

## LDOE Weekly Newsletter: May 28, 2024

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### Message from the Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

As a result of your efforts, Louisiana's educational ranking has increased to a record high and students are benefitting with stronger academic outcomes. In a state that has been long-challenged with educational outcomes, we have more work to accomplish.

Teachers have played a core role in our recent improvements and should be commended. However, teachers often ask me, "Can you make my job just a little bit easier?" So, we rolled up our sleeves and went to work. I called together a group of nearly 30 educators from across the state and tasked them to solve for key concerns. Recently, with Governor Jeff Landry by my side, we [released a set of recommendations to support Louisiana's teachers](#). These are common sense solutions that elevate the teaching profession while seeking to restore law and order to school campuses across Louisiana.

These recommendations keep students as a priority and do not infringe on parental rights. While some require state action, others must be handled at the system and/or school level. I'm hopeful we can continue working together to improve the educational system in Louisiana. Thanks for your collaboration.

Dr. Cade Brumley  
State Superintendent of Education

### Important Dates for School Systems

#### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- eScholar Office Hours: [May 30 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Data Coordinator Office Hours: [May 30 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [June 4 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [June 4 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [June 6 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Human Capital Webinar Series: [June 11 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [June 12 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charters Monthly Call: [June 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [June 17 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [June 19 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [June 25 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [June 26 at 10 a.m.](#)

## **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- [Teacher Leader Summit 2024](#): May 28-30, New Orleans
- Congregate Feeding Application Deadline: May 31
- Final Day to Upload Final SCP Roster to FTP: May 31
- [Getting Started: Kami with your LMS](#): June 4 at 9 a.m.
- [Kami for Teacher Leaders](#): June 4 at 1 p.m.
- [Kami for Teacher Leaders](#): June 6 at 9 a.m.
- [Getting Started: Kami with your LMS](#): June 6 at 1 p.m.
- [Carl Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment \(CLNA\) Webinar](#): June 10
- Summer Transfer Window Opens for LSP/SCP Schools: June 10
- [Kami for Elementary Math and Science](#): June 11 at 9 a.m.
- [School Support Institutes 2024 - 2025](#) Registration Ends: June 21
- [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#) Registration Ends: June 21
- Deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds: June 30
- Summer EBT Application Portal Opens: July 1
- [2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit](#): July 10-11, **virtual event**
- Deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs: July 15

## **Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics**

### **ELPT/ELPT Connect Score Release**

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

The spring 2024 ELPT/ELPT Connect scores were released on Monday, June 3 in the TIDE portal. There is no embargo on individual student reports. Schools and systems are responsible for disseminating reports to parents. Summarized results should not be released before the LDOE posts summary results.

Students who meet the definition of proficiency should be reclassified in EdLink at the beginning of 2024-2025. Students who do not meet the definition of proficiency must continue to test, even if services are refused.

During assessment data certification in late August, schools will be able to review how results are used in their SPS and request changes based on documentation. When ELPT post-data certification rosters are released with fall 2024 school performance scores, annual targets for students will be provided in the file.

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

### **LEAP 2025 DRC Student Corrections Online Cleanup**

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

The annual DRC INSIGHT Student Corrections Online Cleanup will open on June 10 and will close on June 17. There is no possibility of extension. This process provides DTCs and STCs with the option to correct demographic data that may cause issues with matching and to apply accountability codes for students with a legitimate, documented excuse from testing.

The only persons who will have access to DRC INSIGHT are current district test coordinators and school test coordinators who have been provided access through their DTC. The LDOE does not manage STC access. School test coordinators can apply changes directly. District test coordinators should monitor each school's progress using the status report.

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

### **Update: 2023-2024 Teacher Roster Verification for VAM**

**Please share with data managers, school leaders, and teachers.**

The [Curriculum Verification and Results \(CVR\) Reporting Portal](#) roster verification ensures that teachers are assigned to the correct courses and classroom rosters of students for the purposes of value-added (VAM) analysis. The data in CVR

will be used to calculate a teacher's VAM score even if the teacher and/or the principal do not verify the roster. Teachers instructing ELA, Math, Science (grades 4-8), and Algebra I, Geometry, English I and English II EOC courses (all grades) should verify their rosters as they are eligible to receive VAM scores. Social Studies rosters will not be available in the CVR because a new Social Studies test is being piloted in the 2023-2024 school year. Teachers do not need to verify any Social Studies class roster.

May 6-June 7 CVR will be open for roster verification. Please note the verification window has been extended until June 7. This process is required and allows teachers and principals the ability to verify and correct records for specific courses and students. Data managers will track verification completion at the school system and school level in the system.

The updated [Curriculum Verification and Roster Portal \(CVR\) User Guide](#) is now available.

Please contact [systemsupport@la.gov](mailto:systemsupport@la.gov) with questions regarding roster verification, or [compass@la.gov](mailto:compass@la.gov) with general Compass related questions.

## **Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations**

### **Public Notice- ESEA Consolidated State Plan Addendum**

**Please share with human resource directors, school leaders and system leaders.**

Louisiana has opted to pursue this opportunity to amend its State Plan to separate school discipline from the state accountability system. Relevant personnel should review this [addendum PDF](#) request and submit questions or comments to Ashley Townsend, Deputy Chief of Policy, via email at [EducationPolicy@la.gov](mailto:EducationPolicy@la.gov), placing "ESEA Addendum" in the subject line, by June 14.

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

## **Career and College Readiness**

### **CompTIA IT Fundamentals+**

**Please share with CTE supervisors, CTE teachers, principals, and school counselors.**

CompTIA IT Fundamentals+ is changing to CompTIA Tech+. Updates are currently under review, and guidance on these changes, implementation, and training opportunities will be released in upcoming newsletters and Office Hours.

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

### **Carl Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) Webinar**

**Please share with CTE supervisors.**

Please join LDOE as we host a follow up to our Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) Technical Assistance. In this webinar, you will hear some of the common feedback from reviewers on the CLNA. There will also be a brief discussion regarding attestations and steps that can be taken to improve your Carl Perkins application.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** June 10 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96766235154>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 346 248 7799
- **Meeting ID:** 967 6623 5154

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

## School System Relations

### **Louisiana Department of Education Names 2025 Teacher and Principal of the Year Finalists**

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

During the opening session of the Teacher Leader Summit, the LDOE was proud to announce the [2025 Teacher and Principal of the Year Finalists](#). These educators are making exceptional gains with students. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

Other state-level honorees celebrated during the opening session included the [New Teacher of the Year Finalists](#), [Early Childhood Teacher and Leader Finalists](#), and [Milken Educator Award recipients](#). All of these excellent educators will be honored at the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala* that will be held at the World War II Museum on the evening of July 27. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). Information about these award programs can be found on the LDOE's [Awards page](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

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

### **Educator Talent and Workforce Development**

### **2024-2025 Pre-Educator Pathway Development & Expansion Funding Application**

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

Limited funding is available for school systems that are interested in developing and expanding access to the [Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway](#).

Systems may apply for either Pathway Development Funding or Pathway Expansion Funding. If funding requests exceed the amount of available funds, priority will be given to systems requesting Pathway Development Funding. To apply, systems should complete the [funding application](#). The funding application will be open from May 22 through June 14.

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

### **The New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick Off**

**Please share with human resource directors, school leaders, system leaders, and new teachers.**

The LDOE will host a Summer Kick-off for the New Teacher Experience on July 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 500 new teachers. The goals of the event are to:

- Welcome new teachers to the profession
- Understand the components of Louisiana's New Teacher Experience
- Engage in professional learning around topics relevant to new teachers
- Provide statewide networking opportunities for new teachers

The Summer Kick-Off will take place at the Lod Cook Alumni Center (3838 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge). [Registration](#) is now open and will close on July 12 or when capacity is reached. School systems may register their new teachers or send the registration link to new teachers for them to self register. School systems should share details about the event with their new teachers and ensure that they are able to attend prior to registering. This event is provided at no cost to systems; however, any travel costs may be covered by the school system. Registration includes lunch and a tote bag with lots of start-of-the-year goodies.

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

## School Improvement

### **School Support Institutes**

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

In 2024-2025, the LDOE will host [School Support Institutes](#) with a continued focus on strengthening the HQPL structures of ILT, Teacher Collaboration, and Observation and Feedback. 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.

Registration for SSI is now open and should be completed by June 21. System leaders supporting CIR schools are welcome to attend with their school teams and should register using the link found in the overview document.

For session dates, venue locations, and the registration link, 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.

### **System Leader Regional Collaborations**

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

In conjunction with SSI, the LDOE will be hosting [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#). These will be interactive opportunities for system-level leaders to engage in high-quality professional learning experiences.

Learning tracks will include:

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

Sessions 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.

Registration will open on June 4. For session dates and venue locations, please see the [System Leader Regional Collaborations Overview](#).

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