

Educational Technology Monthly Call

August 13, 2026



Agenda

- Digital learning updates
- New Educational Technology Plan
- Annual Technology Readiness Tool collection
- Web accessibility
- Reminders and additional supports



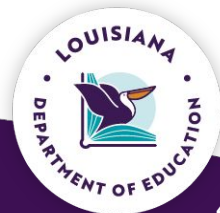
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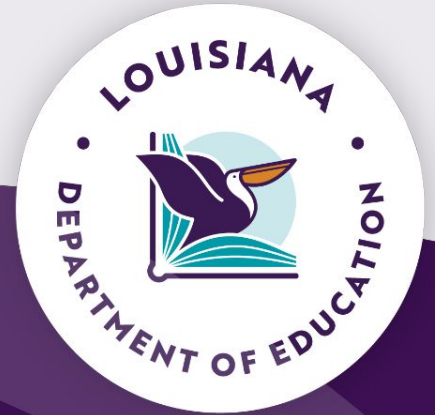
Padlet

- Free unlimited access for all Louisiana public schools
 - Full access to [Padlet](#) with unlimited Padlet creation for all teachers and students for the entire 2026–2027 school year
 - No cost and no commitment for school systems
- Flexible options are available for school systems that want to continue past 2026–2027.
- School systems interested in participating should complete the [Padlet registration form](#).
- Contact Sales@padlet.com for more information and next steps.

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Educational Technology Plan



Spotlight: LDOE Educational Technology Plan

The updated Louisiana Educational Technology Plan:

- aligns with Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) priorities and identifies strategies that support each priority;
- provides LDOE supports, potential school system strategies, and foundational supports for implementation; and
- includes appendices outlining policies, as well as bandwidth and network standards.



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Strategic Goals



Goal 1
Strengthen
Foundational
Academic Skills
with Digital Tools



Goal 2
Elevate and
Support
Educators in
Digital & Artificial
Intelligence
(AI)-Enriched
Instruction



Goal 3
Build Secure,
Innovative, and
Accessible Digital
Ecosystems



Goal 4
Build Systemwide
Capacity for
Sustainable
Educational
Technology



Goal 5
Expand Learning
Pathways
Through
Personalized &
Career-Ready
Learning

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Deep Dive: Bandwidth Recommendations

- Bandwidth is the foundational requirement for digital learning efficacy. School systems should ensure that their infrastructure can handle simultaneous high-density use for online assessments, streaming, or AI-driven applications.
- The baseline connectivity and bandwidth benchmarks included in the [LDOE Educational Technology Plan](#) are aligned with national [State Educational Technology Directors Association \(SETDA\) recommendations](#).
- Detailed information regarding bandwidth and network standards can be found in Appendix II of the LDOE Educational Technology Plan.

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Deep Dive: Bandwidth Target

Bandwidth targets per user by school system size:

School System Size	2023-24 Targets
Small School System (fewer than 1,000 students)	At least 2.8 megabits (Mbps) per user (Minimum 300 Mbps for system)
Medium School System (3,000 students)	At least 2.0 megabits (Mbps) per user
Large School System (10,000+ students)	At least 1.4 megabits (Mbps) per user

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Deep Dive: Bandwidth Recommendations

Activity	Recommended Bandwidth (per active user)
Email	<1 Mbps
Web browsing	1–5 Mbps
Online assessments	<1 Mbps
Downloading instructional materials	1 Mbps
HD video streaming	5 Mbps

Actual requirements vary by platform, content quality, device, and upload needs. These figures should not be multiplied directly to calculate total system bandwidth.

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Deep Dive: Network Recommendations

Recommended WAN capacity:

10 Gbps

per 1,000 users

Wide Area Network (WAN)

For connections linking each school to the internet via a system aggregation point, the network recommendation is at least **10 Gigabits (Gbps) per 1,000 users**.

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Technology Readiness



Technology Readiness Data Request

Under [§3921.2. Statewide Educational Technology Plan](#), school systems must submit required technology information, ensuring they meet the standards for devices, Internet bandwidth, software applications, and local network capacity to provide a high-quality digital instructional environment.

The Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) helps LDOE collect information about technology infrastructure across school systems and individual schools. TRT data will be used for the school system's digital footprint, supporting future technology planning. Technology Readiness submissions will be included in the [Educational Technology legislative report](#).

The [2026 TRT Collection Form](#) is due on **October 15**.

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Technology Readiness Tool (TRT)

TRT Collection Steps:

1. Make a copy of the [TRT Collection Template](#) collection sheet.
2. Add school system and school information.
 - a. **School System Data tab:** Enter your school system name and site code.
 - b. **School Data tab:** Enter all school names and site codes.
3. Fill in the required data.
 - a. **School System Data:** Enter all required information for your school system as a whole.
 - b. **School Data:** Enter all required information for **each** school in your school system. Please ensure the data is accurate and complete.
 - c. **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools Utilized**
4. Submit via upload to the [2026 TRT Collection Jotform](#).

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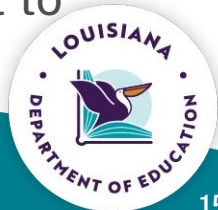
TRT Deep Dive: Common Questions

The bandwidth benchmarks reviewed in the EdTech plan serve as a target, while the bandwidth data provided in the October TRT submission provides a snapshot of tech readiness statewide.

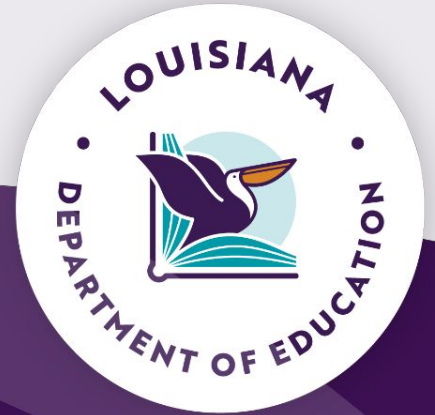
To prepare for the October 15 TRT submission deadline, here are some tips:

- **Who should complete the form?** Typically the school system's IT Director, Technology Coordinator, or a designated EdTech Leader.
- **Where do I find my bandwidth information?** This can often be found on E-Rate documentation or by contacting your internet service provider.
- **What student count should I use?** This can be an unofficial student count. School systems do not need to wait for the October 1 student count to submit.

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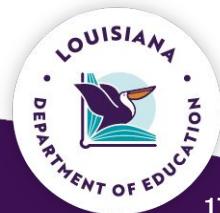
Web Accessibility



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Web Accessibility Extension

- **What Changed:** The Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) extending the compliance dates for the web and mobile app accessibility requirements originally adopted in 2024.
- **New Deadlines:**
 - **Large Entities (Parish population 50,000+):** Deadline moved from April 24, 2026, to **April 26, 2027**.
 - **Small Entities (Parish population <50,000) and Special Districts:** Deadline moved from April 26, 2027, to **April 26, 2028**.
- **Purpose of Extension:** To provide school systems and local governments additional time to address resource challenges, such as budget and staffing, while working toward meeting [WCAG 2.1 Level AA](#) standards.

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ADA Web Accessibility Resources



State Resource: Louisiana
Office of Technology Services

How-to Guides



Federal Resource: GSA
[Section508.gov](https://www.section508.gov/)

Accessible Documents

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Additional Support



E-Rate News Brief

- The E-Rate news brief provides information about funding commitments, application process tips, and other timely information.
- Download the [July 2026 E-Rate News Brief](#)
- 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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Stay Informed: Sign Up for CISA Alerts

- Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides free email updates with essential cybersecurity information for EdTech leaders.
 - Cybersecurity Alerts & Advisories:
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 - CISA Community Bulletin:
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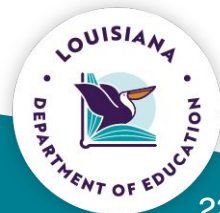
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Louisiana Fusion Center Information

- Under [Louisiana Act 117 \(R.S. 51:2114\)](#), all public bodies (including school systems) and their providers are legally required to report cyber incidents.
 - **Who:** [Louisiana State Fusion Center \(La-SAFE\)](#)
 - **When:** Within 24 hours of discovery of the incident.
 - **Ransomware Note:** If a ransom is paid, it must be reported within 10 days.
- Contact Methods:
 - **Phone:** (800) 434-8007 (24/7 Hotline)
 - **Local:** (225) 925-4192
 - **Email:** lafusion.center@dps.la.gov

Please contact lafusion.center@dps.la.gov or securitydoe@la.gov with questions.



Technology and Security Contacts

Please ensure that the Office of Technology Services (OTS) has the current 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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2026-2027 EdTech 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 [LDOE website](#).

2026-2027 Monthly Call Dates

- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December LACUE
- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93415364520?pwd=ogBd32vHNMrABUMgOZ7oyYXhgJTE7b.1 https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93415364520?pwd=ogBd32vHNMrABUMgOZ7oyhgJT7b.1
Phone Number	1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 934 1536 4520

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Monthly Calls and Newsletters

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability	August 18 at 3 p.m.
Teaching and Learning	August 26 at 1 p.m.

- [Subscribe](#) to the LDOE Weekly School System Newsletter, Principal's Newsletter, News Releases, Early Childhood Connection Newsletter, Teacher Leader Newsletter, and/or Counselor Connect Newsletter.

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Please visit the LDOE Educational Technology web pages for additional supports:

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