

## LDOE Weekly Newsletter: June 11, 2024

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### Important Dates for School Systems

#### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [June 12 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charters Monthly Call: [June 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Education Technology Monthly Call: [June 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [June 17 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Apprenticeship Quarterly Call: [June 18 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Monthly Principal Webinar: [June 24 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [June 26 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [June 26 at 1 p.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [June 26 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [July 2 at 1 p.m.](#)

#### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Kami for Elementary ELA and Social Studies: [June 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Kami for Elementary Math and Science: [June 13 at 1 p.m.](#)
- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): June 17, Harahan
- Louisiana Leader Evaluation Training: June 17-18
- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): June 18, Lake Charles
- [See the Sound Visual Phonics Training](#): June 18-19 **POSTPONED**
- [School Support Institutes 2024-2025](#) Registration Ends: June 21
- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): June 21, Baton Rouge
- Math Leader ToolKit-Math Refresh Summer Webinar Series: [June 24 at 9 a.m.](#)
- [Homeless Liaison of the Year Nomination](#) Deadline: June 24
- Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring School System Webinar: [June 26 at 12 p.m.](#)
- [ELA and Social Studies PL: South Louisiana](#): June 28
- Deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds: June 30
- Summer EBT Application Portal Opens: July 1
- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): July 8, West Monroe
- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): July 9, Bossier City
- [2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit](#): July 10-11, **VIRTUAL EVENT**
- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): July 11, Alexandria
- [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#): Registration Ends: July 12
- Deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs: July 15
- [New International Associate Teacher Orientation](#): July 22-25, Baton Rouge

## Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

### **K-3 Literacy: First Day of School**

**Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.**

Louisiana law requires that all students in public school grades K through 3 participate in statewide literacy screenings in the first 30 days of school. The Amplify screening windows will be customized for school systems in mCLASS to comply with the law. All school systems must send their first and last day of school, approved by their school board, to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) by June 28.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

### **Interests and Opportunities: Sponsor Site Updates**

**Please share with accountability contacts and data managers.**

In order to assure that Interests and Opportunities survey communications are received by the correct school administrators, principal information must be up-to-date in Sponsor Site. Please make sure that all principals are correctly entered into the state's system no later than July 31.

Please contact [accountability@la.gov](mailto:accountability@la.gov) with questions.

### **LEAP Assessments Availability**

**Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.**

The following assessments will not be available for administration in DRC INSIGHT from July 1 to July 15 as the system closes 2023-2024 administrations and prepares for 2024-2025:

- Diagnostic & Interim
- LEAP 2025 Practice Tests
- State Placement Test (required for students enrolling in grades 5 or 9 with no 2024 LEAP score)

The LEAP Connect practice tests will not be available for administration from July 1 through early October as additional subject and grade practice tests are added.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

## Career and College Readiness

### **Apprenticeship Quarterly Call**

**Please share with counselors, CTE supervisors, principals, and secondary supervisors.**

The postsecondary readiness team will host an apprenticeship call on the third Tuesday of the month every four months at 11 a.m. The call will address apprenticeship opportunities and updates related to enrollment reporting, funding, and program development.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** June 18 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93667143459?>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID:** 936 6714 3459
- **Passcode:** 723559

Please contact [caronda.bean@la.gov](mailto:caronda.bean@la.gov) with questions.

## School Choice

### Charter Schools

#### **Charter Accountability**

**Please share with BESE-authorized charter school leaders.**

The Office of School Choice is developing virtual training sessions for BESE-authorized charter school leaders. Topics will include Technology Readiness for Testing, Data Management and more. This series will be designed for schools in pre-opening, newly hired staff in related positions or those wanting a refresher.

Please contact [charters@la.gov](mailto:charters@la.gov) with questions.

### Nonpublic Schools

#### **LSP and SCP Scholarship Award Transfers**

**Please share with school leaders and student data managers.**

Scholarship students who wish to transfer to another participating school before the start of the 2024-25 school year must accept the scholarship at the original awarded school. The transfer window opens June 10th.

Families are required to submit a Transfer Request form to the LDOE signed by the parent/guardian and a representative of the receiving school.

Please contact [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with questions.

#### **June Nonpublic Monthly Call Canceled**

**Please share with school leaders.**

The regularly scheduled Nonpublic Monthly Call is canceled for the month of June. Past monthly calls are archived on the [LDOE Monthly Calls](#) page.

Please contact [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with questions.

#### **2024-2025 Tuition and Fee Certification Worksheets**

**Please share with school leaders.**

Tuition and Fees Certification Worksheets for all participating LSP scholarship schools for the 2024-2025 school year were placed in the FTP folder on June 3. This form is used to confirm tuition and fees for the upcoming year and is an important part of the auditing review at the end of the year.

- Please do not digitally alter the form
- If you have any changes that need to be made, please write your changes directly on the form and submit it to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) for review
- Please carefully review, sign, and return the worksheets via email to [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) by June 12

Please contact [studentscholarships@la.gov](mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov) with questions.

## School System Relations

#### **LDOE Names 2024 Louisiana Public Interest Fellow**

**Please share with teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders.**

During the opening session of the Teacher Leader Summit, the LDOE was proud to announce that Kylie Altier from East Baton Rouge Parish is the 2024 Louisiana Public Interest Fellowship recipient. The fellowship allows recipients to spend the upcoming school year advocating for a key education initiative aligned with LDOE priorities. Recipients are selected from the previous year's list of Teacher of the Year semi finalists and finalists. Kylie's initiative is focused on supporting

parental involvement in their child's reading by creating parent resource videos that will be shared through the website [Read with Kylie](#) and distributing literacy kits.

As the 2024 Louisiana Public Interest Fellow, Kylie will also be honored at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). Information regarding past fellowship recipients can be found on the [LDOE Awards page](#).

Congratulations, Kylie!

Please contact [exemplaryeducator@la.gov](mailto:exemplaryeducator@la.gov) with questions.

## Teaching and Learning

### Academic Content

#### **Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews**

**Please share with content supervisors, literacy coaches, and school leaders.**

The LDOE conducts ongoing reviews of instructional materials to support school systems in adopting curricula in all core subjects. Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below. All tiered reviews can be found on the [annotated reviews](#) web page. The status of all instructional materials submissions can be found in the [weekly report](#).

- Imagine Learning LLC - EL Education, Grades 6-8 (©2020)

Please contact [louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov](mailto:louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov) with questions.

#### **Act 260 Numeracy Training Updates**

**Please share with math supervisors, school leaders, superintendents, and teachers.**

In accordance with [Act 260](#), the LDOE has created a full suite of Numeracy Professional Learning courses for K-12 math teachers. The LDOE plans to release the first five modules for each Numeracy course this summer. For educators to access the courses within the [Canopy Professional Learning Platform](#), superintendents must have opted-in through EdLink Security to grant all classroom teachers a role in Canopy. Once this step is completed, teachers and staff should follow the steps below to [create an EdLink Security account](#).

- Step 1: [Create MyLa Credentials](#)
- Step 2: [Create EdLink User Profile](#)

For answers to frequently asked questions, please refer to the [Act 260 Guidance and Framing](#) document on the [Louisiana Math](#) page.

Please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.

#### **Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring School System Webinar**

**Please share with content supervisors, literacy coaches, school leaders, and elementary teachers.**

The Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring Initiative is a result of Senate Bill 508 of the 2024 legislative session. This bill provides high-dosage tutoring for certain low-performing students in grades kindergarten through five that is school-day embedded. The webinar will guide the implementation of the Accelerate High Dosage Tutoring model including funding guidance, the submission of tutoring plans, and implementation requirements.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** June 26 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99369573092?pwd=ytxDgPV75D0MUzHqQyOUEvbODXzmeg.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 470 250 9358
- **Meeting ID:** 993 6957 3092
- **Passcode:** 861557

Please contact [holly.manson@la.gov](mailto:holly.manson@la.gov) with questions.

## **International Associate Teacher (IAT) Orientation**

**Please share with IAT supervisors, human resource representatives, and school leaders.**

The LDOE and CODOFIL will host the [2024 New International Associate Teacher Orientation](#) July 22-25 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. The LDOE invites supervisors of systems hosting incoming International Associate Teachers to attend sessions on July 23, have lunch with their new teachers, and then escort teachers to their new school system. Please register on Eventbrite, and refer to the [Louisiana International Associate Teacher Program Guide](#) for more information regarding this program.

Please contact [language.acquisition@la.gov](mailto:language.acquisition@la.gov) with questions.

## **Diverse Learners**

### **POSTPONED - See the Sound-Visual Phonics Training Opportunity**

**Please share with special education leaders, special education teachers, speech-language pathologists, teachers of deaf and hard of hearing, and teachers of English learners.**

The Visual Phonics trainings that were previously scheduled for June 18-19 and July 24- 25 have been postponed. Please check the LDOE weekly newsletter and office hours in the fall for updated training dates.

Please contact [diverselearnersupport@la.gov](mailto:diverselearnersupport@la.gov) or [lavisualphonics@gmail.com](mailto:lavisualphonics@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **School Improvement**

### **System Leader Regional Collaborations Registration**

**Please share with system leaders.**

In conjunction with SSI, the Office of Teaching and Learning will be hosting [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#) in 2024-2025. These will be interactive opportunities for system-level leaders to engage in differentiated, high-quality professional learning experiences. Learning pathways will include:

- Developing student programming coherence
- Building leader capacity for principal supervisors
- Improving overall system level coherence

Registration is now open for these sessions that will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the same dates and at the same venues as School Support Institutes. For learning pathway descriptions, session dates, and venue locations, please see the [System Leader Regional Collaborations Overview](#).

Please contact [schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov](mailto:schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov) with questions.

### **School Support Institutes Registration**

**Please share with system and school leaders.**

Registration is now open for [School Support Institutes](#). In 2024-2025, new SSI learning will focus on building the instructional capacity of school-based instructional leadership teams by providing the most current and relevant professional learning to establish and maintain coherent, well-organized instructional programs that meet the diverse needs of all students. There will be three in-person half-day sessions in regional locations in Monroe, Shreveport, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans and a final full-day session at 2025 Teacher Leader Summit.

Attendance at SSI is required for:

- 3-member leadership teams from CIR schools
- Site-level literacy teams from NEW sub grantee, Urgent Intervention Needed school participating in the CLSD UIN grant and one system-level Literacy Coach Coordinator.

System leaders supporting CIR schools are welcome to register to attend with their school teams. For session dates and venue locations please see the [School Support Institutes Overview](#), which can also be found on the [School Improvement](#) landing page.

Please contact [schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov](mailto:schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov) with questions.