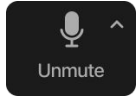
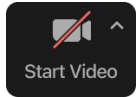


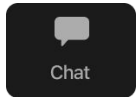
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

August 15, 2024



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent

Attendance & Student Support: *Angela Jordan, Executive Director*

- Attendance, Child Welfare and Attendance, Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guides, Counselor Connect Newsletter, Pupil Progression Plans, Alternative Education, PBIS, Discipline

Business & Industry Partnerships: *Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director*

- Business and industry outreach, assisting school systems with opportunities with business and industry, Extension Academy, Diploma Orders, Community Service Diploma Endorsement, April Dunn Jump Start Pathways, Financial Aid Planning, U.S. Senate Youth Program, Credit Recovery, Proficiency Exams, Transcripts

Fast Forward: *Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director*

- Fast Forward, Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Jump Start Summers, Internships and Registered Apprenticeships, CTTIE, Career Development Fund, Quest for Success, Supplemental Course Academy, U.S. Presidential Scholar, Advanced Coursework: AP, Dual Enrollment, IB and CLEP Testing, Graduation Requirements

Safe & Healthy Schools: *Michael Comeaux, Executive Director*

- AWARE grant, School Social Work, School Health, Physical Education, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant, and School Safety



Attendance and Student Support

Angela Jordan, Executive Director



Attendance Awareness Month

September is Attendance Awareness Month

Attendance Awareness Month is a national event that highlights how good attendance improves academic achievement.

Schools and CWA personnel are encouraged to message families and students sharing and celebrating the importance of student attendance.

Please contact shelneka.adams@la.gov with questions.



Attendance Policy Update

- [Bulletin 126](#), Charter Schools and [Bulletin 741](#), Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators
- Absences and attendance
 - Refines the types of absences to excused, unexcused, and suspension/expulsion.
 - Provides for implementation of daily student attendance reporting
 - Provides for reporting on truancy.

Please contact shelneka.adams@la.gov with questions.



Save the Date: Fall 2025 Counselor Institute

Fall 2024 Counselor Institute is scheduled for late October 2024.

Registration information will be shared in the September Counselor Connect newsletter and the CCR Monthly Call. Please share with your counseling colleagues and invite your CTE Supervisor to join in conversations regarding the new Accountability system implementation and the Counselor Evaluation Rubric.

Please contact angela.jordan@la.gov with questions.



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



U.S. Senate Youth Program

In partnership with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the Louisiana Department of Education will select two juniors or seniors to represent Louisiana at the 63rd Annual Washington Week, March 1-8, 2025. Upon completion of all on-site events, delegates will receive a \$10,000 education scholarship.

- The jotform application and national brochure are posted on our [website](#)
- Only juniors or seniors holding a [qualifying office](#) should apply
- Students must be nominated by their principal
- Essay topics will only be released to a staff member via the Jotform application
- Deadline for submission: Friday, October 4, 2024
- Finalists notified: Friday, October 25, 2024
- Final day of state competition: Friday, November 8, 2024
- Results shared in December

Please contact suzette.rabalais@la.gov for more information.

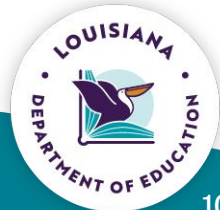


Community Service Diploma Endorsement

Students can work toward earning 80 service hours to obtain the [Community Service Endorsement](#) prior to graduation. Please refer to the [Community Service Opportunities](#) document for ways they can volunteer safely and still assist their community.

For more information, please contact suzette.rabalais@la.gov.

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Financial Aid Planning

The FAFSA [policy](#) has changed. The graduation cohort of 2024-2025 and beyond are not required to complete the FAFSA as a part of their graduation checkout. This policy change doesn't remove the requirement of local education agencies (LEAs) to provide students and their parents or guardians with information regarding financial aid programs to support postsecondary education and training. LEAs must ensure that each student receives adequate support in completing and submitting an application for financial aid. However, a student action related to FAFSA completion will not be required. An updated parent and student financial aid planning toolkit is available to school systems. Here are a few national toolkits you can use.

- [NCAN Toolkit](#)
- [Federal Student Aid Financial Aid Toolkit](#)

Please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov with any questions.



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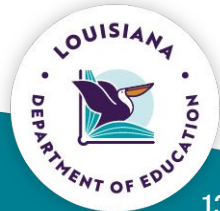
Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



CTE Momentum - Power Your Future Challenge

The U.S. Department of Education has launched the [Power the Future Challenge](#) in order to prepare high school students for rewarding careers and increase access to career and technical education. Teams are invited to submit innovative action plans that will advance the use of clean energy in their schools and communities. Deadline for submission is **November 19**.

Please contact allana@luminary-labs.com for additional information



College Board Updates and Deadlines

Updates and Events:

- [Weekly Office Hours](#)
 - **Webinar Date and Time:** Every Tuesday; 10 a.m.
 - **Webinar ID (Microsoft Teams):** 232 293 189 414
 - **Passcode:** 7VQcYk

- [Counselor Workshops](#) are designed for new and experienced counselors. Workshops will provide key information and best practices to help guide students and their families through the college planning process. Topics will include updates about College Board assessments and resources. All workshops are free.
 - **Date:** various dates between August 27-September 12
 - **Location:** Online

Contact caronda.bean@la.gov with questions.



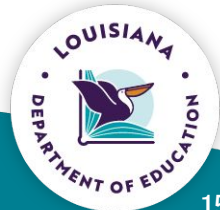
ACT[®] College & Career Readiness Workshops

ACT[®] will be hosting [College & Career Readiness Workshops](#) throughout Louisiana. Please [register](#) at least two weeks in advance.

In-person workshops begin at 9 a.m. at the following locations:

- September 10 (New Orleans)
- September 12 (Baton Rouge)
- September 17 (Alexandria)
- September 18 (Lake Charles)
- September 19 (Lafayette)

Contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.



ACT[®] Work Ready Communities Boot Camp

[ACT[®] Work Ready Communities](#) will be hosting a 2 day in person boot camp at Northshore Technical College in Lacombe. If interested please complete the [Work Ready Communities Boot Camp Application](#). It is being requested that a minimum of of 2 representatives from each parish attend both days.

- **When:** August 28-29
- **Where:** Northshore Technical College (Lacombe)
- **Cost:** \$150

Contact cheri.hughes@act.org with questions.



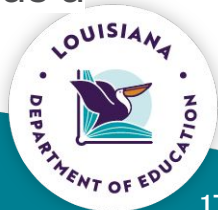
Financial Literacy

In accordance with [Bulletin 741 §2318 and §2319](#) every student entering grade 9 in 2024-2025 and beyond must successfully complete a one-unit [Financial Literacy](#) course (course code 160345) as a requirement for high school graduation. This course is designed to prepare students to make well-informed decisions regarding finances including debt management, building and improving credit, and practical financial decision-making. Students will apply fundamental math skills to compute income taxes, interest rates, and balance a checkbook.

Students pursuing a TOPS University diploma will take Financial Literacy as a separate course. Financial Literacy will not count as a math credit.

Students pursuing a TOPS Tech Career diploma will take Financial Literacy as a math credit.

Please contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



Career Development Fund End-of-Year Reporting

The [2023-2024 Career Development Fund \(CDF\) End of Year Expenditure Report](#) is available for school systems to complete. The deadline to report on 2023-2024 CDF expenditures is August 31. Schools systems should reference the [2023-2024 Guidelines for Use of CDF Allocation](#) when completing the form.

CDF funds support increased student access to high-value Career and Technical Education courses and training. CDF funds are 6% of the MFP State and Local Base Cost Per Pupil (\$241) provided for each qualifying student course enrollment in grades 9-12.

Please contact troy.borne@la.gov with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Michael Comeaux, Executive Director



School Physical Activity Award

To recognize outstanding public elementary and secondary schools that are implementing an outstanding physical activity program, the Department will be recognizing and honoring exemplary schools through the School Physical Activity Award.

The [nomination form](#) is open through September 20, 2024.

Contact healthyschools@la.gov for more information



LOUISIANA

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER *of the Year*

Nominate Now

- Behavioral Health Provider
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech/Language Pathologist

Contact elizabeth.duncan@la.gov for more information



Special Transportation Training Opportunity

Register for Child Passenger Safety on School Bus Training

- School systems may register 4 participants for a session.
- School systems are asked to send one transportation administrator, special education administration, occupational therapist and physical therapist.
- Sessions are limited to 20 registrants per session and will be closed when maximum capacity is reached.
- All sessions will be held from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Contact healthyschools@la.gov for more information



Digital Device Guidelines

The [Digital Devices Guidelines](#), developed in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and other stakeholders, provide school systems with health and safety resources for the effective integration of digital devices in schools.

The resources are intended to provide school systems with age-appropriate time and usage guidelines regarding various [digital devices](#).

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with any questions



Awards/Recognition



Purple Star School

This award shows recognition to schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces.

To earn the recognition, schools shall engage in the following activities:

- Designate a staff member to serve as a military liaison and engage in the following:
- Serve as the primary point of contact for military connected students and families
- Work to identify special considerations needed by military-connected students and families
- Develop training to inform teachers and other school personnel of those special considerations
- Create a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military-connected students and families
- Create a student-led transition program to provide peer support for military-connected students

Other criteria and information can be found by visiting the [LDOE Awards page](#).



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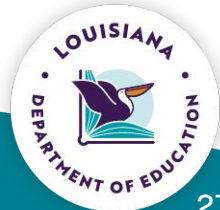
Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Child Welfare and Attendance	<u>September 5 at 8 a.m.</u>
Alternative Education	<u>September 12 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>September 19 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>September 26 at 2 p.m.</u>

Contact angela.jordan@la.gov with questions.

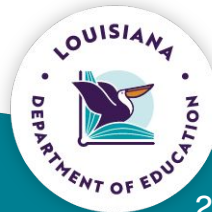


Helpful Information

Schedules, access links and information for the Department’s webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [School System Support Calendar](#). Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

highschoolacademics@la.gov	General questions about the office and about graduation requirements
ldefinancialaid@la.gov	Questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion
sca@la.gov	Questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice
jumpstart@la.gov	Questions related to Jump Start

ppp@la.gov	Questions related to pupil progression
healthyschools@la.gov	Questions related to Safe and Healthy Schools/Medicaid/School Safety
transcripts@la.gov	Questions about duplicate transcripts



Questions?

