



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Program provides \$1,000 vouchers to families of eligible K-5 public school students. The digital vouchers can be used to purchase high-quality literacy tutoring.
- The Louisiana Department of Education has invested \$40 million into the program as part of the agency's comprehensive plan to combat the state's literacy crisis.
- Families can now visit [www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com](http://www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com) to learn more about the program and share their email address to be notified when student registration opens.
- Once student registration opens, families can use the student portal at [www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com](http://www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com) to register, browse available tutors, and manage their \$1,000 voucher.
- Eligible families can expect communication from their school system about the program and how to access the user platform.
- The program is named after the late Baton Rouge State Representative Steve Carter.
- The program is the result of Act 415 of the 2021 Legislative Session ([RS 17:4032.1](#)).

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- This program is for eligible public school students in grades K-5.
- School systems are now identifying eligible students and will notify families if they are eligible.
- Students in grades K-3 are eligible if they scored below proficient on their beginning of year screener.
- Students in grades 4-5 are eligible if they scored below Mastery in ELA on the spring 2022 LEAP assessment.
- Families who are unsure of how their child scored should contact their school for additional information.
- Families who have additional questions after contacting their school system can contact [LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov](mailto:LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov).

## ABOUT THE TUTORS & TUTORING

- This program connects families with high-quality tutors who have been approved through the Louisiana Department of Education.
- Tutors are certified teachers in elementary or reading or have a degree in education, English, or another subject indicative of expertise in reading and literacy.
- Once student registration opens, families will utilize the online portal at [www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com](http://www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com) to choose from the approved list of tutoring providers. In some cases, a child's school system may be a tutoring provider.
- Tutoring appointments are scheduled between the parent/guardian and tutor and may take place at a mutually agreed upon location that may be a physical or virtual location.
- Multi-lingual tutors will be available to accommodate students who do not speak English as a primary language.