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Important Dates for School Systems

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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- [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
- [School Support Institutes](#) Session 1: September 10-17
- [System Leader Regional Collaboration](#) Session 1: September 10-17
- Teacher Exit Survey Submission Deadline: September 13
- Developing Strong Literacy Skills in Grades 4-8 Webinar: [September 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): October 5, Baton Rouge

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

Webinar Series - Developing Strong Literacy Skills in Grades 4-8

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

The LDOE has partnered with Public Consulting Group to offer a free, four-part webinar series. The first webinar will discuss foundational research supporting the science of reading, provide an overview of five progressive online modules, and provide time for questions.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 18 at 2 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82349718798>

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

English Leader Institute

Please share with English Learner coordinators and directors.

The LDOE is excited to announce the upcoming English Learner Institute for EL Directors and Coordinators. The Institute will provide essential information and updates regarding English Learners. Registration will be shared formally via email.

Please mark your calendars for the following days:

- October 1
- December 3
- February 4
- May 13

Please contact alexandra.chenevert@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

The New Teacher Experience - Professional Learning Modules

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

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

Teachers must receive approval to attend from their school leader. [Registration](#) is now open. Once teachers complete the registration, participants will receive details on selected training locations and an invitation to access the online asynchronous modules.

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

LEADS Informational Webinars

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

The Division of Educator Talent and Workforce Development will host a series of informational webinars for targeted audiences to provide an overview of LEADS. Topics include policy updates, evaluation components, and the evaluation process. Sessions will be recorded and published.

School Leaders: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 7 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93999063719?pwd=OBxaaRtxlstsmi87UrEXeQz9so1W7p.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 939 9906 3719

Teachers: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 7 at 4 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99335599688?pwd=LWPXbKVKIBcWhpkglQjkeX4C0mnwA.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 993 3559 9688

School Leaders: Option 3

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 8 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93999063719?pwd=QBxaaRtxlstsmi87UrEXeQz9so1W7p.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 939 9906 3719

Counselors: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 13 at 12:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98266973177?pwd=LQQtbi1SUjZSKA4vXFyLTx1pHms9ha.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 982 6697 3177

Teachers: Option 3

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 13 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96206947688?pwd=z3LLGWjRnkToiaxuZy90GIAvtthnoE.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 962 0694 7688

Teachers: Option 4

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 13 at 4 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96206947688?pwd=z3LLGWjRnkToiaxuZy90GIAvtthnoE.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 962 0694 7688

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

School Improvement

System Leader Regional Collaborations Registration

Please share with system leaders.

[Registration](#) remains open for 2024-2025 [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#). These will be interactive opportunities for system-level leaders to engage with leaders from neighboring school systems and the Office of Teaching and Learning in relevant interactive learning experiences. The learning pathways are:

- **Instructional Coherence**
 - CAOs
 - Supervisors of Instruction
 - PD Directors
 - SPED Directors
- **Leadership Capacity Building**
 - Principal Supervisors/Evaluators
- **System Coherence**
 - Superintendents
 - Assistant Superintendents

Each system should have at least one representative attend each pathway. Sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the same dates and venues as School Support Institutes. Please see the System Leader Regional Collaborations Overview for learning pathway descriptions, session dates, and venue locations.

Please contact schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov with questions.

Tutoring

Steve Carter Tutoring Program

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

The Steve Carter Literacy Program provides \$1,500 vouchers to families of eligible K-12 public school students per school year. The digital vouchers can be used to purchase high-quality literacy and math tutoring to be held after school hours, in-person or virtually. Families will apply through the [Steve Carter Tutoring portal](#) and, if approved, will select an approved tutoring provider. Please refer to the [School System Flyer](#) for program details and resources.

School systems are encouraged to make families aware of the Steve Carter Tutoring Program during back-to-school events using the [Parent Flyer](#) and by directing families to the Tutoring Initiative landing page ([Tutor.La.Gov](#)).

PLEASE NOTE: School administrators should be prepared to provide families with their child's 10-digit Louisiana Student ID (LASID) number, which will be required in order to complete the Steve Carter Tutoring application.

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.

Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring

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

Act 771 requires all students in grades K-5 who failed to achieve mastery on any statewide assessment in reading or math to be eligible for expanded academic support. It requires one of the following:

- Prioritized placement in a class taught by a teacher labeled as "highly effective"
- High Dosage Tutoring

School systems received an allocation notice with a projected amount of funding. School System plans are due **September 15** in EGMS and should include:

- Salary and benefits for full or part time LEA staff
- External tutoring provider (on LDOE vendor guide)

The LDOE is offering Tutoring Office Hours for school systems seeking assistance with their plans, as well as one-on-one assistance for those in need of customized support.

Tutoring Office Hours-Option 1

- **Date and Time:** August 15, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92605269177?pwd=efD1kvt5xs5U2Oy1GSw6PAB7FBbheD.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 926 0526 9177
- **Passcode:** 446936

Tutoring Office Hours-Option 2

- **Date and Time:** August 22, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92605269177?pwd=efD1kvt5xs5U2Oy1GSw6PAB7FBbheD.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 926 0526 9177
- **Passcode:** 446936

Tutoring Office Hours-Option 3

- **Date and Time:** September 5, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92605269177?pwd=efD1kvt5xs5U2Oy1GSw6PAB7FBbheD.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 926 0526 9177
- **Passcode:** 446936

For more information on all Louisiana Tutoring Initiatives, please visit the LDOE's [Louisiana Tutoring Initiative](#) landing page, and consider [signing up](#) for the Louisiana Tutoring Newsletter for ongoing tutoring updates.

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.

K-12 Literacy

Individual Academic Support Plan (IASP)

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

The purpose of the Individual Academic Support Plan (IASP) is to create a single student plan for academic support in literacy and mathematics for students in grades kindergarten to fifth. This single plan replaces the Individual Academic Improvement Plan and further meets the requirements of the Expanded Academic Support Plan (high dosage tutoring plan), Individual Reading Improvement Plan, Literacy Improvement Plan, and the Numeracy Improvement Plan. The [IASP Guidance](#) document outlines the steps to complete the [Individual Academic Support Plan Template](#).

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov for literacy questions and stem@la.gov for numeracy questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

2025-2026 School System Planning Launch

Please share with business managers, federal program directors, and system leaders.

The LDOE is committed to providing educators at each level of the education system with the supports and resources needed to continue raising the bar for students in Louisiana. The LDOE will launch the **2025-2026 Next Level Vision for Success School System Planning & Budgeting Workbook** and accompanying resources through a series of in-person and virtual sessions this fall.

2025-2026 Super App Launch and Office Hours:

- Introduction to Super App during the October FSGR Monthly Call: October 10 at 10 a.m.
- 2025-2026 Super App Launch Session at LASAFAP Fall Conference (In-Person): October 16-18
- 2025-2026 Super App Virtual Launch Session: October 22 at 10 a.m.
- 2025-2026 Super App Planning Office Hours: November 13 at 10 a.m.
- 2025-2026 Super App Planning Office Hours: December 18 at 10 a.m.
- 2025-2026 Super App Planning Office Hours: January 15 at 10 a.m.

Please contact LDOEOperations@la.gov with questions.

Homeless Liaison Webinar

Please share with homeless liaisons.

The LDOE will host the Fall 2024 Back-To-School Homeless Liaison Webinar on August 21 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be a McKinney Vento 101 session held for new homeless liaisons, and general information shared on McKinney Vento updates, Identification, the Early Childhood CCAP process, and ARP homeless funding.

- **Date and Time:** August 21 at 12:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93040356751>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 381 2552
- **Meeting ID#:** 930 4035 6751

Please note: The 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. session is for **new** homeless liaisons only. All liaisons should join the webinar from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please contact antigua.hunter@la.gov with questions.

Public Notice – ESEA Consolidated State Plan Addendum

Please share with school and system leaders.

Louisiana has opted to pursue this opportunity to amend its State Plan to revise the state accountability system. Relevant personnel should review this [addendum PDF](#) request and submit questions or comments to Ashley Townsend, Deputy Chief of Policy, via email at EducationPolicy@la.gov, placing “ESEA Addendum” in the subject line, by August 28.

Please contact EducationPolicy@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

K-3 Literacy Screening

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

The mCLASS platform is now open for K-3 Literacy Screening. Administration windows have been customized based on the school system’s first day of school. All students must be screened by the last day of the designated window. This year scores from the alternate assessment, LAAR, will be reported in mCLASS. There will be no score uploads at all to EdLink. When the window closes, there will be no possibility of an extension.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

LEAP 360

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

The LEAP 360 diagnostic and interim assessments are now available in DRC INSIGHT. The [Remote Administration Guidance](#) has been updated and is posted in DRC INSIGHT. This administration is not proctored or monitored.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

LEAP State Placement Test

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

All students who transfer from nonpublic school, home study, or out of state, and who do not have a LEAP score from 2023-2024 must take the grade 4 or 8 state placement test if they are enrolling in grades 5 or 9. The placement test is posted in DRC INSIGHT. Before testing large groups of students, contact the [DRC Help Desk](#) and let them know the total number of students testing.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.