

# Educational Technology Monthly Call

February 12, 2026



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# Agenda

- E-Rate
- Digital learning updates
- ADA compliance check-in
- Important reminders & calendar
- Spotlight: C.R.E.A.T.E. Framework and Prompting with Gemini



# E-Rate Program Updates



# Upcoming E-Rate Deadlines

The FCC Form 471 application filing window for Funding Year (FY) 2026 is approaching. This is the application for requesting E-Rate discounts.

- Form 471 window closes: **March 26, 2026**
- FCC Form 470 must be posted for at least 28 days before you can select a vendor and certify your Form 471. The last possible date to post a Form 470 for this window is **February 26, 2026.**

Contact [ERate@la.gov](mailto:ERate@la.gov) with questions.



# Funding Opportunities



# SLCGP Cybersecurity Grant Program

- Cybersecurity funding is available through the [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program \(SLCGP\) \(Louisiana\)](#).
  - Eligible applicants: public and public charter school systems.
  - Allowable projects: planning & assessment, system hardening (MFA and encryption, hardware and software end of life replacements, and training for teachers and advanced training for IT staff).
  - Funds are available up to \$200K with a 20% cost share.
- Applications are due **February 28** and are submitted directly to the [SAA \(GOHSEP\) grants database](#).

Please contact [digitallearning@la.gov](mailto:digitallearning@la.gov) with questions.



# Digital Learning



# K-12 Computer Science Teacher Training

## Ignite Initiative (K-5 Teachers)

- 24 hours of no-cost training on computational thinking, block programming, and cybersafety to prepare for computer science instruction

## Energize Project (6-12 Teachers)

- 40 hours of no-cost preparation for the Praxis (5652) Computer Science content exam for Computer Science certification add-on

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# Teacher Leader Summit 2026



Early bird registration opens **February 9** and closes **March 15**.

Dates	Pricing
February 9-March 15	<b>\$249</b>
March 16-April 12	<b>\$299</b>

Please contact [LDOEvents@la.gov](mailto:LDOEvents@la.gov) with questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit 2026



Be sure to check out the new [Teacher Leader Summit event website](#). This will be a one-stop shop for all things summit, including registration, hotel links, session details, speaker information, and much more.

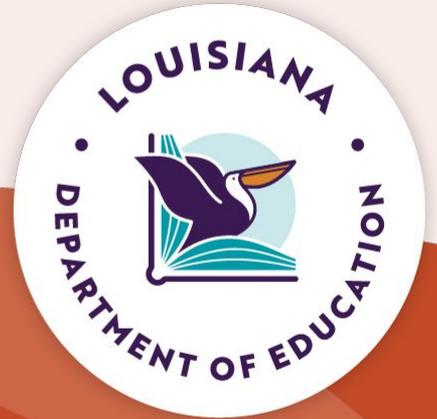
Two presenters for a session receive complimentary admission. Please wait for registration instructions via email from the LDOE Events team in early February.

Systems that still wish to pay for Teacher Leader Summit 2026 by check must complete the [Teacher Leader Summit 2026 Registration Check Submission Request form](#) to obtain pre-approval by **February 13**. Full [guidance](#) can be found on the [Louisiana Believes website](#) and dedicated [Teacher Leader Summit event website](#).

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# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance



# ADA Title II: Compliance Deadlines

- In April 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) finalized a new rule under [ADA Title II](#).
- All public school systems fall under this rule and must ensure web content and mobile apps meet [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1, Level AA standards](#).
- Deadlines are based on the parish population where the school system is located based on the 2020 census.
  - **April 24, 2026:** Deadline for Large Systems (Population > 50,000)
  - **April 26, 2027:** Deadline for Small Systems (Population < 50,000)

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# Scope

- This [rule](#) applies to all school system's services, programs, and activities delivered online. This includes:
  - all websites (public-facing and internal, including password-protected portals).
  - mobile apps.
  - digital documents (e.g., PDFs, Word docs, slide decks, spreadsheets).
  - educational content and course materials
  - new social media posts.
  - third-party tools you provide or make available to the public (e.g., online payment portals, scheduling tools, or learning platforms).

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# ADA Compliance Resources

- The following provides official guidelines, technical standards, and training materials to support your school system's ADA compliance efforts:
  - [U.S. Department of Justice ADA Website](#)
  - [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\)](#)
  - [National Center on Accessible Educational Materials \(AEM Center\)](#)
  - [OTS Accessibility How To Guides](#)

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# Education Technology Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates



# Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability	<a href="#">February 17 at 3 p.m.</a>
Teaching and Learning	<a href="#">February 25 at 1 p.m</a>
School System Leader Call	<a href="#">March 6 at 9 a.m.</a>
Data Coordinator Webinar	<a href="#">March 6 at 1 p.m.</a>
EdLink Weekly Q&A	<a href="#">February 18 at 3 p.m.</a> <a href="#">February 25 at 3 p.m.</a> <a href="#">March 4 at 3 p.m.</a> <a href="#">March 11 at 3 p.m.</a>

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

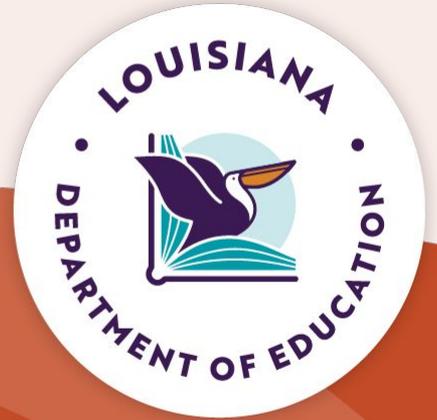
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

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

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# Spotlight: C.R.E.A.T.E. Framework and Prompting with Gemini



# C.R.E.A.T.E. Framework

<b>C</b>	<b>Character:</b> Define the persona or role the AI should play.
<b>R</b>	<b>Request:</b> State the specific task or instruction clearly.
<b>E</b>	<b>Examples:</b> Provide examples of the desired output if you have them. This helps the AI understand the format, style, and level of detail you're looking for.
<b>A</b>	<b>Additions:</b> Add context, tone, or point of view.
<b>T</b>	<b>Type of Output:</b> Specify the desired format and length of the response.
<b>E</b>	<b>Extras:</b> Include any further information that might be helpful, such as reference text or specific constraints.

Contact [digitalllearning@la.gov](mailto:digitalllearning@la.gov) with questions.



# Reminders and Repeats



# 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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# Stay Informed: Sign Up for CISA Alerts

- Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides free email updates provide essential cybersecurity information for EdTech leaders.
  - Cybersecurity Alerts & Advisories:
    - Receive immediate information on new, high-impact threats, vulnerabilities, and exploits that could affect your systems.
  - CISA Community Bulletin:
    - Receive broader updates on new resources, free services, toolkits, and publications, including those specific to K-12 schools.
- Please visit the [CISA website](#) to subscribe to these updates.

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