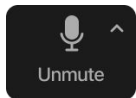
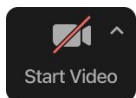


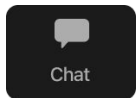
Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
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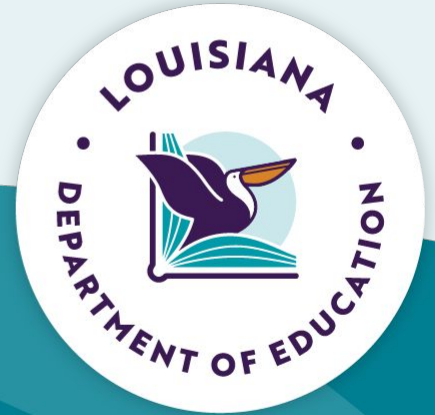
- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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 21, 2025



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Tireka Cobb, Chief of Staff

Student Support: *TBD*

- Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guide, 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*

- Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Jump Start Summers, Super Summer Institute, 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 and Healthy Schools: *Stephen Guccione, Executive Director*

- AWARE grants, School Social Work, School Health Profiles, Health & PE, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant, and School Safety



Student Support

Terran Perry, Education Consultant



Pupil Progression Plans

Louisiana state law ([RS 17:24.4](#)) requires local education agencies (LEAs) to establish a comprehensive [Pupil Progression Plan \(PPP\)](#) that address student placement and promotion.

Pupil Progression Plans should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.

Please contact PPP@la.gov with questions.



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director

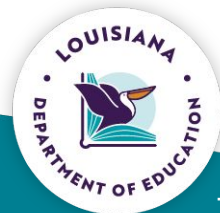


United States Senate Youth

In partnership with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the LDOE will select two students to represent Louisiana at the 64th annual Washington Week, March 7-14, 2026.

- The [application and national brochure](#) are available on our website.
- Only juniors or seniors holding a qualifying office are eligible to apply.
- Essay topics will only be released to a staff member via the application.
- **Application deadline:** October 3
- **Finalists notified:** October 17
- **State competition concludes:** November 6
- **Winner announced:** December

Please contact tireka.cobb2@la.gov with questions.



Community Service Diploma Seal

Students can work towards earning the [Community Service Endorsement](#) by completing and documenting 80 service hours prior to graduation.

Please refer students to the [Community Service Opportunities Document](#) for ways they can volunteer in their community.

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Fast Forward

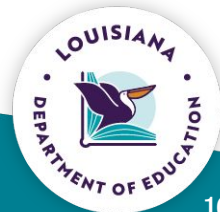
Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



Work-based Learning

As systems schedule students in work-based learning courses, be sure to reference [the policy](#) to determine the appropriate course code to utilize, as internships, cooperative education, and Registered Apprenticeships **meet the requirements for accountability** but **aren't interchangeable courses**. They are distinctly different types of work-based learning experiences with **different requirements that are listed in policy**.

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions



Elementary School Counselor Report Survey

Per [R.S. 17:3005](#), school counselors shall provide preventive and developmental counseling services to all public elementary school students in kindergarten through grade six.

School counselors or administrators serving grades K-6 are asked to complete the [Elementary School Counselor Report Survey](#) to provide feedback on your school counseling programs. The survey should be submitted by **October 1**.

Please contact candace.joseph@la.gov with questions.



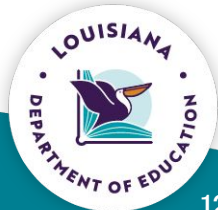
ACT® College & Career Readiness Workshops

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 16 (Baton Rouge)
- September 18 (New Orleans)
- September 23 (Alexandria)
- September 24 (Ruston)
- September 25 (Lafayette)

Contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.

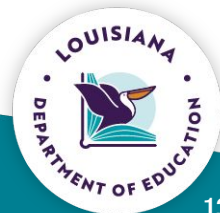


College Board Updates and Deadlines

Updates and Events:

- **College Board Monthly Office Hours (10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)**
 - [August 26](#); AP Classroom
 - [September 30](#); New AP Courses on the Horizon
- [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 26-September 11
 - **Location:** Online
- The [Louisiana Fall Counselors Workshop](#) is an in-person event designed to provide timely information and resources to support students in the AP program. Topics include AP, PSAT, SAT, and BigFuture College and Career Planning. Please **register by September 21**.
 - **Date/Time:** September 23; 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - **Location:** Lafayette, LA (202 Rue Iberville)

Contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.



Intuit Food Truck Program for CTE

The [Intuit Food Truck program](#) is a free work-based program that prepares CTE high school students for the real world with financial, technical, and entrepreneurial skills. Selected districts will receive:

- A state of the art food truck;
- Supporting grants;
- Curriculum;
- Free access to Intuit products.

[Applications](#) are accepted year-round and must be submitted by the CTE Director or a District Leader.

Contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



U.S. Department of Education: CTE Momentum Challenge

The U.S. Department of Education is inviting high school CTE students to explore how artificial intelligence can enhance careers across all industries with their “[Your AI Horizons](#)” challenge. The challenge will begin on **August 5**. The goal of the [CTE Momentum Series](#) is to prepare high school students for rewarding careers and increasing access to career and technical education. Submissions are due by **November 19**.

Contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



2026 Louisiana ACT Summit: Call for Proposals

ACT is inviting educators and workforce to [submit session proposals](#) for the 2026 Louisiana ACT Summit, which will take place in Baton Rouge on January 28. Priority consideration will be given to submissions that align with current education and workforce topics. These include, but are not limited to:

- Best practices using ACT programs to increase education and workforce success.
- Using AI in the classroom.
- Proven techniques for test preparation.
- Partnerships between K-12, higher education, and workforce.

The deadline for submissions is **September 5**.

Contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.



Federal Grants Management Training - LCTCS Conference

Registration is open for the Fall Federal Grants Management Training, hosted by LCTCS. The deadline to register is **August 29**.

- **Date/Time:** September 23; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Location:** Hyatt Regency New Orleans
- **Coupon Code (for secondary partners):** CTE2nd25
- **Audience:** All programmatic and fiscal personnel

Contact careerandtech@lctcs.edu with questions.



Fast Forward Convention Merge with Teacher Leader Summit in 2025-2026

To better connect Career and Technical Education (CTE) with broader teaching and learning efforts, the Fast Forward Convention will merge with Teacher Leader Summit starting in 2025-2026.

This change will help break down silos, create more cohesive professional development, and give educators more time to engage directly with strong CTE practices.

Contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



ACT 402 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session-Diabetes information for schools.

- LDH to develop information of Type 1 Diabetes
- LDOE to distribute information to each city, parish or other local school boards
- Public School Boards shall distribute information to parents and legal guardians of ALL students enrolled and annually by posting on school websites or electronic distribution.

Contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions



Back-to-School Safety Preparedness: Training, Activities, and Drills for K-12 Schools (August 28)

- Please join Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety on Thursday, August 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT for a [virtual training](#) on back-to-school safety and emergency preparedness actions for kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools.

Contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions



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](#).

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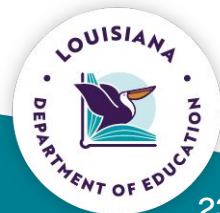
Safe and Healthy Schools August Community of Practice (CoP) Call

Join us on [August 28 at 2 p.m.](#) via Zoom.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- Family Engagement

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Awards/Recognition



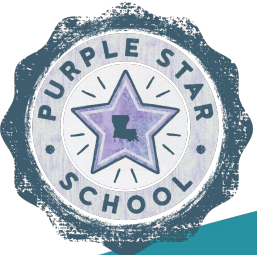
Purple Star School

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](#).



Contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



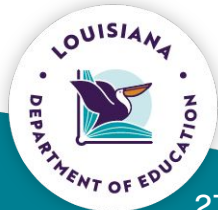
Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Alternative Education	<u>September 11 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>September 18 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>August 28 at 2 p.m.</u>

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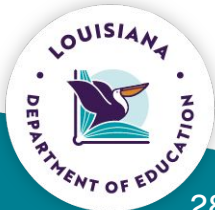


Helpful Information

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:

Graduation Requirements; Dual Enrollment; Advanced Placement; General Information	highschoolacademics@la.gov
Fast Forward/Jump Start 2.0	fastforward@la.gov
Course Choice / SCA	SCA@la.gov
Healthy Schools	healthyschools@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov

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Questions?

