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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [July 23 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [July 24 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Principal's Monthly Call: [July 28 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [July 30 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [August 1 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [August 5 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [August 7 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [August 12 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [August 14 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [August 21 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [August 21 at 3 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Conference: [July 22-24](#)
- School Food Service Manager Training: [July 28-30](#)
- Connecting the Dots: Counselors, Internships, and Student Readiness: [July 29 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Seclusion and Restraint Verification Report Due: July 29
- BESE Authorized Charter Board Training: [August 5 at 4 p.m.](#)
- Mentor and Resident Funding Overview Call: [August 21 at 1 p.m.](#)
- 2024-2025 Special Education Camera Amendment deadline in eGMS: August 22
- English Learner Institute-Session 1: [August 25](#)
- Principal Bootcamp Application Deadline: [September 8](#)

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

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

The LDOE conducts ongoing reviews of instructional materials to support school systems in adopting curricula in all core subjects. Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below. All tiered reviews can be found on the [annotated reviews](#) web page.

The status of all instructional materials submissions can be found in the [weekly report](#).

- Activate Learning - Activate Learning Certified OpenSciEd Biology (©2024)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

English Learner Institute

Please share with English learner coordinators/directors, federal program directors, and lead EL teachers.

The LDOE announces the upcoming English Learner Institute designed for English Learner (EL) directors and coordinators. This institute will offer critical information and updates related to English Learner programs. Registration details are provided in the links below.

Scheduled dates are as follows:

- [August 25](#)
- [January 26](#)
- [March 16](#)
- [May 13](#)

Please contact alexandra.chenevert@la.gov with questions.

Fast Track ESL Add-On Credential

Please share with EL departments, instructional coaches, principals, and teachers.

Tuition-free courses are available for teachers and leaders to earn an ESL add-on credential. Please complete the 2024-2026 [Early Interest Survey](#) to receive information about Project Endorsement Plus opportunities.

Please contact alexandra.chenevert@la.gov with questions.

2024-2025 Special Education Camera Data Collection

Please share with federal program supervisors, finance supervisors, and special education leaders.

The 2024-2025 special education camera data collection in eGMS is now available. School systems should submit an amendment to report the following for SY 2024-2025:

- Number of parent requests for cameras
- Number of parent requests approved
- Amount of the original allocation spent
- Amount of maintenance funds spent

School systems should submit this data and add any relevant receipts in eGMS by **August 22**.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

2024-2025 Seclusion and Restraint Verification Deadline

Please share with special education leaders.

To be included in the final Seclusion and Restraint report, all updates in SER and the submission of new or revised policies were due by July 1. To ensure data accuracy, the LDOE now requires school systems to submit a signed assurance verifying that their data has been reviewed and is complete and accurate.

An updated Seclusion and Restraint Verification Report for signatures is available for each school system in the Data Management FTP. A signed verification report will serve as the school system's assurance that the data was reviewed and is accurate. The signed verification reports should be emailed to bernetta.sims@la.gov by July 29.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Principal Survey Results

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

Principal survey results are now available in the Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) for systems that participated in the Louisiana Leader Rubric (LLR) Learning Year. Results can be viewed by individual principals or in aggregate at the school system level. Results are only available for principals who received at least 10 completed surveys; principals who do not meet this threshold will not receive a survey score.

Please note that while results are accessible, principal survey scores have not yet been factored into the overall evaluation rating. Additional information about the survey results has been shared with system-level LES contacts.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.

Mentor and Resident Funding Overview Call

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

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the data collection for Mentor compensation will take place using a similar process to what was used in 2024-2025. Join the Fall 2025 Mentor and Resident Funding call to review the funding eligibility and process.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 21 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97982936667>
- **Meeting ID#:** 979 8293 6667
- **Passcode:** 839221
- **Phone:** 312-626-6799

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

The New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off Registration is OPEN

Please share with new teachers.

The LDOE will host a Summer Kick-Off for the New Teacher Experience on July 24 from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. in Baton Rouge, welcoming 400 new teachers.

The event will take place at the Lod Cook Alumni Center, located at 3838 W. Lakeshore Drive, beginning promptly at 8 a.m. [Registration](#) remains open, and school systems are encouraged to share event details with their new teachers and confirm their availability before completing registration. This event is free for school systems; however, travel expenses may need to be covered by the school system. Registration includes lunch and a tote bag filled with start-of-the-year resources and materials.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.

Clear Credentials and Fingerprinting Resources

Please share with educators, human resources staff, teacher candidates, teacher preparation providers, school leaders, and system leaders.

Educators seeking certification issuance, modification, or verification require a criminal background check (CBC) for certification, separate from any CBC run for employment. The CBC is transmitted to LDOE's Certification and

Educator Background Credentialing office after an individual schedules and is fingerprinted (refer to the Educator Fingerprinting Packet for scheduling details). It is a one-time requirement resulting in the issuance of a “Clear Credential,” which remains valid for life as long as the certificate holder is not sanctioned for future disqualifying convictions. This is not a certificate; rather, it is an indicator that a person has undergone the CBC for certification and no disqualifying convictions were found. The Educator Background Credentialing office has granted 11,314 “Clear Credentials” since the implementation of [LA R.S. 17:8.9](#), effective January 1.

After fingerprinting under service code **27N5HQ**, applicants may check the [status of fingerprinting with IdentoGO online](#). If the “Clear Credential” does not appear on [www.teachlouisiana.net](#) in three weeks or less, email [EducatorClearance@la.gov](#) for assistance in providing a copy of the fingerprinting receipt.

Clear Credential Information and Helpful Resources:

- [Why require a CBC for Educator Certification?](#)
- [What does “Clear Credential” mean?](#)
- [Educator Fingerprinting Packet](#)
- [Certification Suspension, Revocation, & Reinstatement](#)

Please contact [EducatorClearance@la.gov](#) with questions.

Act 409, Senate Bill 41 Key Focus Areas for K-12 School Systems

Please share with human resources staff, school leaders, and system leaders.

Signed into law as [Act 409, Senate Bill 41](#) strengthens child welfare and safety standards in education. While much of the legislation applies to early learning centers, several key changes impact all school systems, including:

- [R.S. 15:587.1\(C\)](#)
- [R.S. 17:8.7](#)
- [R.S. 17:15](#)

Please contact [EducatorClearance@la.gov](#) with questions.

Louisiana Educator Certification (LEC)- New Application Portal Implementation

Please share with educators, human resources staff, school leaders, system leaders, teacher candidates, and teacher preparation providers.

Testing is complete for the new application submission system, which is expected to launch in the Louisiana Educator Portal on July 28. An official launch date and training sessions for Human Resources and Preparation Providers will be announced shortly on [TeachLouisiana.net](#) and [TeachLALive!](#).

The requirements for access are detailed below:

- Educators will only need a [MyLA](#) account. All educators already accessing LEP for evaluation will automatically have access to LEC when launched.
- HR personnel already accessing LEP for evaluation will only need to request permissions in EdLink Security for the application features. More information on how to request permissions will be provided when LEC is launched.
- HR personnel who do not currently use LEP for evaluation and teacher preparation providers will need:
 - An eScholar Staff ID
 - A [MyLA](#) account
 - Request permissions in EdLink Security

HR personnel and teacher preparation providers who do not already have an eScholar Staff ID and/or a MyLA account can create both before LEC is launched. Click the [MyLA](#) link and follow the prompts to create an account.

Please contact [EducatorClearance@la.gov](#) with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Annual Reporting for Act 420

Please share with human resources staff and system leaders.

R.S. 17:4035.1 requires an annual report to the legislature regarding student transfers within and between public school districts. All districts not under a desegregation order must have a school choice policy in place with a transfer request period spanning at least four weeks in March. Information regarding the number and disposition of intradistrict (within the school district) requests and interdistrict (transfer to a school outside of the geographical school district boundaries) requests must be reported to the LDOE no later than August 15, using [this Jotform link](#).

Please contact EducationPolicy@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

Connecting the Dots: Counselors, Internships, and Student Readiness

Please share with counselors, CTE Supervisors, and teachers.

The LDOE will host a webinar to support school counselors in understanding Louisiana's updated Work-Based Learning policy. The webinar will guide counselors on navigating internship opportunities, graduation pathways, WBL requirements, and understanding key funding sources.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** July 29 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93094074817?pwd=wNbWFHASkJ9K4SJjSXxCMulPo6iOeX.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 930 9407 4817

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

Industry-Based Certification Basic Bundles

Please share with CTE Leaders.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Workforce Investment Council has approved additional Industry-Based Credentials to the [state focus list](#).

Please contact WIC@lwc.la.gov with questions.

School Choice

Charter Schools

BESE Authorized Charter School Submissions

Please share with BESE-authorized charter schools and system leaders.

The [2025–2026 Charter School Reporting Calendar](#) provides important deadlines and submission requirements for charter schools throughout the academic year. The calendar highlights all required reports and documents for the month of July that must be submitted to ensure compliance with state regulations and charter agreements. School leaders and administrators are encouraged to review the calendar carefully.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

BESE Authorized Charter Board Training

Please share with all BESE authorized charter board members.

The next BESE Authorized Charter Board Training will be held on [August 5 at 4 p.m.](#) The training will satisfy the required training as outlined in §2103 of [Bulletin 126](#). If the required training has already been completed through another avenue, please send the documentation of completion to charters@la.gov.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

Nonpublic Schools

2026-2027 BESE and Brumfield v Dodd Application Opens

Please share with nonpublic school leaders.

Nonpublic Schools Seeking State Approval must apply annually for approval by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The BESE and Brumfield v Dodd application will open in August.

The 2026-2027 school year application window is August 1 through October 15. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions.

2025-2026 Nonpublic Annual Enrollment Reporting Opens

Please share with data managers and nonpublic school leaders.

All nonpublic schools approved by BESE are required to submit their 2025–2026 annual enrollment data. The submission window is August 1 through October 15.

Before completing the school NPS Annual Enrollment Report, the designated school administrator responsible for entering accurate data must create an EdLink account and request the “NPS School Manager” role. Please review and follow the steps outlined in the [NPS EdLink Manual for the Annual Enrollment Report \(PDF\)](#).

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

USDA Required School Lunch

Please share with business managers and financial officials.

The USDA requires an annual match of state funds for the school lunch program. The LDOE is provided a total state match amount by the USDA each year that must be divided into individual school system match amounts. A memorandum explaining the requirements and the schedule for FY 2025-2026, which contains the required match for each school system, is available in the [MFP Library](#) under the USDA Required School Lunch Match Section.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.