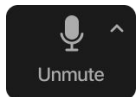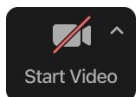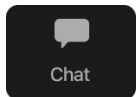# Zoom Meeting Preparation

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Alternative Education Community of Practice

December 11, 2025

Meeting Outcome

By the end of the meeting, Alternative Education leaders will develop an understanding of the AE application/ authorization process

Agenda:
- AE Redesign Background and Context
- AE Site Core Components and Policy
- AE Site Authorization Process and Timeline
- Introduce Reauthorization Cycle and Monitoring labels
- Next Steps
- Questions and Answers

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AE Background and Context

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) convened an AE Study Group in Spring 2017 to explore current practice and educational services provided in alternative schools and programs.

The Study Group charge was to:
- Conduct a strategic assessment
- Identify support services and guiding principles
- Explore partnerships

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Alignment to State Statutes & ESSA

The guiding principles of the study group's report align to current state statutes for AE schools and programs:

- R.S. 17:252 – behavior and mental health interventions; data reporting

- R.S. 17.416.2 – academic, behavioral, and mental health interventions

- R.S. 17:221.4 – dropout prevention

Alternative Education Study Group

The 2017 AE Study Group Report provided guiding principles for redesign.

LDOE should prioritize:
- Appropriate accountability
- Best practice guidance
- High quality professional development
- Communities of support

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Alternative Education Study Group

School Systems should prioritize:
- Effective Discipline Practice
- Transitional Processes
- Academic and Behavioral Interventions
- Support Services
- Academic and Career Readiness Opportunities

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AE Policy Promoting High-Quality Services

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- Mission and Purpose
- Transitional Planning and Support
- Academic Interventions and Graduation Pathways
- Behavior Intervention
- Supports Services and Professional Development
- Accountability

Core Components of an AE Site

- Mission and Purpose
- Transitional Planning & Support
- Academic Interventions and Graduation Pathways
- Behavior Intervention
- Supports Services and Professional Development
- Accountability

AE Site Authorization Approval Implementation

A new authorization process was implemented in 2018-2019 and provided three years for all school systems to achieve full AE redesign implementation.

- Year 1 (2019-2020): BESE approved 10 pioneering AE sites under new authorization.
- Year 2 (2020-2021): BESE approved 6 AE sites under new authorization.
- Year 3 (2021-2022): All remaining AE schools and programs were to submit using the new process.

2026-2027 Authorization Timeline

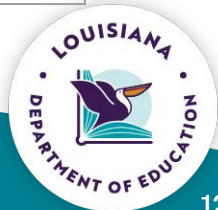| December 11, 2025	[2026-2027 AE Submission Portal](#) Opens
February 2, 2026	Submission Portal Closes
February 9-13, 2026	Interviews for 2026-2027 new site authorization
April 2026	AE Site Recommendations presented to BESE Board

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Calendar and Topics

Month	Event
January 8	AE Monthly Call
February 2	[2026-2027 AE Submission Portal](#) Closes
August - May	AE Site Visits

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Questions & Feedback

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