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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [April 23 at 1 p.m.](#)
- eScholar Office Hours: [April 24 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [April 24 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [April 28 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call: [April 29 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [April 30 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [May 1 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [May 6 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [May 6 at 2 p.m.](#)
- LEADS Implementation Monthly Call: [May 7 at 12 p.m.](#)
- Social Studies Office Hours: [May 7 at 3:15 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [May 8 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [May 8 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Act 260 Numeracy Training Office Hours: [May 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [May 15 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [May 15 at 3 p.m.](#)
- 2025-2026 Super App Office Hours: [May 21 at 10 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- SPED Fellow Application Deadline: [April 30](#)
- Reading Intervention in Secondary Schools Webinar Session 4: [April 30](#)
- Dyslexia Professional Certification Program Application Deadline: [April 30](#)
- International Program Opportunities and Exchanges Survey Due: [May 1](#)
- Complete Act 108 Reporting: [May 1](#)
- CSI/TSI Plan Submission Deadline in eGMS: May 2
- Teacher Leader Summit Registration Deadline: [May 4](#)
- High School Science Summer Professional Learning Registration Deadline: [May 9 by 4 p.m.](#)
- English Learner Institute Session 4, Baton Rouge: [May 14](#)
- FFY 2025 Grant Application Public Comment Deadline: [May 18](#)

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

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

The LDOE recently launched a [Tech Readiness Endorsement](#) for [Tier 1](#) materials to support school systems in selecting materials. The endorsement signifies that materials have been evaluated for their compatibility, functionality, and potential to enhance instruction through technology. The following curricula have successfully obtained the Tech Readiness Endorsement:

- Imagine Learning, LLC - EL Education, Grades K-5 (©2019)
- Imagine Learning, LLC - Guidebooks, Grades 6-8 (©2018)
- Imagine Learning, LLC - Imagine Learning Guidebooks, English I-IV (©2020)
- Imagine Learning, LLC - Illustrative Mathematics, Grades K-5 (©2021)
- Imagine Learning, LLC - Illustrative Mathematics, Grades 6-8 (©2018)
- Imagine Learning, LLC - Illustrative Mathematics, Alg I, Geo, Alg II (©2019)

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

LEADS Full Implementation Year

Please share with human resource directors, school leaders, and systems leaders.

All systems will implement LEADS evaluations in 2025-2026. Systems are encouraged to utilize the [Evaluation Implementation Guidance for System Leaders](#) to plan evaluation implementation. All evaluators and designated observers must attend face-to-face training and take a certification assessment prior to evaluating. To qualify for the assessment, evaluators must attend all full, consecutive days. Evaluators are encouraged to [register](#) for earlier dates to allow time to reschedule if conflicts arise.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

Workforce Reporting Snapshot Update

Please share with system leaders, site leaders, human resource directors, and data managers.

The 2023-2024 State and Regional Workforce Snapshot reports are available in the [Workforce Attributes](#) library and linked below. The following workforce snapshots are built using End-of-Year (EOY) data from the 2023-2024 academic year:

- [State Workforce Report](#)
- [Central Regional Workforce Report](#)
- [Northern Regional Workforce Report](#)
- [Southeast Regional Workforce Report](#)
- [Southwest Regional Workforce Report](#)

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Literacy

Third Grade Promotion FAQ Resource

Please share with pupil progression teams, principals, and system leaders.

The [Third Grade Promotion FAQ](#) can now be found in the [Literacy Goals](#) section of the [Literacy Library](#). The FAQ addresses frequently asked questions concerning dyslexia, good cause exemptions, IASPs, and IEP reading goals.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Progress Monitoring Best Practice Guidance

Please share with literacy coordinators, ELA coordinators, principals, and literacy coaches.

[Progress monitoring best practices guidance](#) is now available in the [Instruction, Intervention, and Extensions](#) section of the [Literacy Library](#). The guidance document covers the purpose of progress monitoring, timelines, data tracking, as well as key considerations for grades 4-12.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit Registration Extended

Please share with system leaders, system administration, school leaders, and educators

[Registration](#) has been extended to May 4! The 2025 Teacher Leader Summit will be an opportunity to engage in high-quality professional learning alongside educators from across Louisiana.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

LDOE Course Code Request Form

Please share with personnel requesting a new course code or adding elements to an existing course code.

Course codes are created once per year in response to field requests by using the [Course Code Request Form](#). Requests are due annually by October 1 for the following academic year. Following review by the Data Governance Work Group, a decision notification for each request will be emailed monthly to the school system's point of contact listed on the request form.

New and updated course codes will be announced in May as part of the System Enhancements Update for the following academic year. Only school system submissions will be considered; vendor submissions are excluded.

Please contact analytics@la.gov with questions.

Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training (BTAM)

Please share with behavioral threat assessment teams, school safety personnel, and school system leaders.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)/Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS) is implementing a statewide standardized integrated Threat Assessment Tool and Central Reporting Mechanism called [Outreach](#), a FERPA and HIPAA-compliant software platform.

In support of the Louisiana Statewide Threat Assessment Prevention Plan, Outreach will build on the existing Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Training to provide infrastructure for multi-agency coordination and communication, incorporating the Trauma-Informed Protocol for Threat Assessment. GOHSEP/LCSS is hosting statewide focus groups to implement the statewide deployment and Outreach rollout.

Please contact janice.ihaza3@la.gov for more information.

School Choice

Charter Schools

Excellence in Authorizing Community of Practice

Please share with LEA charter authorizers and school system leaders.

Registration is now open for the [2025-2026 Excellence in Authorizing Consortium for Charter Authorizers](#). The Excellence in Authorizing Consortium was developed to build the individual and collective capacities of school

systems in Louisiana to authorize charters using best practices. LEA Charter Authorizers will attend two full-day, in-person trainings and three virtual courses designed to strengthen the expertise of local authorizers and provide ongoing development in the best practices of charter school authorization. The Excellence in Authorizing Consortium will begin May 28 and end September 24.

Districts that participate in the Excellence in Authorizing Consortium and contribute to the Community of Practice are eligible for a [CSP Microgrant](#), intended to support the pursuit of quality authorizing.

Please contact megan.thompson2@la.gov for more information.

2025-2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session

Please share with LEA charter authorizers and school system leaders.

The Office of School Choice will host twice-monthly informational sessions for applicants interested in applying for the mid-year cycle. Informational sessions are designed for applicants interested in applying as a Type 2 or 4 charter.

Please refer to the available dates below and utilize [Jotform](#) for registration:

- May 12 or 19 at 10 a.m.
- June 9 or 16 at 10 a.m.

Please contact jade.gambino@la.gov with questions.