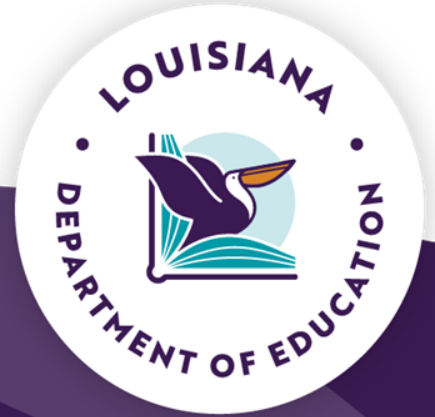


Educational Technology Monthly Call

October 8, 2026



Agenda

- Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
- Annual Technology Readiness Tool collection
- Digital learning updates
- Additional supports and reminders



Cybersecurity Awareness Month



Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an opportunity for schools to reinforce the **Cybersecurity and Online Safety** skills identified in [Louisiana's Digital Literacy Guidance](#).

Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resources:

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2026: [Securing the Next 250](#)
 - [Download the Toolkit](#)
 - [Cyber Careers Week](#): October 19–24, 2026
 - [Family Postcards](#)
 - [Puzzles for Kids](#)

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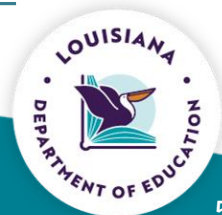


Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Additional Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resources:

- National Cybersecurity Alliance: [Don't Make It Easy for Them](#)
 - Register for a toolkit
- Google: [Be Internet Awesome](#)
- Air and Space Forces Association: [CyberPatriot](#)
 - [CyberPatriot Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative](#)
- Federal Trade Commission: [Educator resources](#)
 - [Youville](#) for ages 8–12
- Microsoft
 - Teach cybersecurity concepts with [Minecraft Education](#)
 - Explore cybersecurity careers with [Minecraft Education-Cyber Defender: Tower Defense](#)

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Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)



Colonel Stephen Durel

- Director of Cybersecurity and Emerging Threats, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
- Launched the Louisiana National Guard's cyber initiative
- Co-Lead for GOHSEP Emergency Support Function 2 (ESF-2) Cyber
- Oversees Louisiana's State Cyber Force
- Leads statewide efforts to strengthen cyber resilience and protect Louisiana's critical infrastructure



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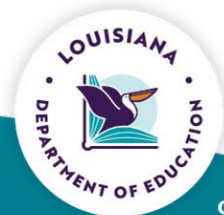


How GOHSEP Supports K–12 Cybersecurity

Protect • Prepare • Detect • Respond

- Cyber Readiness Assessments
- Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)
- Threat Monitoring and Intelligence Sharing
- Cyber Incident Response
- Planning and Preparedness Support
- Statewide Coordination

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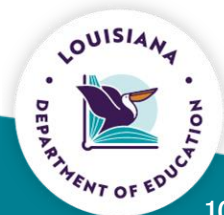


How GOHSEP Supports K–12 Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility.

Connect with [GOHSEP](#) before an incident occurs to learn about available assessments, endpoint protection, monitoring, and incident-response resources.

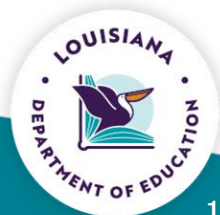
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Louisiana Fusion Center Information

- Under [Louisiana Act 117 \(2020\)](#), 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 reporting:** If a ransom is paid, report it within 10 days.
- Contact Methods:
 - **Phone:** (800) 434-8007 (24/7 Hotline)
 - **Local:** (225) 925-4192
 - **Email:** lafusion.center@dps.la.gov

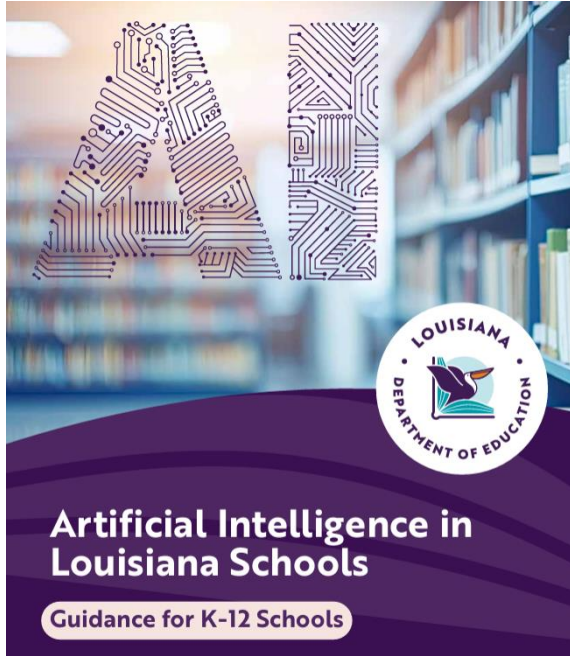
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Digital Learning



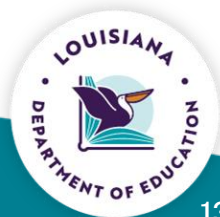
Updated Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidance



This guidance includes new and updated supports for schools and systems.

- Leader, teacher, and student AI Competencies
- AI Evaluation Tool
- Teacher resources created by the AI Teacher Collaborative
- Suggested professional development

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



Computer Science and STEM Micro-Credential Training Programs

For the 2026–2027 school year, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is partnering with Louisiana Tech University to offer two Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved micro-credential programs designed for:

- K–5 teachers interested in earning the [Computer Science and STEM Grades K–5 Add-on](#), and
- 6–12 teachers seeking computer science certification by adding the [Secondary 6-12 Specialty Content Area Add-on in Computer Science](#) to an existing certification.

For full program details, please visit the [program overview document](#) or email STEM@la.gov.

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Technology Readiness



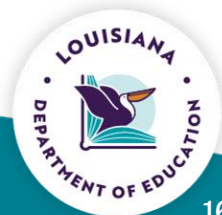
Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) Collection

For the 2026–2027 TRT Collection, school systems should:

- submit the annual TRT collection by **October 15**;
- review the [TRT Collection Instructions](#) before completing the submission;
- gather required district and school level technology readiness information; and
- complete and submit the [2026-2027 TRT Collection Form](#).

School system technology readiness information from last school year is available in the [2025-2026 Statewide Educational Technology Plan Report](#) appendix.

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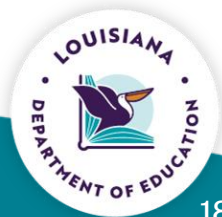
Additional Support



Stay Informed: Sign Up for CISA Alerts

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides free email updates with essential cybersecurity information for EdTech leaders.
 - Cybersecurity Alerts and Advisories:
 - Receive immediate information on new, high-impact threats, vulnerabilities, and exploits that could affect school 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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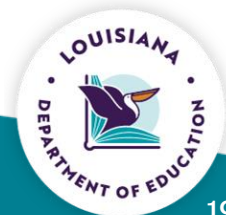
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Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators Annual (LACUE) Conference

Registration is open.

Register Online Now

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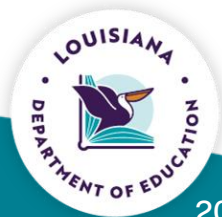


LACUE Cybersecurity Group

The [Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators \(LACUE\)](#) Cybersecurity Group connects Louisiana education technology professionals through an email group focused on sharing cybersecurity information, resources, and support.

If you would like to be added to the group, please [request to join](#).

Please contact garrett.couvillon@wbrschools.net with questions.



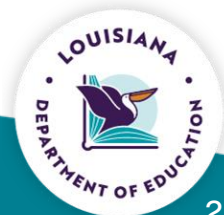
Technology and Security Contacts

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

School systems that have not yet updated their contact information should use the [School System Technology Contact Form](#).

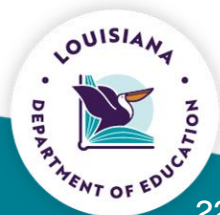
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E-Rate News Brief

- The E-Rate news brief provides information about funding commitments, application process tips, and other timely information.
- Download the [September 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 [Universal Service Administrative Company \(USAC\) webpage](#) and [subscribe](#) to the E-Rate News Brief.

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Web Accessibility Resources

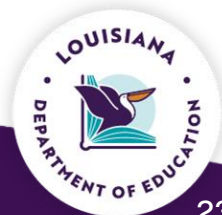
State Resource: Louisiana
Office of Technology Services

How-to Guides

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

Accessible Documents

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Web Accessibility Resources

Microsoft 365 Tool:
Accessibility Checker

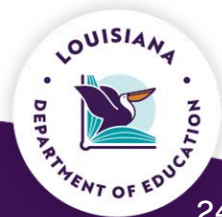
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Professional Learning:
Microsoft Learn

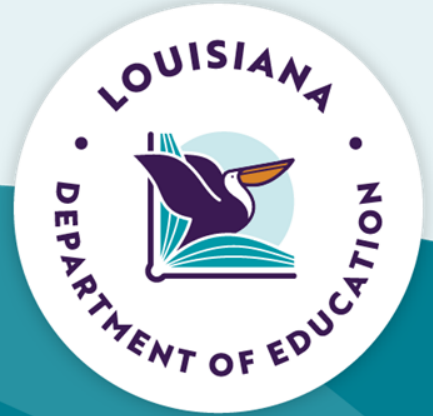
Fundamentals

Web Principles

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Educational Technology Monthly Webinar and Meeting Dates



2026-2027 EdTech Monthly Webinars

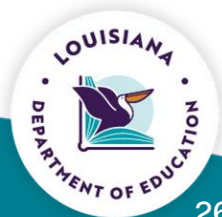
Slides from each meeting will be posted on the [Educational Technology Leaders website](#). Recordings are available on request.

A [complete calendar](#) of LDOE events can be found on the [LDOE website](#).

2026-2027 Monthly EdTech Call Dates

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

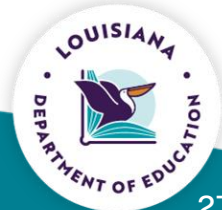
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2026-2027 EdTech Monthly Webinars

Next EdTech Monthly Call	
Date and Time	November 12 from 9–10 a.m.
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93415364520?pwd=ogBd32vHNMrABUMgOZ7oyYXhgJTE7b.1
Phone Number	1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID#	934 1536 4520

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Monthly Calls and Newsletters

Monthly Call Title	Webinar Link
Assessment and Accountability	<u>October 20 at 3 p.m.</u>
Teaching and Learning	<u>October 28 at 1 p.m.</u>

- [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.

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



Thank you!

Please visit the LDOE Educational Technology webpages for additional supports:

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