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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [June 24 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [June 30 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [July 7 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [July 8, 2026 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE Authorized Monthly Call: [July 9, 2026 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [July 16 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [July 20 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Mental Health in Schools Survey Deadline: [June 30](#)
- Behavioral Health in Schools Survey Deadline: [June 30](#)
- Social Studies K-2 Knowledge Building Cards Professional Learning registration deadline: [June 30](#)
- Social Studies Walkthrough Tool Professional Learning registration deadline: [June 30](#)

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

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Social Studies Summer Professional Learning

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

The LDOE will offer social studies professional learning sessions for both leaders and teachers in July.

The morning session (8:30–11:30 a.m.) is designed for **leaders** and focuses on the [Social Studies Walkthrough Tool](#). Participants will identify key indicators of high-quality social studies instruction and learn to provide clear, actionable feedback aligned to the [Louisiana Educator Rubric](#) (LER).

The afternoon session (12:30–3:30 p.m.) is designed for **teachers** and focuses on the K–2 Knowledge Building Cards. Teachers will explore how content knowledge and vocabulary develop in early grades and plan lessons using the cards alongside high-quality instructional materials. Participants will receive a free set of grade-level Knowledge Building Cards while supplies last.

Locations: Six sites statewide

Registration deadline: June 30

See the [K-2 Knowledge Building Professional Learning flyer](#) and the [Social Studies Walkthrough Tool Professional Learning flyer](#) for dates and locations.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

FFY 2024 (2024-2025) Draft LEA Determinations

Please share with special education directors and gifted coordinators.

The Department is required to issue a determination to each school system on the provision of special education and related services under IDEA, which are called LEA Determinations.

The draft FFY 2024 LEA Determinations are available in the data management FTP in the Diverse Learners (purge in 30 days) folder. The 2024-2025 Draft LEA Determination comment period is scheduled to end June 26.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with any questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

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

Please share with new teachers, system leaders, school leaders, and HR directors.

The LDOE will host the [New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off](#) on July 24 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 400 new teachers.

The Summer Kick-Off will take place at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge, located at 3838 W. Lakeshore Drive. Registration is now open and will close July 16 or once capacity is reached, whichever comes first. Consider including this as part of your new teacher onboarding program. [Registration](#) includes lunch and a tote bag with lots of start-of-the-year goodies.

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

Principal's Webinar

Please share with system level administrative teams.

The first Principal's webinar of the 2026-2027 school year will focus on important topics related to Literacy, English Language Arts, and Mathematics. Executive Directors and Directors of these divisions will present information that principals will use to ensure a strong foundation is established in literacy and numeracy for the upcoming school year.

Establishing the Expectations for Secondary ELA and Math

Webinar Date and Time: July 21 at 9 a.m.

Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92520334493?pwd=3sg4iPgCRt7Z1n1OGi3o5JxbLoD6tA.1>

Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID#: 938 4889 2417

Establishing the Expectations for Elementary Literacy and Numeracy

Webinar Date and Time: July 21 at 1 p.m.

Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93848892417?pwd=sc3E29KymC2f402hK5llvzTf7qWv2z.1>

Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID#: 938 4889 2417

Mentor and Resident Fall Data Collection Webinar

Please share with system leaders and HR directors.

The Fall 2026 Mentor and Resident Funding call will review important information related to the funding eligibility criteria and required data reporting process to ensure compensation is provided to both mentors and residents during the 2026-2027 school year. Participants will have the opportunity for questions and answers at the conclusion of the presentation.

Mentor Resident Data Collection Webinar

Webinar Date and Time: August 6 at 1 p.m.

Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97164622679?pwd=Mv0aZfxAqHwpuvNlIj2jO6hGaYcDkS.1>

Webinar Phone Number: 1-470-250-9358

Meeting ID#: 971 6462 2679

Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions.

2026-2027 Mentor Teacher Waivers

Please share with system leaders, school leaders, and HR directors.

The window to complete the [Mentor Teacher](#) waiver opened on June 15 and will remain open until October 1. Human Resource leaders who initiate the Mentor Teacher waiver will receive an automated email once the waiver has been completed and approved.

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with questions.

Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Application

Please share with system leaders, school leaders, and HR directors.

[Applications](#) are currently open for the Louisiana Department of Education's year-long Recruitment and Retention Fellowship, with a deadline of Thursday, July 2. This fellowship is designed for HR leaders who want to connect and network with other school system leaders.

Please note that this fellowship will be offered at no cost to school systems. To apply, complete this [application](#). For more details, refer to the [Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Overview](#).

Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions.

Principal Survey Results

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

Principal Survey results are now available in the Louisiana Evaluation System (LES). Results can be viewed by individual principals or in aggregate at the school system level. Additional information about the survey results has been shared with system-level LES contacts.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

ACT/WorkKeys Invoicing

Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.

Invoicing: ACTWorkKeys Invoices and Credit Memos will be emailed to the Superintendents, DTCs, and the Financial Contact who signed the ACT MOU.

- Emails including invoice or credit memo will be sent by June 30, 2026
- Payments are due by July 15, 2026 and sent to:
Louisiana Department of Education
Division of Appropriation Control
PO Box 94064
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064
- Credits will be issued to districts by July 31, 2026

Contact Changes: The contact number for ACT is the same but the options have changed. There is no longer a designated phone number for accommodations or WorkKeys. The options are as follows when calling 800-553-6244 ext. 2800

- Option 1 for School Officials
- Press 1 for State and District Testing
- Press 2 for State and District Accommodations
- Press 3 for National Accommodations
- Press 4 for High School Reporting
- Press 5 for PreACT or PreACT Secure
- Press 6 for WorkKeys

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.

July Submissions:

As outlined in the [Charter School Reporting Calendar](#), the following items are to be submitted in July: Charter School Contact Information, CDF EOY, Parental Involvement Survey Participation, Super App, Act 771: Transportation Plan, Student Handbook, Crisis Plan, Board Meeting Calendar, 1st Quarterly Waitlist Report, Virtual Attendance Policy, Course Choice Fall/Full Year Reporting, FY 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget, Initial Facility Lease Agreement

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.