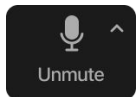
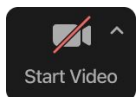


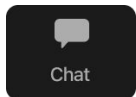
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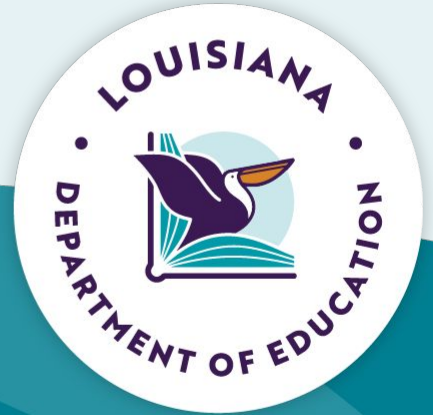
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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

August 20, 2026



Office of Career and College Readiness

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

- Student Policy & Specialized Programs
- Business & Industry Partnerships
- Fast Forward
- Safe and Healthy Schools



Student Policy and Specialized Programs

Tiffany Thomas, Education Consultant



Pupil Progression Plans

Louisiana state law ([RS 17:24.4](#)) requires local education agencies (LEAs) to establish a comprehensive [Pupil Progression Plan \(PPP\)](#) that address student placement and promotion.

Refer to the [PPP Guidance](#) document for more information.

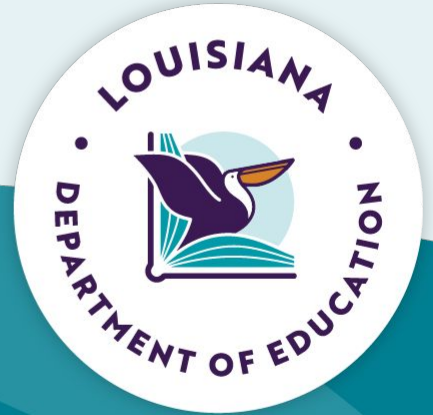
Pupil Progression Plans should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.

Please contact PPP@la.gov with questions.



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Community Service Diploma Seal

Students can work towards earning the [Community Service Endorsement](#) by completing and documenting 80 service hours prior to graduation. Please refer students to the [Community Service Opportunities Document](#) for ways they can volunteer in their community.

Please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov with questions.



ACT® College & Career Readiness Workshops

ACT® will be hosting [College & Career Readiness Workshops](#) throughout Louisiana. Please [register](#) at least two weeks in advance.

In-person workshops will be held at the following locations:

- September 17 (Baton Rouge)
- September 22 (New Orleans)
- September 24 (Lafayette)
- September 29 (West Monroe)
- September 30 (Bossier City)

Please contact mia.edwards@act.org with questions.



Call for Proposals: 2027 ACT Summit

ACT would like to invite you to [submit a session proposal](#) for the [2027 ACT Summit](#), scheduled for July 12-14, 2027, in New Orleans. ACT is seeking 45-60 minute sessions that champion learners and the people who guide them. Each proposal must align with one of their five pillars, which are:

- Scores to Actions: Using Readiness Data for Decisions
- Signal Clarity in a Shifting Landscape: Building Trust Through Transparent Communication
- Clearer Pathways: Reimagining Academic Routes for Student Success
- Career Readiness as a Key Outcome: Connecting Skills, Jobs, and Wages
- State Longitudinal Data Systems: Transparency, Trust, and a Culture of Data Sharing.

The deadline to submit is **September 9.**

Please contact bobby.rush@act.org with questions.



Internship/Registered Apprenticeship Funding

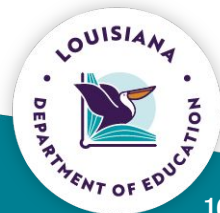
Funding & Eligible Costs

- Approved **internships**: \$1,000 (Fall & Spring)
- **Apprenticeships**: Rural \$3,500 / Non-Rural \$2,500 (Fall & Spring)
- Funding supports **all** costs associated with providing this programming

Portal Uploads & Deadlines

- Upload to **Course Choice Portal**:
Fall: Oct 23 | **Spring**: March 5
- Late enrollments: Email **coursechoice@la.gov**
- **First-Come, First-Funded**: Eligible enrollments are funded in the order of successful upload

Please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov with questions.



Fast Forward

Katieann Henkel, Executive Director



2026-2027 NCCER Accreditation Updates

The 2026-2027 NCCER Accreditation Updates technical assistance will provide school systems and NCCER program contacts with important updates in the accessing and utilization of NCCER curriculum and industry based certifications for the upcoming school year. Reporting changes, new NCCER teacher training and audit cycles will be discussed.

Webinar Date and Time: September 9, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99257641349?pwd=NswYuMb5H9Ne7wzw280lAHJDACOEgi.1>

Meeting ID#: 992 5764 1349

Passcode: 855683

Please contact bonnie.lefort@la.gov with questions.



System Leader Regional Collaborations 2026-2027

Session 1		Session 2	
Monroe	Sept 23, 2026	Baton Rouge	Jan 21, 2027
Shreveport	Sept 24, 2026	Monroe	Jan 26, 2027
Baton Rouge	Sept 30, 2026	Shreveport	Jan 27, 2027
Lafayette	Oct 1, 2026	Lafayette	Feb 2, 2027

Pathways include: System Instructional Alignment, Attendance, **High School Opportunities**, and Business Leaders Collaboration.

Sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please see the [overview document](#) for more information.

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



Act 144: K-8 Career Awareness and Exploration

[ACT 144 \(2026\)](#) requires that each school year, at least six activities shall be conducted at each grade level in grades six through eight. The activities must align with the high-demand sectors by region and state as provided annually by Louisiana Works.

- Each school year, at least three of the six activities for each grade level shall meet one of the following criteria:
 - An activity that provides direct interaction with an employer.
 - An activity that involves career pathway instruction linked to high school course options.
 - An activity that provides a work-based learning exposure.
 - A career interest inventory.
- At least one career awareness and exploration activity shall be documented for each school year in each student's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP), and career interest inventories should be completed in grade six and updated in seventh and eighth grades.

Act 144: Individual Graduation Plans (IGP)

The [Individual Graduation Plan](#) (IGP) document has been updated to reflect the requirements of [ACT 144](#). The plan now has sections added for middle school career activities as well as career interest inventories.

Guidance is in the process of being developed on the additional documentation that is required for career activities and interest inventories stemming from ACT 144.

Act 413 (SB 482) and CDF Reporting

Annual LDOE Publication: As mandated by SB 482 (Act 413 of 2026 Regular Session), the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) must annually publish a list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that have either:

- Failed to spend at least 95% of their Career Development Fund (CDF) allocations.
- Failed to report their expenditures.

Publication Schedule: The annual report is published every December and reflects allocations from the previous year.

Reporting Deadline: The 2025–2026 CDF Final Report remains open for school districts to submit reporting until August 31, 2026.

Louisiana Labor Market Briefings

LA Works has begun to provide monthly [Labor Market Briefings](#) to explore labor market trends, explain helpful resources, and answer questions from session participants.

- **When:** second Wednesday of every month at noon (30 minute session)
- **How:** Microsoft Teams led by analysts from Louisiana Works & the Office of Research and Statistics
- **Who should attend:**
 - Workforce Professionals and Economic Developers
 - Educators, Career Counselors, and Education System Leaders

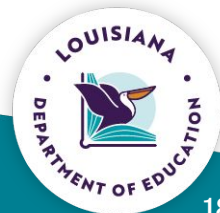
Please contact LMI@la.gov with questions.



Jump Start 2.0 Enhancements

- The window to request enhancements for Jump Start 2.0 is open and will close on October 31 at 11:59 p.m.
- Jump Start enhancements are based on recommendations made by CTE supervisors and approved by the Jump Start 2.0 Review Committee and BESE.
- Requests can be submitted through the [Jump Start 2.0 Enhancement Request Form](#).

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



2026 ACTE CareerTech VISION Conference

[Registration](#) is open for the 2026 ACTE Vision Conference. This event unites CTE professionals, educators, business leaders and industry experts from around the world. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of professional across all CTE disciplines, providing fresh insights and timely discussions on high-quality secondary and post-secondary CTE.

- **When:** December 2 - 5
- **Where:** New Orleans, LA; Morial Convention Center
- **Cost:** Registration \$590 - \$880

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



Save the Date: Fall 2026 Counselor Institute

Fall 2026 Counselor Institute sessions have been scheduled. Registration will be available in September.

Rapides Parish: October 8

Bossier Parish: October 13

EBR Parish: October 23

Jefferson Parish: October 30

Please contact candace.joseph@la.gov with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



Digital Device Guidelines

The [Digital Devices Guidelines](#), developed in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and other stakeholders, provide school systems with health and safety resources for the effective integration of digital devices in schools.

The resources are intended to provide school systems with age-appropriate time and usage guidelines regarding various [digital devices](#).

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



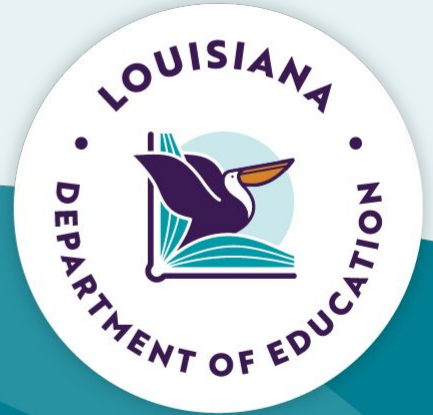
Human Trafficking Prevention

Under [Act 737](#) (2026), each school must designate at least one counselor, mental health professional, or administrator to complete annual advanced training on human trafficking.

Leaders must adopt the required policy, designate the appropriate employee, and document compliance.

Training resources are available via the [Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention](#) and will be posted to the LDOE website.

Awards/Recognition



Purple Star School Award

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 this recognition,
schools shall engage in
specific activities:**

[Visit LDOE Awards Page](#)

Designate a military liaison to perform the following:

- Act as the primary point of contact for military-connected families.
- Identify and address the specific needs of military-connected students.
- Train staff on these special considerations.
- Maintain a dedicated website page with relevant resources.
- Establish a student-led peer support transition program.

Please contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Upcoming Calls	Date/Time
Alternative Education	<u>September 3 at 10 a.m.</u>
School Safety	<u>September 9 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>September 17 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>October 22 at 2 p.m.</u>

Contact highschoolacademics@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

Please contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



Questions?

