board is offering a virtual lunch and learn session on AP Precalculus on May 1. AP Precalculus gives every student ready for high school precalculus the opportunity to earn college credit and/or placement. Students have access to free digital learning and practice resources. Please join The College Board as they take a deep dive into the course and the opportunities it offers to students.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** May 1 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** [Microsoft Teams](#)
- **Meeting ID:** 275 413 323 886
- **Passcode:** u4giag

Please contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.

Work-Based Learning Policy

Please share with administrators, CTE educators, and system leaders.

At the April 2024 meeting, BESE approved, as a [Notice of Intent](#), updates to *Bulletin 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators* §3113 regarding work-based learning. The updated policy outlines clear definitions for three main forms of work-based learning: cooperative education, internships, and structured on-the-job training as part of a Registered Apprenticeship. The updates also provide enhanced qualifications for work-based learning instructors, guidelines for scheduling work-based learning activities, and provisions concerning teacher-coordinators and participating students. Further, BESE approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to *Bulletin 111 - The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System* incentivizing the provision of work-based learning opportunities to students.

The LDOE will be producing guidance that includes measures addressing liability and insurance concerns, adherence to child labor laws, developing new and expanding existing work-based learning programs, and engaging with business and industry.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

School Choice

Interests and Opportunities Menu-Based Approach Guidance

Please share with school superintendents, system leaders and principals.

2023-2024 Interests & Opportunities survey for calculating 2023-2024 Scholarship Cohort Index will open on April 22, and close on May 20. A letter with details will be sent to principals on April 19. The survey must be validated by superintendents or their designee by May 24.

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

Business Manager Surveys

Please share with all Type 2 and Type 5 charter school business managers.

Act 606 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (R.S. 17:84.2) requires that each city, parish, and other local public school board shall employ a business manager or chief financial officer who shall have the qualifications established by rules promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

All charter school business managers are asked to complete the [Business Manager Survey](#) by the close of business on April 20. Completed surveys should be emailed to charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov.

Please contact charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Act 260: System Contact

Please share with math content supervisors and system leaders.

In an effort to support systems with the implementation of [Act 260](#), the LDOE is requesting systems complete the [Act 260 System Contact](#) form. Systems should provide the contact information of the point person identified to lead the implementation of Act 260 requirements. The system contact should be a content or math leader for grades 4-8. All school systems are asked to submit the completed [Act 260 System Contact](#) form by May 1.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum Updates

Please share with content supervisors, school leaders, and social studies teachers.

All grade 8 Bayou Bridges units are now available on the [Bayou Bridges Resource page](#). Units are aligned to meet the [2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#). All kindergarten units will be published by May 1, grade 1 units by May 24, and grade 2 units by June 19.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

Shaywitz DyslexiaScreen Training & FAQ

Please share with principals, teachers, and special education directors.

The required [training video](#) for kindergarten teachers to view before administering the Shaywitz DyslexiaScreen has been released; as well as an [FAQ document](#).

Webinar Link: https://www.brainshark.com/pearsonassessments/LDOE_Shaywitz

Instructions:

1. Enter the password: tr@ining\$r360
2. Complete the guest book by entering first name, last name, email address and district.
3. Check the "Remember me" checkbox to automatically complete the guestbook upon subsequent visit.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Local SEAC Collect for 2023-2024

Please share with special education leaders.

Pursuant to R.S. 17:1944, the LDOE is collecting school systems' Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) report for the 2023-2024 school year. Legislation requires that the report be posted annually on the local systems' website and submitted to the LDOE. Please [submit](#) one website link to the approved report per school system by May 31.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce**Workforce Reporting Snapshot Update**

Please share with data managers, human resource directors, site leaders, and system leaders.

The 2022-2023 State and Regional Workforce Snapshot reports are available in the [Workforce Attributes Library](#) and linked below. These workforce snapshots are built using End-of-Year (EOY) data from the 2022-2023 academic year.

- [State Workforce Snapshot](#)
- [Southwest Regional Workforce Snapshot](#)
- [Southeast Regional Workforce Snapshot](#)
- [Northern Regional Workforce Snapshot](#)
- [Central Regional Workforce Snapshot](#)

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.