

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: October 20, 2026

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [October 21 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Computer Science Office Hours: [October 22 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools CoP Quarterly Call: [October 22 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [October 28 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [October 28 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [November 5 at 8 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Science Leader Webinar 4: Targeted Support for OpenSciEd Users: [October 21 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- 2026-2027 Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Grant submission deadline: [October 21 at 11:59 p.m.](#)
- Teacher Leader Summit call for presentations deadline: [October 23](#)
- Writing Learning Series for ELA Instructional Leaders: [October 27 at 9 a.m.](#)
- 2027-2028 Super App Launch Session at LAFEPA Fall Conference (in person): [October 29](#)
- Pupil Progression Plans due: [November 2](#)
- Science Leader Webinar 5: Targeted Support for PhD Science Users: [November 5 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- Teacher Leader Advisor application deadline: [November 6](#)

View our [School System Support Calendar](#) for the full schedule.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

LDOE Classic Literature List and Guidance

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

The Louisiana Department of Education's [Classic Literature List](#) and [Classic Literature List Guidance](#) are now available. This guidance will help school systems build students' knowledge and reading skills as they implement texts from the classic literature list to meet the requirements of Bulletin 741 for the 2027–2028 school year.

Texts are available for purchase on American Reading Company's [Louisiana Classic Literature portal](#); however, school systems may purchase texts from their desired provider.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

ELA Teacher Leader Advisor Applications Open

Please share with ELA teachers.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is now accepting applications for Teacher Leader Advisors (TLAs) to support the English Language Arts (ELA) Content and ELA Intervention Instructional Materials Reviews.

Educators are encouraged to apply for these opportunities to contribute their expertise to the review of instructional materials and support high-quality teaching and learning across Louisiana.

The application window closes on November 6. For more information and to apply, visit the [Teacher Leadership webpage](#).

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

Please share with content supervisors, early childhood 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. View all tiered reviews on the [annotated reviews](#) webpage and the status of all instructional materials submissions in the [weekly report](#). Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below:

Early Childhood Education

- Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, ECE Ages 3-5 (©2026)

K-12 Science

- Activate Learning - Activate Learning Certified OpenSciEd Physics (©2023)

To support a seamless transition to the revised K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, the LDOE is conducting standards-alignment cover page reviews of currently posted Tier 1 ELA, ELA intensive intervention, and mathematics materials. These reviews determine whether the materials align with the revised standards. View the status of the cover page reviews in the [ELA and Math Standards Alignment Review Status Report](#).

The following titles retained their Tier 1 status after cover page review:

K-12 ELA

- McGraw Hill - StudySync - English I-IV (©2021)
- Open Up Resources - EL Education, ELA Grades K-5 (©2017)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Value-Added Model (VAM)

Please share with system and school leaders.

The value-added model (VAM) measures students' year-to-year success relative to similar peers. Value-added is a statistical model that uses student characteristics to determine anticipated student performance in the current year.

VAM results are now available in the [Louisiana Educator Portal](#) (LEP) for each employee receiving VAM. VAM reports are also available to system leaders. The [Value-Added Frequently Asked Questions](#) resource can assist systems with any VAM-related questions.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

2025-2026 Educator Evaluation Close-Out

Please share with system and school leaders.

All 2025-2026 evaluation data for teachers, counselors, and other instructional staff should be finalized in LES by November 30. The deadline for finalizing leader evaluations will be provided at a later date following the SPS release.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

Literacy

Dyslexia Professional Learning Opportunities

Please share with system leaders, school leaders, and educators supporting students with dyslexia.

The Dyslexia Lunch and Learn series is offering monthly, 30-minute professional learning sessions to inform educators on current dyslexia research and its practical implications for instruction and intervention. Please join us for our next webinar session using the link below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Friday, October 30 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98920929108?pwd=4vQcTJ40swmnyS9LR8yxZU2huwwBTr.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470-250-9358
- **Meeting ID#:** 989 2092 9108
- **Meeting Passcode:** 933150

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Numeracy

Zearn Louisiana Math Challenges

Please share with math educators, school and system leaders in schools that use Zearn Math.

It's time for the Louisiana Math Challenges, beginning with the End Zone Challenge, followed by the Space Race. Louisiana Math Challenges are designed to strengthen routines for Zearn Math lesson completion. Research shows students see the strongest outcomes when they consistently complete three grade-level Zearn Math lessons each week, building toward 90 lessons over the school year. The printable, ready-to-use challenge kits bring this goal to life with bulletin board materials, student trackers, and certificates to motivate students and celebrate progress schoolwide. Join districts across Louisiana and [download the challenges today](#).

Please contact math@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit 2027 Call for Presentations Closing

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

Teacher Leader Summit 2027 is June 1-3 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Educators interested in presenting at Teacher Leader Summit 2027 should review the webinar recording and read the full submission guidelines under the "Call for Presentations" section of the [event website](#). The call for presentations [application](#) closes October 23.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.