

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: July 23, 2024

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Monthly Practicing Principal Webinar: [July 29 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Apprenticeship Quarterly Call: [July 30 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [July 30 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [July 31 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [August 2 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [August 6 at 1 p.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [August 12 at 9 a.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [August 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [August 15 at 10 a.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [August 21 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [August 26 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Summer Kick Off The New Teacher Experience](#): July 24, Baton Rouge
- [Kami Regional Tour](#) Calcasieu Parish: July 24
- [Kami Regional Tour](#) Lafayette Parish: July 24
- [Kami Regional Tour](#) Bossier Parish: July 25
- [BTAM Prevention Training](#): July 25-26, Terrebonne Parish
- [Kami Regional Tour](#) Jefferson Parish: July 26
- [Kami Regional Tour](#) Lincoln Parish: July 26
- [Kami Regional Tour](#) East Baton Rouge Parish: July 26
- ELA and Social Studies Professional Learning North Louisiana: July 29
- [LES Informational Webinar-Superintendents and System Level Leaders Option 1](#): July 30 at 8:30 a.m.
- [LES Informational Webinar-Superintendents and System Level Leaders Option 2](#): July 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- [SPED Fellow Academy](#) Application Deadline: July 31
- [LES Informational Webinar-School Leaders Option 1](#): July 31 at 8:30 a.m.
- [LES Informational Webinar-School Leaders Option 2](#): July 31 at 2:00 p.m.
- [Perkins Career and Technical Education Fall Leaders Retreat](#): August 1 at 8:30 a.m.
- FY 2024-2025 Annual Operating Budget Due: August 1
- [LES Informational Webinar-Teachers/Counselors: Option 1](#): August 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- [LES Informational Webinar-Teachers/Counselors: Option 2](#): August 1 at 3:00 p.m.
- [Pupil Appraisal Summer Institute](#): August 22, Baton Rouge
- [Accountability Preview Webinar, Central Office Employees](#): August 26 at 10 a.m.
- [Accountability Preview Webinar, High School Principals](#): August 27 at 11 a.m.
- [Accountability Preview Webinar, Teachers Option 1](#): August 27 at 3 p.m.

- [Accountability Preview Webinar. Middle School Principals](#): August 28 at 10 a.m.
- [ACT® Work Ready Communities Boot Camp](#): August 28-29, Northshore Technical College
- [Accountability Preview Webinar. Elementary School Principals](#): August 29 at 10 a.m.
- [Accountability Preview Webinar. Teachers Option 2](#): August 29 at 4 p.m.
- [Accountability Preview Webinar. Counselors](#): August 30 at 10 a.m.
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): September 7, Shreveport
- Teacher Exit Survey Submission Deadline: September 13
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): October 5, Baton Rouge

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](#).

- Great Minds PBC - Wit & Wisdom, ELA Grades 6-8 (©2016)
- Open Up Resources - Open Up Resources Math 2nd Edition, Grades 6-8 (©2019)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) Informational Webinars

Please share with all system and school leaders, counselors, and teachers.

The Division of Educator Talent and Workforce Development will host informational webinars for targeted audiences to provide an overview and present features of the data management platform, Louisiana Evaluation System (LES). LES will replace the Compass Information System (CIS). Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, data will be entered directly into LES throughout the year (no spreadsheet uploads) by both the evaluatee and the evaluator.

Superintendents and System-Level Leaders: Option 1

- **Webinar Date and Time:** July 30 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94792620484?pwd=5eVNWibEoQGoQYXrFgLgrbQTEEr2U1.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 947 9262 0484

Superintendents and System-Level Leaders: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** July 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94430646683?pwd=P2emnniFHviUvxU67qAbqaSEL8bAdt.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 944 3064 6683

School Leaders: Option 1

- **Webinar Date and Time:** July 31 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99034741558?pwd=8SZ8RZitdmJ9Bk5wtUcp9j6ndBGATo.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 990 3474 1558

School Leaders: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** July 31 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95871575677?pwd=htYmFmaWbeN9lb2CNUdViuOOGizWTX.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 958 7157 5677

Teachers/Counselors: Option 1

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91243323616?pwd=LhWrCLckxrBrPm0O8JvWoTMW539sZ9.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 912 4332 3616

Teachers/Counselors: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 1 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94740816194?pwd=mAXILnSpVkcxbGETztqdJLsBSUyUge.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 947 4081 6194

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

The New Teacher Experience: Professional Learning Modules

Please share with all school leaders, system leaders, and new teachers.

The LDOE, in partnership with A+PEL, has developed monthly professional learning modules on topics that are critical for new teacher success. These modules include online asynchronous content followed by an in-person learning lab where participants practice and apply these concepts. Teachers are expected to complete the entire series of Professional Learning Modules. These five modules are designed to build learning throughout the year.

- Module 1: Classroom Management/Classroom Environment
- Module 2: Standards and Curriculum
- Module 3: Data Literacy
- Module 4: Literacy for 21st Century Learners
- Module 5: Parent and Community Engagement

This year, complimentary seating for the first 245 registrants will be offered. Half of the seats for the northern location (Monroe) and half for the southern location (Port Allen) will be reserved as complementary seating. Once those seats are exhausted, teachers may still attend but there will be a cost of \$1,272.00 per teacher to complete the series of modules.

Teachers will be asked to receive approval to attend from their school leader. Registration will open July 30. The link for registration and detailed logistics will be available in next week's newsletter. Once teachers complete the registration, participants will receive details on selected training locations. Participants will also receive an invitation to access the online asynchronous modules.

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

EDL Alternative Pathway 4 LDOE Training

Please share with school leaders and system leaders.

The EDL Alternative Pathway, as detailed in Title 28, Part 81, Subchapter A, offers a unique opportunity for current MPA, MBA, or JD holders and honorably discharged commissioned officers from the US military to obtain an Educational Leadership Certificate. To be eligible, individuals must complete training provided by the LDOE, and pass either the Praxis School Leader Licensure Assessment or the Louisiana Leadership Assessment Series.

The pathway requirements state that candidates must be provided a mentor to support their induction and transition into the Educational Leadership role. The LDOE is currently seeking mentors to support these candidates.

Individuals who are current school/system leaders interested in serving as a mentor for novice principals are encouraged to complete the [mentor application](#). Both applicants and potential mentors may contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions about this pathway and training format.

Individuals interested in the EDL Alternative Pathway should complete the [application](#) before July 30 for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

Pupil Appraisal Summer Institute 24

Please share with special education directors/supervisors.

Diverse Learners' work streams fall into four main programmatic goals or buckets of work:

- Instructional/Intervention Strategy
- Educator Development
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Program Compliance

In an effort to facilitate collaboration and ongoing professional development, the Division of Diverse Learners will host a [Pupil Appraisal Summer Institute](#). This one-day conference is scheduled for August 22 at the Claiborne Building (LDOE) in Baton Rouge. Registration is limited to a maximum of two attendees from each school system. Conference topics include:

- Indicators 11 (Child Find) -Using Data to Make Impactful Changes
- Dispute Resolutions; Assessment and EL Students
- Bulletin 1508 and Related Services Recommendations
- School Counseling vs. School Psychological Services

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

2024 Acts of Note

Please share with school and system leaders.

A curated list of [acts of interest for school and system leaders](#) has been created from the 2024 regular legislative session. Please note this is not a comprehensive list of acts nor does this list constitute legal advice in any way.

Please contact Ashley.Townsend@la.gov with questions.

Summer EBT

Please share with child nutrition directors and supervisors.

Louisiana has elected to participate in the Summer EBT program this summer to provide \$120 for each eligible school-aged child. All National School Lunch participating schools were required to submit enrollment and eligibility spreadsheets to DCFS by July 19. The public support line available for families needing assistance is 1-833-323-7482.

Please email DCFS.SunbucksSupport@la.gov with technical or portal-related questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

K-3 Literacy Beginning-of-Year Screening

Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.

The mCLASS screening platform will open for DIBELS administration functions July 25. Testing coordinators will be able to begin setting up classes and test administrators. Actual screening dates have been customized based on each school system's first 30 days of school. Testing manuals will be available on the [Louisiana mCLASS](#) page beginning July 25.

- All sections of DIBELS must be completed for students to receive a composite score.
- All new test administrators must complete DIBELS training that is available on the Louisiana mCLASS page in the professional development section.
- All test administrators must attend a general test administration and test security training prior to administering the screener.

District test coordinators were provided with DTC webinar information via email and attached FAQ from Jennifer Baird. The link should not be shared, instead, DTCs are responsible for redelivery of the webinar to appropriate school system personnel.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

ACT® College and Career Readiness Workshops

Please share with counselors, principals, teachers, and testing coordinators.

ACT® will be hosting in person [College and Career Readiness Workshops](#) during the month of September. Registration for these in-person workshops that offer content specific to Louisiana is now open. Please [register](#) at least two weeks in advance of the workshop date to ensure availability of workshop materials.

In person workshops will begin at 9 a.m., and will take place at the following locations:

- September 10 (New Orleans)
- September 12 (Baton Rouge)
- September 17 (Alexandria)
- September 18 (Lake Charles)
- September 19 (Lafayette)

Please contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.

ACT® Work Ready Communities Boot Camp

Please share with CTE supervisors, counselors, principals, and CTE teachers.

[ACT® Work Ready Communities](#) will be hosting a 2 day in-person boot camp at Northshore Technical College in Lacombe August 28-29. If interested, please complete the [Work Ready Communities Boot Camp Application](#). A CVENT registration link, along with an agenda and pre-bootcamp training modules will be sent out once the application is received. The cost to attend is \$150 per person. ACT® asks that a minimum of 2 representatives from each parish attend both days.

Please contact cheri.hughes@act.org with questions.

Career Development Fund End of Year Reporting

Please share with counselors, CTE supervisors, principals, testing coordinators, and secondary supervisors.

The [2023-2024 Career Development Fund \(CDF\) End of Year Expenditure Report](#) is available for school systems to complete. The deadline to report on 2023-2024 CDF expenditures is August 31. Schools systems should reference the [2023-2024 Guidelines for Use of CDF Allocation](#) when completing the form.

CDF funds support increased student access to high-value Career and Technical Education courses and training. CDF funds are 6% of the MFP State and Local Base Cost Per Pupil (\$241) provided for each qualifying student course enrollment in grades 9-12.

Please contact troy.borne@la.gov with questions.

LCTCS IBC Prior Credit Matrix

Please share with counselors, CTE supervisors, principals, testing coordinators, and secondary supervisors.

The Louisiana Technical and Community College System has established a [policy](#) to award college credits for prior learning based on educational or work experience. This policy allows students enrolled in degree or certificate programs to earn credits through evaluations of their non-traditional learning, such as CLEP, AP, military training, industry certifications, and work experience portfolios. Each LCTCS college must publicly list eligible courses, required credits, and assessment standards, with no fee for credit reviews included in the [system's matrix](#). The policy aims to recognize and credit students' existing knowledge and skills.

Please contact wendipalermo@lctcs.edu with questions.

Perkins Career and Technical Education Fall Leaders Retreat

Please share with CTE Supervisors and Perkins Coordinators.

LCTCS, in partnership with LDOE, is hosting an in-person Perkins Career and Technical Education Leaders Retreat. The meeting agenda will cover the following topics: Regional Roundtable Collaborative: Perkins Eligible CTE Programs of Study, Industry Based Certifications and Credentials, and Louisiana's new accountability system, *Grow. Achieve. Thrive.* [Registration](#) is required.

- **Date and Time:** August 1 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Baton Rouge Community College (Ardendale Site) 2115 North Lobdell

Please contact wendipalermo@lctcs.edu with questions.

School System Financial Services

2024-2025 MFP Formula Allocation

Please share with business managers.

The statewide MFP formula allocation for FY 2024-2025 and the associated guidance is available via LDOE website. The formula documents are located in the [MFP Library](#) under the section entitled 2024-2025 MFP Budget Letter. Specific New Type 2 Charter School MFP allocations may be viewed in the school's secure edfin ftp sites.

Please contact LDOEmfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

MFP Forward Funding

Please share with charter school business officials.

Charter schools may request MFP forward funding for significant increases in student enrollment that occur from February 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024. Schools must demonstrate that the financial health of the school will be impacted if the student enrollment increase is not recognized with an adjustment to the MFP monthly payments sooner than the March 2025 Mid-Year payment adjustments.

To apply for increased monthly payments for documented growth prior to the October 1 count, refer to the [Charter School Library](#).

Please contact charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

SY 2023-2024 Required Services Reimbursement Request Forms

Please share with diocesan superintendents, nonpublic school principals, and required services school contacts.

The Required Services Reimbursement Request forms and guidance for school year 2023-24 are due to nonpublicfinancehelpdesk@la.gov no later than September 30, at close of business. Guidance documents and applicable forms are available at [Nonpublic Schools](#).

Please contact nonpublicfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2024-2025 MFP Tutoring Allocation

Please share with business managers.

A \$30 million dollar appropriation was provided for High Dosage Tutoring in the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature in order to fund the requirements of Act 771. All schools funded with MFP funds that serve Kindergarten through Grade 5 will receive a system level allocation based on the number of students with Spring 2024 score of Well Below or Below Benchmark for Grades K - 2 plus the number of students with 2023 scores of Unsatisfactory, Approaching Basic, and Basic for ELA and Math. Funds will be released as system plans are approved by the LDOE. Guidance and allocation information is located under the State Allocations section in [The Business Manager Support Library](#).

Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.