

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: April 7, 2026

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [April 8 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE Authorized Monthly Call: [April 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [April 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [April 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [April 14 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Office Hours: [April 16 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Computer Science Office Hours: [April 16 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [April 16 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [April 16 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [April 20 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [April 22 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [April 23 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [April 22 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [April 29 at 10 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Non-Congregate Feeding Site Requests Due: [April 13](#)
- Public Comment for 2026 K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for PE Due: [April 15 at 4 p.m.](#)
- Science Leader Community of Practice Webinar: [April 22 at 9 a.m.](#)
- SPED Fellow Academy Applications Due: [May 1](#)
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 1: [May 6 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 2: [May 8 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 3: [May 13 at 1:30 p.m.](#)
- Summer Feeding Applications Due: [May 18](#)

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

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

ELA Standards Institute

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

The LDOE is hosting [ELA Standards Institutes](#) in various regions of the state this summer. Registration is now open, but space is limited. Registration will close when the session is filled.

Educators in the following school systems should use the registration link provided to them by their system: Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Tangipahoa.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

SPED Fellow Academy Application

Please share with special education leaders, system leaders, and special education teachers.

The SPED Fellow Academy application for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. This opportunity is designed for novice special education leaders who are eager to grow their leadership skills, enhance their expertise, and make a lasting impact in the field of special education.

The [application](#) will close May 1.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

LEADS Updates

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

All observers and evaluators are required to attend training and pass an annual evaluator assessment. Registration for summer and fall training sessions is available for the [Louisiana Educator Rubric and Evaluation Training](#) and the [Louisiana Leader and Counselor Rubric and Evaluation Training](#).

The 2026-2027 evaluator certification window is now available to those who have successfully passed the 2025-2026 certification assessment. Instructions have been emailed to participants. Systems may monitor completion by using the Admin section of the Professional Learning Platform.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit 2026 Registration Closes April 12

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

Teacher Leader Summit 2026 is May 26-28 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Registration for Teacher Leader Summit 2026 closes Sunday, April 12, or at sellout. The regular registration cost is \$299. The registration link is now live on the [Teacher Leader Summit webpage](#). Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hotel room blocks have been reserved for Teacher Leader Summit attendees. Please visit the lodging section of the [Teacher Leader Summit webpage](#) for booking links. Rooms are going fast, and fixed rates will end soon.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

Operations and Federal Programs

Nutrition

Summer EBT

Please share with Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

LEAs should be aware that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has developed a new Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) for the 2026 Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) program. Superintendents should have received this DSA directly from the LDH P-EBT Support email address (LDH.PEBTSupport@la.gov) on March 5. The purpose of this agreement is to securely share student eligibility data for free and reduced-price meals or other qualifying criteria, as required to determine SUN Bucks eligibility. All shared information will be handled in strict compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws and used solely for the administration of this program. LEAs can return the signed agreements using either DocuSign or a wet signature.

Please note, LDH has currently suspended data manager access to the Summer EBT portal for data uploads. Access will be reinstated only after the corresponding Data Sharing Agreement is fully executed by the LEA.

Please contact childnutritionprograms@la.gov or LDH.PEBTSupport@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

La Data Review for Cohort Graduation Indicators

Please share with accountability contacts and school leaders.

With the elimination of the cohort graduation data lag year, data certification is now conducted in two phases: Phase I is used to audit exit codes for legitimate leavers who are transferring to out-of-state, approved non-public schools or BESE-approved home study diploma awarding facilities. Phase II in late summer, will allow school systems to request changes to some eligible data used to calculate the three THRIVE indicators.

School system accountability contacts have all been notified that La Data Review Phase I is now open through April 30 for the purpose of submitting documentation for the legitimate leaver codes. Failure to provide appropriate documentation by this deadline will result in the status of a student being changed from legitimate leaver to nongraduate. Schools should work through one of their two official accountability contacts, who were provided accounts, to receive rosters and assist with providing documentation. Additional accounts will not be assigned.

Please contact assessment@la.gov or jennifer.baird@la.gov with questions.

ACT/Workeys

Please share with test coordinators and school leaders.

- ACT: By April 7
 - FedEx pickup scheduled at the District Office.
 - Receipt deadline at ACT: April 10
 - *Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.*
 - Online Testing: Securely destroy authorization tickets and additional scratch paper.
 - *Note: Room roster reports must be posted in [PearsonAccess^{next}](#).*

Within 72 hours of testing:

- Online Testing: Securely destroy authorization tickets and additional scratch paper
 - *Note: Room roster reports must be posted in [PearsonAccess^{next}](#)*
- Individual Reports are available 3-8 weeks after testing through Online Reporting

- WorkKeys: By April 8
 - Return test booklets, used answer documents, and test administration forms from the accommodations and/or supports testing window to ACT.
 - A FedEx pickup has been scheduled for April 8 at the district office.
 - Receipt deadline at ACT: April 17
 - *Note: Late-arriving answer documents will not be scored.*

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

Projected Local Revenue Data Survey

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

In order to complete the FY 2026-2027 MFP calculations for charter schools, projected FY 2025-2026 local revenue data and expenditures related to the collection of revenue must be submitted to the LDOE by each school district. The projected FY 2026-2027 local revenue data collection is now available via the EdLinks Ops portal. Please upload the required Local Revenue Data Survey Excel template, which is housed in the Business Manager Support Library, when submitting data via the portal. The deadline to submit the Projected Local Revenue Data Survey is April 15.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2025-2026 Third Quarter Charter School Financial Report

Please share with Type 2 and Type 5 charter school financial officials.

The Third Quarter Financial Report for FY 2025-2026 is due April 30. The quarterly report template is included in the workbook used to submit the annual budget. The financial workbook, including all quarterly updates, and the State of Affirmation should be submitted via email to charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov. If your organization operates more than one charter school, the financial report for each school must be submitted separately.

Please contact charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.