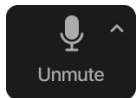
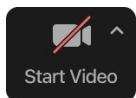


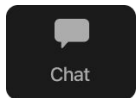
Zoom Meeting Preparation



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- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
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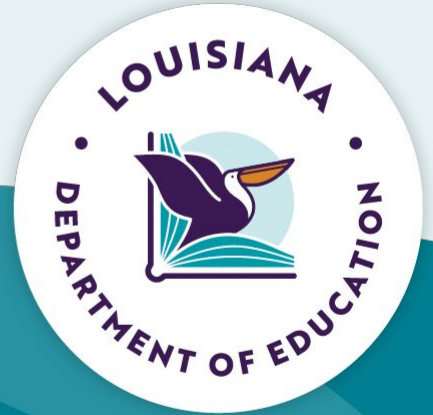
- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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

September 17, 2026



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tireka Cobb, Deputy 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.

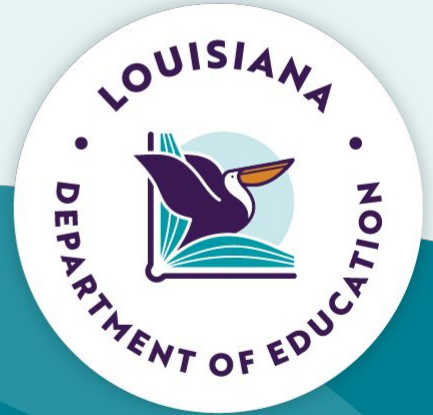
Pupil Progression Plans should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.

Please contact PPP@la.gov with questions.



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Internship/Registered Apprenticeship Funding

Funding is available in the fall and spring for students enrolled in approved internships and registered apprenticeships.

INTERNSHIPS

\$1,000

Approved Internships
funding allocated for Fall &
Spring semesters.

APPRENTICESHIPS

\$3.5k / \$2.5k

Rural: \$3,500
Non-Rural: \$2,500
(Fall & Spring)

PORTAL DEADLINES

**Oct 23 / Mar
5**

Upload to Course Choice
Portal Due:

- Fall: Oct 23
- Spring: March 5

CLOSED PORTAL EMAIL

Support

For enrollments after portal
closure, email:

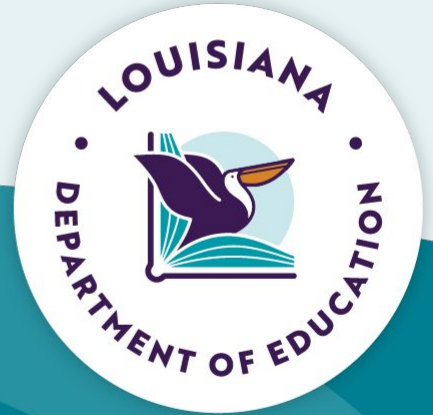
coursechoice@la.gov

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



Fast Forward

Katieann Henkel, Executive Director



Jump Start 2.0 Enhancements

The window to request enhancements for Jump Start 2.0 is open and will close on October 1 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.



System Leader Regional Collaborations

High School Opportunities will be held in the morning from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
[Registration](#) is now open.

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

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



Fall Counselor Institute Sessions

Registration for the Fall 2026 Counselor Institute Sessions has opened and is available through Eventbrite. Sessions will focus on legislative updates and requirements that affect students in grades K-12.

October 8

Rapides Parish

Gladys Higdon Instructional Resource Center

October 13

Bossier Parish

Bossier Instructional Center

October 23

East Baton Rouge Parish

Claiborne Building

October 30

Jefferson Parish

Jefferson Parish Board Room

Please contact candace.ioseph@la.gov with any questions.



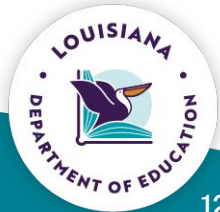
NCCER Participation

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, and every year thereafter, each district's CTE Supervisor/Coordinator (Program Contact) will need to complete:

[NCCER Participation Form](#)

DUE: September 23, 2026

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



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Key Awareness & Impact

September is dedicated to raising awareness around suicide prevention and mental health support.

- **Second Leading Cause:** Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people (NAMI, Youth.gov, SAMHSA).
- **Universal Role:** Everyone has a role to play in prevention, and every community is impacted.
- **Key Spaces:** Schools serve as critical hubs for awareness, connection, and support.

Support & Resources

[988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#)

24/7 free, confidential support for anyone in distress

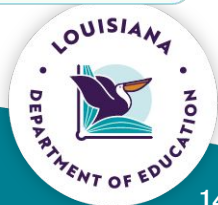
[SAMHSA Digital Toolkit](#)

Suicide Prevention Awareness media & educational assets

[CDC Public Health Strategy](#)

Comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention

Please contact Robyn.Thomas@la.gov with questions.



Children's Hospital School Support

Ventilator Assisted Care Program (VACP)

Support and Training

Provides training and technical assistance to LEA personnel for students with chronic health conditions.

Statewide Resources

Offers comprehensive statewide support for students with complex medical needs.

Inclusive Education

Deploys staff to train school personnel, enabling students to remain in their Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Expert Guidance

Advises LEAs and stakeholders on medical, academic, and social factors for successful classroom integration.

Please contact Healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Vape-Free School Resources

The Louisiana Department of Health - [WellAhead](#) provides the following resources to support youth vaping prevention:

Vape-Free Schools Administrators Training

An online module designed to assist school leadership in establishing vape-free environments by implementing clear policies, maintaining high educational standards, and providing accessible cessation support.

Vape-Free Schools Toolkit

A comprehensive digital resource library created to help K-12 educators across Louisiana incorporate tobacco prevention and education into their classroom curriculum.

Please contact Terrell.Gill@la.gov with questions.



Naloxone Shelf-Life Extended

ACT 183 (2026) grants civil and criminal immunity to those who distribute, prescribe, or administer expired naloxone or opioid antagonists in good faith during a suspected overdose.

- Protection excludes instances of gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- Shields licensed practitioners from disciplinary action.
- Protections do not supersede federal regulations for federally certified entities.

Please contact Healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



House Resolution 74 (2026): Seizure Disorders Survey

Deadline & Mandate

Survey Requirement

[House Resolution 74](#) (2026) requires school systems to complete the required [survey](#) on student seizure disorder accommodations by **October 22, 2026**.

Survey Scope

Required Topics

Survey questions will include student action plans, medication accessibility, and evidence of compliance with R.S. 17:436.4.

Reporting & Metrics

Accurate Data Submission

Accurate figures must be provided via the survey to the LDOE to support statewide metric calculations and policy planning.

Compliance Mandate

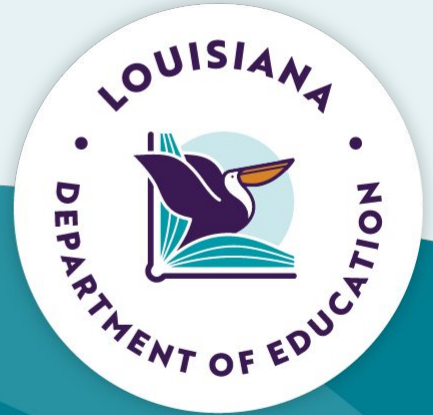
Biennial Seizure Training

Under R.S. 17:436.4, all relevant school staff and bus operators are required to complete biennial seizure training.

Please contact Healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Awards/Recognition



United States Senate Youth Program

Applications for the 2026–2027 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) are now open.

DELEGATES

2

Two Louisiana delegates will be selected to represent the state.

SCHOLARSHIP

\$12,500

Includes attendance to Washington Week, March 6–13, 2027.

ELIGIBILITY

Juniors & Seniors

Must hold a qualifying leadership position & be nominated by principal.

DEADLINE

Oct 9

Applications and proctored essay due at 11:59 p.m.

Visit the LDOE [Student Awards](#) webpage for eligibility requirements, application, and additional program details.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.



Military Child of the Year® Awards

19th Annual Program Award & Prizes

Recognizing outstanding military children ages **13–18**.

7 Recipients Selected

One recipient from each service branch.

Each Winner Receives:

- **\$10,000** cash award
- A new laptop
- All-expenses-paid 3-day trip to Washington, D.C. for family

Who Qualifies Eligibility

Open to children of military families across all categories:

- Active Duty
- Reserve
- National Guard
- Gold Star
- Retired Military

How to Apply Nominations

Now Accepting Nominations

Presented by **Operation Homefront**.

Anyone Can Nominate

No account creation is required to submit a nomination.

100% Free

This program is completely free to participate.

Please contact Danielle.Campbell@OperationHomefront.org with questions.



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.



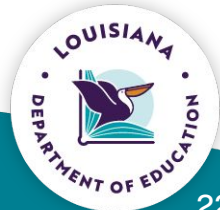
**To earn this recognition,
schools shall engage in
specific activities:**

[Visit LDOE Awards Page](#)

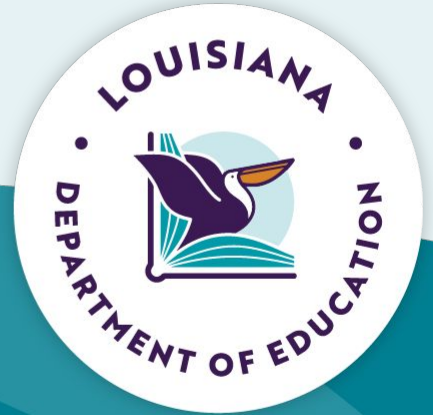
Designate a military liaison to perform the following:

- 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/Access Link
School Safety	<u>October 14 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>October 15 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools CoP	<u>October 22 at 2 p.m.</u>
Alternative Education	<u>December 2 at 10 a.m.</u>

Please 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:

Career and College Readiness Information	Email
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



Questions?

