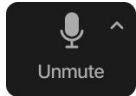
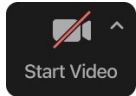


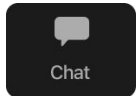
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

April 16, 2026



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Tireka Cobb, Chief of Staff

Student Support

- Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guide, Counselor Connect Newsletter, Pupil Progression Plans, Alternative Education, PBIS, Discipline

Business & Industry Partnerships: *Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director*

- Business and industry outreach, assisting school systems with opportunities with business and industry, Extension Academy, Diploma Orders, Community Service Diploma Endorsement, April Dunn Jump Start Pathways, Financial Aid Planning, U.S. Senate Youth Program, Credit Recovery, Proficiency Exams, Transcripts

Fast Forward

- Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Jump Start Summers, Super Summer Institute, CTTIE, Career Development Fund, Quest for Success, Supplemental Course Academy, U.S. Presidential Scholar, Advanced Coursework: AP, Dual Enrollment, IB and CLEP Testing, Graduation Requirements

Safe and Healthy Schools: *Stephen Guccione, Executive Director*

- AWARE grants, School Social Work, Health & Physical Activity, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Mental and Behavioral initiatives, and School Safety



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



2026-2027 Carl Perkins Technical Assistance

The Louisiana Department of Education will host its annual Carl Perkins technical assistance webinar to help support systems in completing their Carl Perkins application for the upcoming year. Assistance on completing the narratives and budget for the Carl Perkins section of the Super App will be available.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 21; 9 a.m.
- **Meeting ID:** 948 8800 6094
- **[Webinar Link](#)**
- **Audience:** CTE Supervisors and Federal Grants staff for secondary systems

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



2026 Jump Start Construction Connect Scholarship



The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and the Louisiana Construction Education Foundation (LCEF) have opened applications for the 2026 Jump Start Construction Connect Scholarship. This scholarship provides \$1,000 awards to eligible Louisiana high school seniors pursuing careers in construction and related fields.

- The scholarship supports students earning both a Jump Start credential and a Louisiana high school diploma, helping them access training aligned with high-demand, high-wage careers in construction crafts and STEM-related fields.
- Applications close May 1. Recipients will be selected May 1–14 and notified on May 15.
- Students interested in applying should scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/JumpStartConstruction2026> for additional information including qualifications and application details.

Please contact AcQueenGrant@lctcs.edu with questions.



2026 ACT Summit

Registration is now open for the 2026 ACT Summit. The ACT Summit unites the expertise and focus of Workforce professionals, Higher Ed leaders, and K-12 leaders, creating a fully integrated experience that fosters cross-sector collaboration. Sessions are designed to spark collaboration, foster problem solving, and shape the future of education and the workforce.

- **When:** July 13-15
- **Where:** Nashville, TN
- **Cost:** Registration \$695-\$795

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



College Board Updates and Deadlines

Deadlines and Reminders:

- **April 30:** Deadline to finalize student fee reduction status in [AP Registration and Ordering](#)
- **April 30:** [AP Digital Portfolio](#) Deadline for performance tasks in AP Seminar, AP Research, and AP Computer Science Principles
- **May 8:** [AP Digital Portfolio](#) Deadline for performance tasks in AP Art & Design
- **May 15:** Deadline to order late-testing exams.
- **May 31:** Deadline for AP African American Studies project and AP Latin checkpoint scores for the [AP Digital Portfolio](#).
- Please check out the [AP One Pager](#) for more information on test dates, resources, and common links.

Updates and Events:

- [2026 AP Annual Conference](#)
 - **When:** July 22 -24
 - **Where:** Las Vegas, NV
 - **Cost:** \$425-\$625

Contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.



Call for Proposals: Louisiana ACT Regional Conference

ACT would like to invite you to [submit a session proposal](#) for the 2027 Louisiana Regional Conference, which will take place on January 26, 2027 in Baton Rouge. Sessions should be 45 minutes with priority given to sessions that are relevant to education and workforce such as:

- Innovative uses of ACT programs to boost outcomes
- Leveraging AI in the classroom
- Proven test preparation strategies
- K-12, higher education, and workforce partnerships
- Engaging parents and communities

The deadline to submit is **June 5**.

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



Fast Forward



Fast Forward Training Catalog

The [Fast Forward Training Catalog](#) provides a list of professional development and training opportunities available. The catalog includes virtual, in-person, and hybrid training options for many Industry Based Certifications (IBCs) on the State Focus list. Please be sure to check out the professional development offerings as they are updated regularly.

Contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



Spring 2026 Federal Grants Management Training

Registration is open for the virtual Federal Grants Management Training held by the BruMan Group on behalf of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS). This event is designed to support subrecipients in administering federal funds across CTE and Adult Education programs. The Federal Grant Management exam will be administered after the training.

- **When:** April 29 - 30
- **Where:** Virtual
- **Audience:** all programmatic and fiscal personnel

Contact careerandtech@lctcs.edu with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



Save the Date: Louisiana School Safety Summit

- **Date:** July 7–8
- **Location:** Lake Charles Event Center 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA
- **Registration: Free**
 - [2026 School Safety Summit](#)
- The Safety Summit is designed for school professionals and stakeholders involved in emergency response, including Emergency Response Coordinators, Administrators, Mental Health Professionals, and School Resource Officers.

Please email Safeschools@la.gov with questions.



2026 -2027 Mental Health Screening Annual Report

[Act 504](#) of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session requires that each public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students as the beginning of each school year. Each public school shall annually report at the end of the school year to the state Department of Education, the number of screenings administered to students, by grade level, including grades 3 through 12, under its jurisdiction.

Each public school principal or designee, please complete the [survey](#) by June 30.

Contact healthschools@la.gov with questions.



2026-2027 Behavioral Health Screening Annual Report

[Act 324](#) of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session requires school systems to report annually to the state Department of Education, the number of students having behavioral or emotional challenges, the number of students for whom a conference was scheduled, and the number of students referred for supportive services.

Each School Systems Superintendents, please complete the [survey](#) by June 30.

Contact Healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Emergency Stock Medications

- Forms for standing orders can be found on the LDH website under [ACT 657-Emergency Medications](#)
- Current orders expired on April 1
- New standing orders are available and cover Naloxone, Albuterol, and Epinephrine

For more information contact: Susan.Dupont@la.gov



Stop the Bleed Training Resources

[ACT 334](#) (School Safety Act of 2023) mandates schools implement trauma response plans, provide bleeding control kits, and train designated employees on their use. School nurses will receive free training at the annual nursing conference, and trained employees can then instruct other staff.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Awards/Recognition



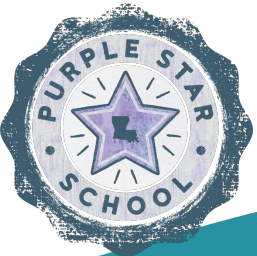
Purple Star School

This award shows recognition to schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces.

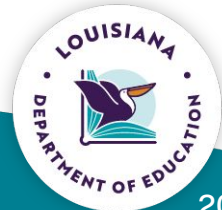
To earn the recognition, schools shall engage in the following activities:

- Designate a staff member to serve as a military liaison and engage in the following:
- Serve as the primary point of contact for military connected students and families
- Work to identify special considerations needed by military-connected students and families
- Develop training to inform teachers and other school personnel of those special considerations
- Create a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military-connected students and families
- Create a student-led transition program to provide peer support for military-connected students

Other criteria and information can be found by visiting the [LDOE Awards page](#).



Please contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Alternative Education	No Call in May or June
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>May 21 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	No Call in May or June

Contact tireka.cobb2@la.gov with questions.



Helpful Information

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [School System Support Calendar](#). Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

Graduation Requirements; Dual Enrollment; Advanced Placement; General Information	highschoolacademics@la.gov
Fast Forward/Jump Start 2.0	fastforward@la.gov
Course Choice / SCA	coursechoice@la.gov
Healthy Schools	healthyschools@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov

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Questions?

