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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Act 260 Numeracy Training Office Hours: [September 18 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [September 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [September 19 at 9 a.m. \(Rescheduled due to storm\)](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [September 19 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [September 25 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [September 25 at 1 p.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [September 25 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [October 1 at 1 p.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [October 7 at 9 a.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [October 16 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification and Credentialing Call: [October 21 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Developing Strong Literacy Skills in Grades 4-8 Webinar: [September 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- September Charter Refresher: September 19
- [Submit public comment](#) on K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science: September 27
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): October 5, Baton Rouge
- 2025-2026 In-Person Super App Launch during LASAFAP: October 17
- 2025-2026 Super App Virtual Launch: [October 22 at 10 a.m.](#)

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 (©2023)
- Imagine Learning LLC - Illustrative Mathematics, Grades 6-8 (©2018)
- McGraw Hill LLC - Reveal Math, Grades K-2 (©2022)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Quarter 1 Pre-Educator Pathway System Lead Professional Learning Community

Please share with system leaders.

Offered quarterly, the Pre-Educator Pathway System Lead Professional Learning Community are virtual opportunities for Pre-Educator Pathway/Grow Your Own System Leads to share best practices related to developing and expanding access to the Pre-Educator Pathway. All school systems are encouraged to attend regardless of current pathway status.

- **Webinar date/time:** October 3 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99470752162?pwd=2qbpIT7zf8vmXspltbUSrdavhNJOQf.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 994 7075 2162
- **Phone:** 346-248-7799

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

BESE Tuition Program for Teachers: Accepting Spring 2025 Applications until October 15

Please share with teachers.

The [BESE Tuition Program for Teachers](#) provides tuition funding for selected classroom teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana. [Online applications](#) for coursework funding for the spring 2025 semester are open now through October 15. Program details can be found on the [Continuing Opportunities for Educators page](#).

For questions about the BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or contact louisianaleaders@la.gov.

LEADS Implementation September Monthly Webinars Rescheduled

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

The September [LEADS Implementation Monthly Webinars](#) have been rescheduled due Hurricane Francine. Webinars will be recorded and published in the [LEADS Library](#).

School Observation Schedules

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 23 at 9 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99470752162?pwd=2qbpIT7zf8vmXspltbUSrdavhNJOQf.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 994 7075 2162

The BOY Conference Goal-Setting Process for Leaders

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 23 at 11:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91654213527?pwd=PFXWoLLzR9Qrx8ECjmaTsaBvXIm2Y7.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 916 5421 3527

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

Professional Learning Platform-Canopy Webinar

Please share with human resource directors and data managers.

The Division of Educator Talent and Workforce Development will host a webinar to demonstrate the process followed when connecting EdLink to Canopy. Data managers or individuals who assist staff in gaining access are encouraged to attend.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 30 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93868489669?pwd=kO7qrckdJaixdpiaOXeiGyVrYl1Bvr.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 938 6848 9669

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 support 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 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.

Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

Extension for K-3 Literacy Screening

Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.

State law mandates that K-3 literacy screenings be completed during the first 30 days of school. For school systems that had to close for Hurricane Francine, the mCLASS screening window may need to be extended. To request an extension, the district test coordinator should include the official notification of the closure with their email to assessment@la.gov. The department will adjust the screening window to remove the closure dates from the 30 day count to extend the window.

All students must have a score in mCLASS unless they are eligible for an accountability code. This includes students who participate in the LAAR alternate assessment for K-3 literacy.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

Federal Grants Management Fall Training

Please share with system leaders and CTE supervisors.

LCTCS is hosting the Federal Grants Management Training on Day 1 of the LCTCS Annual Conference in New Orleans. This session is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Federal Grants Management Assessment will be available from Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. (October 1) through Monday 4:30 p.m. (October 7) for those who took the assessment prior to September 2021 or those who wish to assess their knowledge of Federal Grants Management.

The Bruman Group will be conducting an in-person training on the following topics:

- Statutory and compliance issues for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act)
- Use of funds and other issues relating to the Career and Technical Education (Perkins V) program, including fiscal concerns such as supplanting
- Federal grants management rules applicable to all non-federal entities, including financial management, procurement, inventory, time & effort, record retention and close out requirements

All attendees should [register](#) for the [LCTCS Annual Conference](#). Conference registration is currently open and the Attendee Hub, where conference registrants build their agenda, will open soon for attendees to add the Federal Grants Management Training session as part of their conference schedule.

Note: When registering, secondary CTE Supervisors may select "Other" as the Attendee Type and enter CTE2nd24 as the discount code.

Please contact bbaptistewilliams@lctcs.edu with questions.

Jump Start 2.0 Enhancements

Please share with system leaders and CTE supervisors.

The window to request enhancements for Jump Start 2.0 is open and will close on October 31 at 11:59 p.m.

Jump Start enhancements are based on recommendations made by CTE supervisors and approved by the Jump Start 2.0 Review Committee and BESE.

Requests can be submitted through the [Jump Start 2.0 Enhancement Request Form](#).

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

School Choice

Charter Schools

2024-2025 Annual RFA Charter Application Website Posting Requirements

Please share with school system leaders and LEA Charter Authorizers.

The 2024-2025 Common Charter Application was revised and approved by BESE August 20, 2024. A technical assistance webinar was held September 5, 2024 to review the new Common Charter Application timeline and important documents for districts. As a reminder, district websites must provide potential applicants with the following information:

- Forms required for submission of a charter proposal- eligibility documents and common charter application with any local additions
- Timeline for accepting and reviewing charter proposals at the district level
- The process that will be used to review charter proposals submitted to the board
- The name and contact information for a primary point of contact for charter proposals

A website template has been created for district use. Usage of the template is entirely optional; each district may also choose to create and post district text under Bulletin 126.

Please contact Jade.Gambino@la.gov with questions.

Nonpublic Schools

Application for 2025-2026 BESE Approval Now Open

Please share with nonpublic school leaders.

The [2025-2026 BESE Approval Application](#) is available through October 15. Nonpublic schools seeking state approval must apply annually for approval by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions.

Enrollment Reporting for 2024-2025 Nonpublic Schools

Please share with nonpublic school leaders and data managers.

The annual enrollment report window for all nonpublic schools approved by BESE (Private Schools Seeking State Approval) to submit their school's 2024-2025 annual enrollment data. Please reference the [NPS EdLink Manual for the Annual Enrollment Report](#) for directions and access to submit your report.

Reporting closes on October 15.

Please contact nonpublicschools@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report (AFR) Collection Times

Please share with business managers and financial officials.

Louisiana R.S. 17:92 requires that local school systems and schools provide financial data to the LDOE no later than September 30th each year. The financial data is submitted via the LEADS portal. The LEADS portal is available for submission. The AFR documents that are needed to assist you in the submission of your data can be found at [AFR System Overview](#).

Please contact staudit@la.gov with questions.

FY 2024-2025 Annual Adopted Budget and General Fund Budget Submission

Please share with business managers and financial officials.

Louisiana R.S.17:88 requires that city/parish school boards submit an adopted balanced budget to the LDOE no later than September 30th each year. The FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget Submission Instructions included in [The Business Manager Support Library](#) provide guidance, documents to be completed, and additional resources.

Please contact schoolfinanacehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.