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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [December 17 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Attendance Office Hours: [December 18 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- FSGR Monthly Call: [December 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [December 18 at 3 p.m.](#)
- BESE Authorized Monthly Call: [January 8 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [January 8 at 9 a.m.](#)
- 2026-2027 Super App Office Hours: [January 8 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Call: [January 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [January 14 at 11 a.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [January 14 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Monthly Call: [January 21 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [January 22 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [February 3 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [February 5 at 8 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Seclusion and Restraint Policy Updates Deadline: December 31
- Public Comment on Alternate Assessment Deadline: January 2
- High Cost Services Round 2 Application Deadline: January 12
- Teacher and Principal of the Year State-Level Applications Due: [January 14](#)
- Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year State-Level Applications Due: [January 14](#)
- New Teacher of the Year State-Level Applications Due: [January 21](#)
- School Support Institutes Session 2: [January 21-28](#)
- System Leader Regional Collaboration Session 2: [January 21-28](#)

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

Talented Evaluator Training

Please share with gifted and talented educators.

The Division of Diverse Learners will provide virtual trainings to support districts in implementing high-quality Talented Program services.

- January 19: Talented Arts Program Screening for Pupil Appraisal
- January 20: Talented Art State Evaluation

- January 21: Talented Theatre State Evaluation
- January 22: Talented Music State Evaluation

Those interested in becoming a talented evaluator should email their resume to carolyn.wilkinson@la.gov.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Annual SPP/APR Monitoring Outreach

Please share with special education leaders.

Annually, the LDOE is required to analyze special education data and conduct outreach regarding outcomes for particular indicators as part of the IDEA, Part B State Performance Plan (SPP) and report these in the special education annual performance report (APR).

SPP/APR outreach packages are available in the data management file transfer portal (DM FTP) for school systems identified as noncompliant in one or more targeted indicators. Any school system identified as noncompliant must submit a plan of action to the LDOE by January 9.

Additional details, including timelines, are provided in the SPP/APR outreach packages.

Please contact iris.jones@la.gov with questions.

Annual Dyslexia Reporting

Please share with special education leaders.

The 2025-2026 dyslexia reporting window closed on December 15. If a school system did not submit their dyslexia data, please contact yolanda.oates3@la.gov.

Please contact yolanda.oates3@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

2024-2025 Evaluation Close-Out Extension

Please share with system and school leaders.

To support systems in completing all required tasks, the deadline to finalize 2024–2025 evaluation data for teachers, counselors, and other instructional staff in LES has been extended. The deadline to enter or edit teacher and leader evaluations is January 31.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.

LEADS Resources

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

As we approach the second semester of the year, there are several resources in the [LEADS Library](#) to ensure an efficient and effective evaluation process is implemented.

- [MOY Leader Conference Framework](#)
- [MOY Counselor Conference Framework](#)
- [PGP/Coaching Plan Template](#) and [PGP/Coaching Plan Samples](#)
- [LEADS Evaluation FAQ](#)
- [Other Personnel Guidance](#)

Training resources are also available in the [Professional Learning Platform: LEADS Public Collections](#) to assist with rater reliability, coaching, and building a deeper understanding of the rubric indicators.

- [Impact of Thinking and Problem Solving on Student Engagement](#)
- [Promoting Strong Academic Conversations](#)
- [Full Length Lesson Sets](#)
- [Video Clip Collection](#)

- [LEADS Leader Module: Understanding Leading Instructional Rigor](#)
- [LEADS Leader Module: ILTs that Impact Teacher and Student Growth](#)

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit 2026 Call for Presentations

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

Teacher Leader Summit 2026 will take place May 26-28 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The application window for the Call for Presentations has closed, and application reviews are currently underway. Presenters will be notified of selection by February 23; please note this is later than originally posted.

Registration for Teacher Leader Summit 2026 opens February 16. Individuals who applied to present should wait to register until selection notifications are released. Selected presenters receive complimentary admission and will complete a separate registration process; additional details will be provided following selection announcements. Early-bird pricing will remain available through March 15, allowing sufficient time to receive presenter status prior to registration.

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Reminder: Title 1, Part A (TIA) and Title I, Part D (TID) CSPR Data Submission

Please share with federal program directors.

The LDOE must report student data for participation in Title I, Part A & D in the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR).

The TIA data (SY 2024-2025) will be collected in eGMS. LEAs and charters that receive Title I, Part A must complete this request. Data must be entered for SWP, TA, Private School, and Neglected students served.

The Annual Count for Title I, Part D will be collected in eGMS (Annual Count Tab). Please complete tabs 1-3 for the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR). Data from SY 2025-2026 will be used for tabs 1-3. This request is only for state agencies/school systems that receive Title I, Part D funds (not charter schools). Data must be submitted via eGMS by January 6.

Please contact edeltress.brown@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:

3rd Quarterly Waitlist Report; International Associate Teacher Program; Principal/Teacher of the Year Applications Due; Outstanding School Support Employee Applications Due; CDF MOY; Course Choice Spring Reporting; CIS Evaluation Deadline; Quarter 2 Financial Report; PERs

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

BESE-Authorized Monthly Call

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

The January BESE-Authorized Monthly Call will take place on January 8 at 9 a.m. The Educator Talent and Workforce Development team will present an overview on Teacher Evaluation and Certification Law and Policy.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

Request for Applications - CSP Supplemental Funding for Charter Schools

Please share with district charter authorizers and charter school leaders.

The Office of School Choice has successfully secured an additional \$13.5 million for charter schools across Louisiana. With this funding, the LDOE has created a per-pupil funding opportunity for charters to apply toward Louisiana initiatives. It is not limited to new, expanding, or replicating charter schools. Please see the [CSP Supplemental Funding Overview](#) and visit the [CSP Grant webpage](#) for more information and resources.

The supplemental funding application opened in eGMS on December 1 and will close on December 19. Charters that do not serve as their own LEA should reach out to their authorizing district to ascertain the deadline for which the district will need their application information. An [application tool](#) is available to provide district personnel with application information.

Please contact cspgrant@la.gov with questions.

Charter School Program Grant Application (Year 3 Winter/Spring Cycle)

Please share with charter school leaders, charter management organizations, and charter developers.

The next CSP application cycle is active, and information is available on the [CSP Grant webpage](#). Charter schools that have already been authorized to open, expand, or replicate, or will be, by February 2, 2026, are eligible to apply during this cycle. Please note the important deadlines below.

Year 3 Winter/Spring - CSP Subgrant Application Cycle - 2025-2026 Timeline

- CSP Letter of Intent - Due January 16, 2026
- CSP Eligibility Determination Form - Due February 2, 2026
- CSP Subgrant Application - Due March 2, 2026

Please contact cspgrant@la.gov or tammy.morgan3@la.gov with questions.