

# Educational Technology Monthly Call

May 14, 2026



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# Agenda

- E-Rate
- Digital learning updates
  - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) update
  - End-of-Year (EOY) resources
- 2026-2027 EdTech meetings
- Reminders and repeats



# E-Rate Program Updates



# E-Rate Information

- **FY2026 Window Waiver Requests.** If you need to request a waiver of the Funding Year (FY) 2026 application filing window deadline, **be sure to certify and submit your Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Form 471** in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) **before you file your waiver request.**
  - Note: You will receive an out-of-window status notification after you certify your form. If the waiver request is granted, the FCC Form 471 will be treated as timely filed during the filing window. See the [E-Rate Appeals Waiver Guide](#).
- Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) released FY2025 Wave 49 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) on April 9. As of April 15, FY2025 commitments total over \$2.64 billion.
- Use the [E-Rate Search Commitments Tool](#) to look up prior funding year commitment data.

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# Digital Learning



# 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) & 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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# Technology Readiness Tool (TRT)

- Under [R.S. 17:3921.2 Statewide Educational Technology Plan](#), school systems must provide technology information to support statewide planning and ensure students have access to a high-quality digital instructional environment, including appropriate devices, internet bandwidth, software applications, and local network capacity.
- The Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) enables the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to collect consistent data on technology infrastructure from school systems and individual schools. TRT data will inform each school system's digital footprint and support future state and local technology planning.
- Completion of the TRT will be required for Super App applications. TRT data will be used to inform planning for digital instructional supports.

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# Technology Readiness Tool (TRT)

In response to requests from the field, LDOE is making the TRT available earlier so school systems can begin compiling information before the formal submission window opens.

## Key Dates:

- **May 14:** TRT form available; school systems may begin compiling required technology information.
- **August 13:** TRT submission window opens.
- **October 15:** TRT submission window closes. All TRT submissions should be completed by this date.

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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. Information will be shared August 13 on how to submit.

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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 & 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](mailto:Sales@padlet.com) for more information and next steps.

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# EOY Resources



# End-of-Year (EOY) Course Closeout: Canvas

- Manual vs. Automated Conclusion
  - **Manual Conclusion:** Provides read-only access for all users (including instructors).
    - Removes enrollments from the active list and moves them to "Prior Enrollments."
  - **Automated Conclusion:** If your system uses SIS integration or automated term dates, manual conclusion is not required.
- Important Consideration: "Hard concluding" a course manually results in a loss of certain functionality and user information (like viewing SIS data).
- To preserve instructor functionality while ending access for students, consider using participation end dates instead.

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# End-of-Year (EOY) Course Closeout: Canvas

## How to Manually Conclude a Canvas Course

### Admin Steps:

1. Click the Admin link in Global Navigation and select your account.
2. Go to the Courses link and use the filter/search to locate the specific course.
3. Click the Settings icon for that course.
4. Click the Conclude this Course button in the sidebar.
5. Verify the confirmation message to ensure the course status has changed.

*Note: If the button is missing, the permission has been restricted in your account settings.*

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# EOY Course Close Out: Google Classroom

## Key Steps for Teachers:

- **Return Student Work:** Transfer ownership back to students so they can edit files as needed.
- **Organize the Classroom Folder:** Move current class folders into a new folder labeled by the school year (e.g., "2025-2026"). Do not delete the main "Classroom" folder.
- **Archive Classes:** Removes the class from the active homepage.
  - Freezes the class (no new posts or comments).
  - *Pro Tip: To remove student access entirely, unenroll them before archiving.*
- Hide or delete the **Google Calendars** associated with archived classes.
- Consider making a "Copy" of the class to reuse the structure and assignments without the old student data.

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# Google Security Sandbox

- Admins can [enable Security Sandbox](#) to automatically flag suspicious emails and scan email attachments for malicious software. [\(Tutorial\)](#)
- If a phishing attempt is detected, use the [security dashboard](#) to see the impact. View reports on which messages have [suspicious attachments](#) or show evidence of [spoofing](#). [\(Tutorial\)](#)
- Take action through the [investigation tool](#). Search for the phishing email by subject line or content, see which users received it, and if they opened them. Then, take action based on search results. For example, bulk [delete messages](#) or force a password change. [\(Tutorial\)](#)
- To learn more, [find best practices](#) for setting up security features or check out the [Education Navigator](#) for more resources.

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# Education Technology Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates



# Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability	<a href="#">May 19 at 3 p.m.</a>
Teaching and Learning	<a href="#">May 20 at 1 p.m.</a>

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



# 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

- August 13
- 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	<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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# Reminders and Repeats



# 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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# 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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