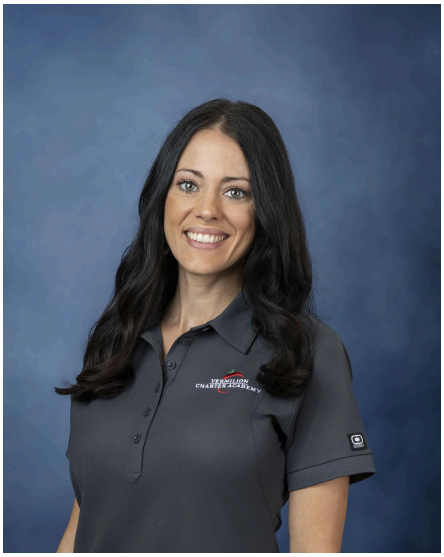
Teacher Leader Newsletter

November 2026

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Hello! My name is Jill List, and I serve as a K-2 Curriculum Resource Teacher at Vermilion Charter Academy. In this role, I support teachers through instructional coaching, professional learning, and curriculum implementation. I also have the privilege of working with the Louisiana Department of Education as a Math Teacher Leader Advisor, where I collaborate with educators across the state.

This summer, I attended the Math Standards Institute, an engaging, hands-on professional learning experience that models the high-quality instruction we provide students each day. Participants actively engage in problem-solving, collaboration, and discussion, deepening understanding of the updated 2026 Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics and the Concrete-Representational-Abstract (CRA) Framework.

One of the most valuable aspects of the institute is exploring the 2026 Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics through interactive tasks and meaningful discussions centered on instructional practice. The Standards Institute resources, particularly the K-12 LSSM Crosswalk and the Standards Resource Guides, have become essential tools in my coaching. Focusing on learning progressions, mathematical proficiency, and standards internalization strengthened my ability to support teachers as they prepare for full implementation. Standards Institutes will continue throughout the 2026–2027 school year to support educators, and school systems can submit requests for training using the Request for Standards Institute Training form.

Additionally, school and system leaders can access the self-paced, asynchronous Standards Institute - Leader Training Course **(Course Code: A72E57U7)** to support teacher learning and facilitate effective implementation.

As we continue preparing for full implementation, I look forward to using these resources to support teachers in strengthening student understanding, making meaningful connections across learning, and providing rigorous, engaging instruction that prepares all students for success.

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ACADEMICS

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Orders

The following deadlines apply to all AP Exams and all schools:

- **November 13, 2026**: Final ordering deadline (full year and fall semester AP courses and exam sections). Exams submitted after this date will incur an additional $40 late fee.
- **March 12, 2027**: Spring course orders and fall order changes deadline.

Order updates should be managed in AP Registration and Ordering.

Please contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.

NUMERACY RESOURCES

K-3 Numeracy Screener Response

Join the LDOE for the fourth session of the K–3 Numeracy Screener Response Webinar Series on November 19. Participants will focus on using student work samples alongside progress monitoring data to gather evidence of student understanding, distinguish misconceptions from procedural mistakes, and make purposeful, high-quality, instructional materials-aligned instructional decisions that support continued growth.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 19 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/6158352036?pwd=nzF8kkDrt5JYpBoQEpAYVbX8RENPyD.1
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 615 835 2036
- **Meeting Passcode:** 591448

Please contact math@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana Numeracy Excellence Act (LANE) Monthly Office Hours

The LDOE will continue to host monthly office hours to provide updates on LANE and provide opportunities for participants to ask questions.

- **Webinar Date and Time**: December 2 at 9 a.m.
- **Webinar Link**: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/6158352036?pwd=nzF8kkDrt5JYpBoQEpAYVbX8RENPyD.1
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LITERACY

Adolescent Literacy: Act 964 (2026) Resources

The LDOE has added an Adolescent Literacy: Act 964 (2026) section to the Literacy Library. The section includes an Adolescent Literacy Q&A Guidance Document to address questions about Act 964, which will be updated regularly as additional questions arise. The section also includes Approved Literacy Screener and Diagnostic Assessments guidance to support school systems in meeting the legislation's requirements.

Visit the Literacy Library to access all available Adolescent Literacy resources.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Adolescent Literacy: Act 964 (2026) Training

School literacy plans for grades K–8 were due September 1, 2026. The remaining requirements of Act 964 (2026) take effect in the 2027–2028 school year.

The Adolescent Literacy in Action course is now available on the Louisiana Professional Learning Platform for educators who want to begin the Act 964 (2026) training requirement early. The course includes five modules, with the introduction and Module 1 currently available and Module 2 expected in early November. Additional modules will be released throughout the school year.

Educators can access the course using code: **7786E4IE**.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Third Grade Literacy Support

To support educators, the LDOE recently released Third Grade Start, Stop, and Continue Guidance. The guidance includes reflective questions and best practices to help leaders evaluate and strengthen current third-grade literacy practices. The LDOE also offers professional learning to support areas where schools and systems identify a need for additional support.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

SUPPORT FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

Supporting ELs in Early Childhood

The LDOE has released two new resources to strengthen support for English Learners (ELs) in early childhood classrooms. Supporting English Learners (ELs) in Early Childhood Classrooms provides practical strategies to support language development and meaningful participation in daily instruction. The companion Professional Learning Facilitation Guide helps educators facilitate professional learning, support teacher collaboration, and strengthen implementation.

Explore both resources to support effective early childhood instruction for ELs.

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

ELA RESOURCES

ELA Guidebooks Resources

The LDOE has released the updated ELA Guidebooks Section Diagnostic Data Collection Tools.

These pre-filled tools include all the look-fors in each unit's Section Diagnostic Checklists, making it easier for teachers to track student performance. Once teachers enter students' performance data on the diagnostics tab, students are automatically grouped on the data compilation tab. This allows teachers to quickly identify which students need additional support for each look-for and plan appropriate next steps for upcoming lessons.

These updated tools are available online through the Lesson Preparation Protocol and in the Curriculum Guide on the Louisiana Curriculum Hub.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

Bayou Bridges Resources

The LDOE is releasing grades K-2 alternate pacing guides to support teachers using Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Social Studies Curriculum. The remaining K-2 units will be released on a rolling basis throughout the school year.

- Grade K Alternate Pacing Guides
- Grade 1 Alternate Pacing Guides
- Grade 2 Alternate Pacing Guides

The alternate pacing guides are located under the document list for their corresponding grade level on the Bayou Bridges web page.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

High School Social Studies Resources

To support high-quality instruction in high school social studies classrooms, the LDOE is releasing updated instructional slide decks and pacing guide samples for teaching and learning with Foundations of Freedom: A Louisiana Civics Program and Land of Liberty: The History of the United States.

- Foundations of Freedom Unit 2 and Unit 3 Instructional Slides
- Land of Liberty Unit 2 Instructional Slides
- Land of Liberty Unit 3 Pacing Guide Sample

To access these resources, visit the Foundations of Freedom and Land of Liberty web pages under the Volume 1 Teacher Materials document lists.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

Social Studies Communities of Practice

The LDOE is launching two social studies Communities of Practice (CoPs) focused on implementing daily K-2 social studies instruction and the new U.S. History curriculum, Land of Liberty: The History of the United States. These CoPs will provide a platform for sharing best practices, developing new skills, and addressing challenges.

Interested K-2 social studies and high school U.S. History teachers should reach out to socialstudies@la.gov by November 17 to receive more information. Spaces in these social studies CoPs are limited.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

Social Studies Office Hours

To answer questions and provide technical assistance with Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Social Studies Curriculum, Foundations of Freedom: A Louisiana Civics Program, and Land of Liberty: The History of the United States, the LDOE will hold social studies office hours the first Wednesday of each month from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** December 2 at 3:15 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92792266713
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470-250-9358
- **Meeting ID#:** 927 9226 6713
- **Meeting Passcode:** 063740

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

SCIENCE RESOURCES

Science Leader Curriculum Focus Groups

The Science Leader Curriculum Focus Group series continues in December with a special focus on planning for intentional teacher collaboration. Please see the webinar information below and register now to reserve a seat!

- **Webinar Date and Time:** December 8 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96189455120
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 961 8945 5120

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND STEM RESOURCES

Ignite the Classroom: Computer Science Training for K-8 Educators

Ignite+ is a new advanced training for middle school educators in grades 6-8. Based on the Computer Science Implementation Framework, the program provides 32 hours of professional learning in computer science core concepts, coding, and project-based learning to strengthen middle school computer science instruction.

Ignite continues to support K-5 educators through asynchronous training in computational thinking, block programming, and cybersafety, preparing educators to teach computer science.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Celebrate Computer Science Education Week 2026!

Join us in celebrating Computer Science Education Week (CS Ed Week) from December 6–12. Computer science education builds foundational digital literacy and problem-solving skills that benefit students throughout their lives. This week also highlights the responsible, critical, and creative use of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies for academic and career success, while prioritizing safety, age-appropriateness, privacy, and educator judgment.

Explore Louisiana's updated AI guidance for K-12 schools and computer science implementation frameworks for Grades 3–5, Grades 6–8, and Grades 9–12 to begin planning engaging, real-world learning in your classroom this week!

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

3-12 English Language Arts Teacher Leader Advisor (TLA) Applications Now Open

The LDOE is now accepting applications for 3–12 English Language Arts Teacher Leader Advisors (ELA TLAs). ELA TLAs serve an essential role in supporting the implementation of the K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for ELA by updating resources with research-based best practices, analyzing texts from the ELA Guidebooks text lists, and creating resources that coordinate with high-quality instructional materials. Interested educators should submit their applications by **November 20 at 4 p.m.**

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Instructional Materials Review Teacher Leader Advisor (TLA) Applications Now Open

The LDOE is now accepting applications for grades 3-12 ELA Intensive Intervention Instructional Materials Review Teacher Leader Advisors (IMR TLAs). IMR TLAs play a key role in the state's review process by evaluating instructional materials submitted to the LDOE and identifying the degree of alignment to state student standards. These reviews help local school systems make informed decisions when selecting high-quality instructional materials for their classrooms. Interested educators should submit their applications by **November 20 at 4 p.m.**

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Assessment Development Committees

The LDOE will convene assessment educator review committees for the LEAP and LEAP Connect assessments in January to

- review newly developed LEAP Connect items for alignment and content-related criteria.
- review proposed English Language Arts passages to ensure content alignment and that the selections are appropriate for all Louisiana students.

Interested educators should access the Assessment Development Educator Review Committees document for information. The deadline to complete the application is **November 16**.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Pre-Educator Pathway Curriculum Deep Dive Virtual Training

Join the LDOE on **December 10** for a virtual training on the Aspiring Educators: Shaping Louisiana's Future curriculum for the Pre-Educator Pathway courses. Participants will explore the two course offerings, Foundations of Education and Learning Communities, and build an understanding of the curriculum and strategies for implementation.

Foundations of Education

- **Webinar Date and Time:** December 10 at 8-11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95815480758?pwd=sSdFli3RpWmOc469QcIuQDYUlxYFkK.1
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470-250-9358
- **Meeting ID#:** 95815480758

Learning Communities

- **Webinar Date and Time:** December 10 at 12-3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95815480758?pwd=sSdFli3RpWmOc469QcIuQDYUlxYFkK.1
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470-250-9358
- **Meeting ID#:** 95815480758

To confirm attendance and receive session information and support materials, email louisianaleaders@la.gov.

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