

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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Welcome to the Principal's Corner

Welcome to the first edition of the *Principal's Corner*, highlighting important updates for school leaders across the state. This newsletter will be sent out periodically throughout the year to keep school leaders abreast of key initiatives, releases and updates from the Department.

Do you know someone who did not get this newsletter? Please have them email ldoecommunications@la.gov to be added to the distribution list.

Early Childhood Performance Profile Release

For the second year, Louisiana's Early Childhood Performance Profiles will be published on Louisiana School and Center Finder on November 8. To understand the components of your school's performance profile, please view the [Performance Profile Site Key](#) and [Guide](#). Additional in-depth information is provided in the [Performance Profile Frequently Asked Questions](#).

To support schools in understanding how they can use their Performance Profile results to make improvements, the Department has provided a guidance document, [Five Tips for Sites](#), that provides clear information and actionable next steps.

School Performance Score Release

The 2018 School Performance Scores will be released in the [Louisiana School Finder](#) next Thursday afternoon, November 8. Earlier this week, school system leaders received school system and school-level data files. If you have not yet received your school's data, please reach out to your Accountability Contact or Superintendent.

This year's scores reflect critical shifts in [Louisiana's accountability system](#) as a result of Louisiana's plan to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA. These shifts will be reflected in your report cards in the Louisiana School Finder and are outlined in the videos below.

- [Elementary and Middle School Updates](#)
- [High School Updates](#)

Communicating School and Center Performance to Families

A [communications toolkit](#) is now available to help schools communicate the release of their 2018 performance scores to families. The toolkit includes:

- Louisiana School Finder flyer, poster, website button, and social media graphics
- Sample early childhood and K-12 news releases
- Overview of Louisiana's K-12 accountability system to send home with report cards
- Animated videos to help explain early childhood performance profiles and school performance scores to families
- Customizable Early childhood and K-12 parent night presentations

All resources are available in the [principal support library](#), and all videos are available on the Department's [YouTube channel](#) in the "School Finder" playlist.

Louisiana in the News

[NEARLY 300 EARLY LEARNING CENTERS HONORED FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE](#) (Louisiana Believes)

[LOUISIANA ADOPTS NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SITES](#) (Louisiana Believes)

[LOUISIANA ESTABLISHES CREDENTIALS FOR TEACHER LEADERSHIP ROLES](#) (Louisiana Believes)