

Educational Technology Monthly Call

September 10, 2026



Agenda

- Digital learning updates
- Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- Annual Technology Readiness Tool collection
- Web accessibility
- Reminders and additional supports



Digital Learning



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.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



Computer Science Implementation Support Office Hours

The LDOE will resume office hours supporting school systems in computer science implementation every fourth Thursday of the month.

Date and Time: September 24 from 10–11 a.m.

Meeting Link:

<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95001979102?pwd=MdiEa0Jk4nCN7FnZR7xiD3KlkCij9i.1>

Meeting ID#: 950 0197 9102

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Cybersecurity Awareness Month



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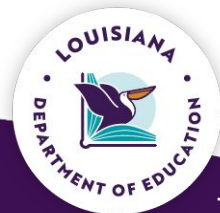
October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

During Cybersecurity Awareness Month, schools can reinforce the Cybersecurity and Online Safety skills identified in [Louisiana's Digital Literacy Guidance](#) through age-appropriate learning experiences focused on password security, phishing awareness, data privacy, online safety, and responsible digital behavior.

Cybersecurity and Online Safety Target Skills by Grade-Band:

- **K–2:** Basic password security, protecting personal information, recognizing unsafe websites or messages, knowing when to ask a trusted adult for help, and understanding that passwords should not be shared

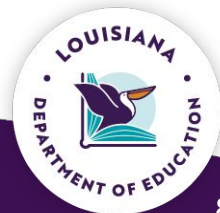
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Cybersecurity Awareness Month

- **Grades 3–5:** Identifying scams and phishing, protecting personal information, adjusting privacy settings, recognizing suspicious links/pop-ups and spam, understanding download risks, and recognizing the importance of updates and antivirus software
- **Grades 6–8:** Applying cybersecurity strategies such as two-factor authentication and secure browsing, recognizing and reporting threats, identifying phishing and social engineering, understanding malware risks, and learning about how companies collect personal data
- **Grades 9–12:** Understanding cybersecurity policies and data protection, phishing and manipulation, spyware and social engineering, encrypted communications, identity theft and cybercrime laws, professional cybersecurity practices, and cybersecurity careers

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Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Empowering School Systems

Cybersecurity Awareness Month provides an opportunity for school systems to advance [Louisiana's Educational Technology Plan](#) by focusing on key safety pillars:

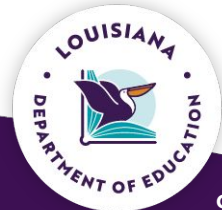
- Strengthening awareness among students, educators, and families
- Reviewing overall cybersecurity readiness
- Reinforcing safe and responsible technology practices



Strategic Goal 3

Build Secure, Innovative, and
Accessible Digital
Ecosystems

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Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Practical ideas schools could use throughout October:

“Spot the Phish”

Give students age-appropriate examples of emails, texts, or messages to identify warning signs.

Password Power

Teach students how to create strong passwords or passphrases and why they must never be shared.

Cyber Safety

Have students create announcement tips, posters, or videos explaining one cybersecurity practice each day.

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Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Career Spotlight

Invite cybersecurity professionals, law enforcement, or military cyber specialists to speak with students.

Family Cyber Night

Offer a family event on passwords, phishing, and protecting student information.

Staff Challenge

Include teachers and staff with phishing scenarios, password reminders, and data privacy tips.

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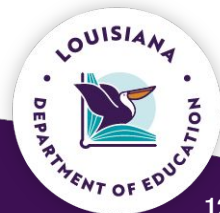


Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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](#)
- National Cybersecurity Alliance: [Don't Make It Easy for Them](#)
 - Register for a toolkit
- Google: [Be Internet Awesome](#)

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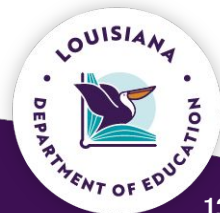


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Additional Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resources:

- 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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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 the 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.

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](#).
2. Add school system and school information.
 - a. **School System Data tab:** Enter the 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 the 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 used.**
4. Submit via upload to the [2026 TRT Collection Jotform](#).

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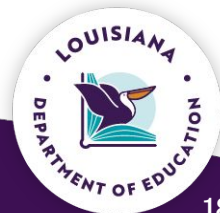
Web Accessibility



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

Accessible Documents

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ADA Web Accessibility Resources



Microsoft 365 Tool:
Accessibility Checker

Check Accessibility



Professional Learning:
Microsoft Learn

Fundamentals

Web Principles

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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 [August 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.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.



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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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

Please contact lafusion.center@dps.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

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

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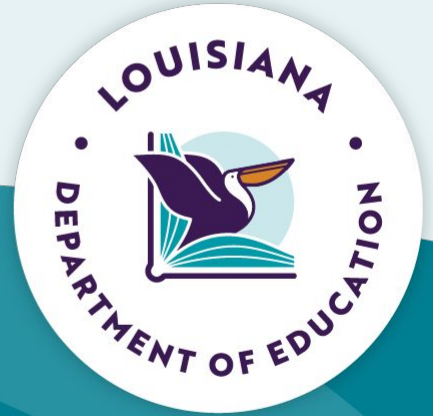
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Educational Technology Monthly Webinar and Meeting Dates



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

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

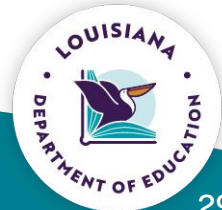
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2026-2027 EdTech Monthly Webinars

Next EdTech Monthly Call	
Date and Time	October 8 from 9–10:00 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	September 15 at 3 p.m.
Teaching and Learning	September 22 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.

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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