

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: October 27, 2026

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- 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.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [November 10 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- 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 Applications Close (ELA Content and IMR ELA Intervention): [November 6](#)
- 2026 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll due: [November 11](#) (survey opens October 28)
- 2026-2027 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program applications due: [November 13](#)

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

Teaching and Learning

LDOE and DonorsChoose Innovation Challenge

Please share with K-12 teachers and school leaders.

The Department is partnering with DonorsChoose to fund computer science classroom projects. Qualifying projects posted on or after October 5 receive a one-time donation of up to \$500 while funds last.

To qualify, applicants must:

- teach at a DonorsChoose-eligible school in Louisiana;
- have completed computer science certification through the Ignite Initiative or the Energize Project
- post a project that requests computer science resources, with an essay explaining how students will learn computer science; and
- keep the total project goal under \$500, including taxes, shipping, fees, and the suggested donation to DonorsChoose (about \$380 in materials).

Projects with a total goal above \$500 do not qualify. Details are on the [DonorsChoose](#) page for the Louisiana Department of Education offer.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

Testing Accommodations

Please share with testing coordinators and school system leaders.

The [2026-2027 Assessment Calendar](#) sets a date, 30 days before each state testing window opens, by which accommodations and alternate assessment eligibility must be final. The Department confirms both using individualized education program (IEP) data submitted to eSER and Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP) and English learner (EL) checklist data submitted to EdLink 360. The dates for the November and December administrations are below.

The dates for November and December test administrations are below.

Test Type	Testing Window	Last Day to Finalize Accommodations and Alternate Assessment Eligibility
LEAP Fall High School Testing	November 30-December 18	October 31
K-3 Literacy and Numeracy Screening	December 1-December 31	November 1

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

School Choice

Charter Schools

BESE-Authorized Charter School Submissions

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

As outlined in the [Charter School Reporting Calendar](#), the following items are to be submitted in January:

Quarterly Waitlist (Q3), Website Compliance, Super App, Course Choice Spring Reporting, Accommodations and Eligibility for LEAP Connect, ELPT and ELPT Connect Assessments, MFP Counts, Quarter 2 Financial Report, International Associate Teacher Program: Projected Needs Request, PERs, TPOY - Closes, NTOY - Closes, ECTL - Closes.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.