

Educational Technology Monthly Call

April 9, 2026



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Agenda

- E-Rate
- Digital learning updates
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance check-in
 - Spotlight: Nabiha Mujahid
- Upcoming meetings
- Reminders and repeats



E-Rate Program Updates



Upcoming E-Rate Deadlines

- Special Construction Deadline: June 30, 2025 (for FY2024, unless extension requested).
- Form 486 Deadline: 120 days after service start date or FCDL date, whichever is later.
- Ensure all certifications and submissions are completed in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) before the deadlines to avoid funding reductions or denials.

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Digital Learning



Teacher Leader Summit 2026



Reminder: Registration closes **April 12.**

Dates	Pricing
March 16–April 12	\$299

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.



Featured EdTech Summit Sessions

To further support high-quality instruction, this year's Teacher Leader Summit will include sessions that focus on the following EdTech topics:

- **AI in Education:** Leveraging AI to amplify High Quality Instructional Materials, drive personalized learning, and streamline professional development.
- **Student Support:** Dedicated sessions for English Learner student success and accessibility.
- **Subject-Specific Tech:** Integrating EdTech purposefully within Science, ELA, Social Studies, and World Languages.
- **Digital Leadership:** Navigating digital responsibility and the latest digital literacy frameworks.

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English Learners and Academic Innovation

- The LDOE has released guidance focusing on how [Educational Technology and Academic Innovation](#) can be leveraged to support English Learners (ELs).
- Key EdTech Applications for EL Support
 - **Personalized Learning:** Customizes instruction to individual student language proficiency levels.
 - **Differentiating Text Complexity:** Adjusts linguistic complexity while maintaining grade-level rigor and key vocabulary.
 - **Assistive Technology:** Uses text-to-speech and translation tools to reduce the linguistic load.
 - **Voice and Feedback:** Provides immediate feedback on student pronunciation and speaking fluency.

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C.R.E.A.T.E. Framework + EL

C	Character: "You are an expert instructional coach specializing in scaffolding complex high school texts for ELs."
R	Request: "Provide three simplified sentence frames to help a Level 3 EL student analyze the author's purpose."
E	Examples: "Focus on starting sentences with academic verbs like 'The author argues...' or 'The text emphasizes...'"
A	Additions: "Base the frames on academic language; keep the tone supportive."
T	Type of Output: "Limit your response to three distinct, numbered sentence frames."
E	Extras: Refer to the specific LDOE LER Rubric descriptors for success criteria.

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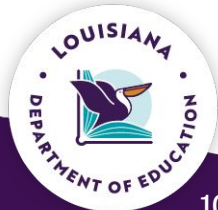


April Canvas Trainings

Canvas will be offering training through April and May. Educators are able to [register](#) for live sessions or schedule specific training sessions for staff.

Date	Time	Topic
April 10	12:00-12:45 p.m.	Intelligent Insights for Admins
April 13	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Navigating Canvas
April 14	3:00-3:45 p.m.	Content Creation (Pages)
April 15	7:00-7:45 a.m.	Modules
April 16	4:00-4:45 p.m.	Course Settings
April 20	3:00-3:45 p.m.	Discussions

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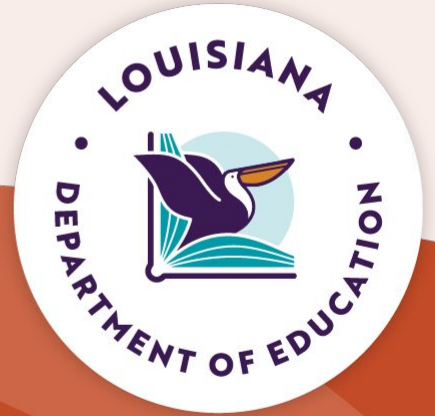
April Canvas Trainings

Date	Time	Topic
April 21	4:00-4:45 p.m.	New Quizzes
April 22	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Assignments
April 22	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Intelligent Insights for Admins
April 23	7:00-7:45 a.m.	Navigating Canvas
April 27	4:00-4:45 p.m.	Content Creation (Pages)
April 28	3:00-3:45 p.m.	Modules
April 29	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Course Settings
April 30	7:00-7:45 a.m.	Discussions

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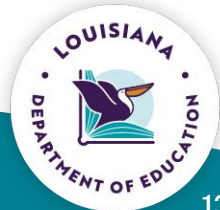
Spotlight: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance



ADA Title II Compliance Check-in

- **Upcoming Deadline (Large Systems):** Public school systems in parishes with a population over 50,000 must meet WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards by **April 24, 2026**.
- **Small System Deadline:** Systems in parishes under 50,000 have until **April 26, 2027**.
- **Compliance Scope:** This rule applies to all online services, including websites (internal and public), mobile apps, digital documents (PDFs, slide decks), and new social media posts.
- **Resources:** Visit [OTS Accessibility How-To Guides](#) and the [National Center on Accessible Educational Materials \(AEM Center\)](#) for more information.

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Guest Speaker

- Nabiha Mujahid
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- [Resources | Louisiana Accessible Educational Materials](#)



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Education Technology Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates



Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability	April 21 at 3 p.m.
Teaching and Learning	April 22 at 1 p.m.
School System Leader Call	April 10 at 9 a.m.
Data Coordinator Webinar	April 10 at 1 p.m.
EdLink Weekly Office Hours	April 15 at 11 a.m. April 22 at 11 a.m. April 29 at 11 a.m.

View our [School System Support Calendar](#) for full schedule.



2025-2026 Education Technology Monthly Webinars

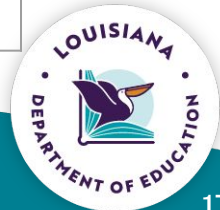
Slides from each meeting will be posted on the [Educational Technology Leaders website](#). Recordings are available on request. A [complete calendar](#) of LDOE events can be found on the [Louisiana Believes website](#).

Future Monthly Call Dates

- May 14

Time:	9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNlN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!

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Reminders and Repeats



E-Rate News Brief

- The E-Rate News Brief provides information about funding commitments, application process tips, and other timely information.
- Subscribing to the News Brief is the best way to stay informed about program updates.
- To learn more, visit the [USAC webpage](#) and [subscribe](#).

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Technology and Security Contacts

Please ensure that the Office of Technology Services (OTS) has the correct information for all school system security contacts. This includes:

- Name
- Title
- Work Phone
- Work Email
- Cell Phone Number

If you have not already done so, please update your school system's contact information using the [School System Technology Contact Form](#).

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