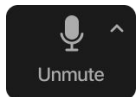
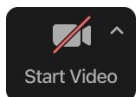


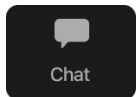
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact [LDOEcommunications@la.gov](mailto:LDOEcommunications@la.gov).



# Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

December 18, 2025



# Office of Career and College Readiness

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

## **Student Support**

- 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, Health & Physical Activity, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Mental and Behavioral initiatives, and School Safety



# Student Support

Terran Perry, Education Consultant



# 2026-2027 AE Site Authorization Timeline

- **December 11:** [2026-2027 AE Submission Portal](#) opens
- **February 2:** Submission portal closes
- **February 9-13:** Interviews for 2026-2027 new site authorization
- **April 14-15:** AE Site Recommendations presented to BESE

Please contact [terran.perry@la.gov](mailto:terran.perry@la.gov) with questions.



# Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



# 2025-2026 Graduate Diploma and Seal Orders

The [Diploma and Seal Order Form](#) is now open to request diplomas and seals for 2026 high school graduates.

The electronic form should be submitted by Friday, February 6, 2026.

Only one form should be submitted for each school system. The Department of Education will cover the cost of the initial order and distribution.

Each school system should order 10% over the number of diplomas needed. This overage will take care of misprints, late enrolled students, etc.

If you find an error after submitting, contact [jenny.moran2@la.gov](mailto:jenny.moran2@la.gov).

Please contact [jenny.moran2@la.gov](mailto:jenny.moran2@la.gov) with questions.



# Community Service Diploma Endorsement

Students have the opportunity to earn 80 hours of community service during their high school years and earn the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement](#).

Visit the [Diploma Endorsement webpage](#) for more information.

Please contact [jenny.moran2@la.gov](mailto:jenny.moran2@la.gov) with questions.





# America 250 Diploma Endorsement

America 250 is a national initiative created by Congress to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026.

Each state, including Louisiana, has established its own commission to plan meaningful programs, recognitions, and events that honor America's past and inspire its future.

The America 250 seal will appear on diplomas for Louisiana public high school graduates in 2026. This emblem honors the nation's founding and the importance of preparing informed, engaged citizens.

Please contact [jenny.moran2@la.gov](mailto:jenny.moran2@la.gov) with questions.



# Civics Diploma Endorsement

The 2025–2026 school year marks the first time students are eligible to earn the [Freedom Framework Diploma Endorsement](#), a new recognition for high school students who demonstrate excellence in civics education.

The endorsement is awarded to students who score Mastery or above on the LEAP 2025 civics assessment. Recipients will receive an additional seal on their diploma and wear a red, white, and blue honor cord during graduation ceremonies.

Please contact [jenny.moran2@la.gov](mailto:jenny.moran2@la.gov) with questions.



# Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



# Fall 2025 Counselor Institute

Thank you to all who attended the **Fall 2025 Counselor Institute** sessions!

We hope you benefited from the Attendance, Vertical Alignment and Post Secondary presentations. All slide decks and materials are available on the [Counselor Support](#) page.

Dates for the Spring 2026 Counselor Institutes will be released at a later date.

Please contact [candace.ioseph@la.gov](mailto:candace.ioseph@la.gov) with questions.



# College Board Updates and Deadlines

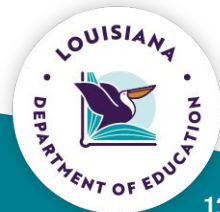
## Deadlines and Reminders:

- **January 16:** Deadline to submit [accommodations requests](#) to Services for Students with Disabilities.
- **January 31:** The final deadline to submit [AP Course Audit](#) Materials for Course Authorization and Renewal.
- **March 13:** Deadline for AP coordinators to submit final updates for [AP Exam Orders](#).
- Please check out the [AP One Pager](#) for more information on test dates, resources, and common links.

## Updates and Events:

- College Board Lunch & Learn Webinars
  - [January 13](#); Benefits of Offering AP Courses
  - [February 10](#); Tips for Growing AP on Your Campuses

Please contact [fhordge@collegeboard.org](mailto:fhordge@collegeboard.org) with questions.



# 2026 Louisiana ACT Summit

Registration is currently open for the [2026 Louisiana ACT Summit](#). This engaging event is designed to help your team navigate challenges and celebrate achievements. The event will provide attendees with opportunities to gain new perspectives, expand their knowledge, and find solutions to problems facing the education and workforce landscape.

- **When:** January 28; 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- **Where:** Raising Cane's River Center (Baton Rouge)
- **Cost:** \$130-\$215 (depending on membership type)

Please contact [charmane.cureton@la.gov](mailto:charmane.cureton@la.gov) with questions.



# Computer Science Implementation Regional Tour

The LDOE is hosting a three-stop regional tour to support school system leaders in developing a comprehensive K-12 Computer Science implementation plan. The sessions will guide participants through developing effective, system-level implementation strategies using state supports and key resources available in the [Louisiana K-12 Computer Science Education Plan](#).

**Audience:** CTE supervisors, STEM supervisors, and system leaders.

**In-person sessions** (*Registration is required*)

- **January 28;** [Tangipahoa](#)
- **February 5;** [East Baton Rouge](#)
- **February 24;** [Bossier](#)

Please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.



# AI Powered: Python Pilot Update

This pilot is designed to build educator capacity to teach Computer Science and Python using AI tools within CTE programs. Selected parishes will receive mentorship and access to an AI Toolkit to support high-quality instruction and implementation.

Application period **closed December 15**

- **Next steps** and participant notifications **coming soon**

## Timeline

- **Phase 1:** Teacher Fluency — *Spring 2026*
- **Phase 2:** Classroom Implementation — *Fall 2026*

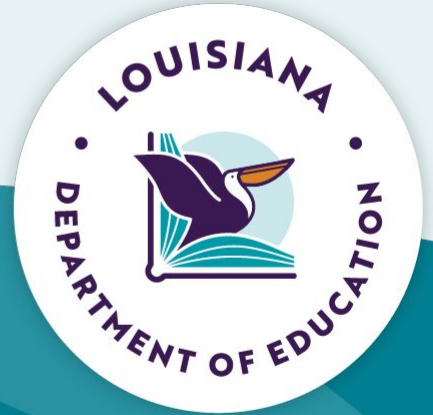
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# Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director

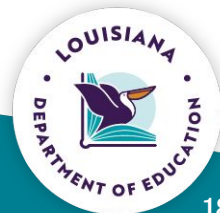


# 2026 Annual OT/PT Summit

Registration is currently open for the [Annual Lead Occupational and Physical Therapist \(OTPT\) Summit](#). The summit will focus on collaboration among Lead OT/PTs and will include discussions on Bulletin 1508 revisions, Medicaid claiming, multi-tiered systems of support, transportation safety, and school-based health services and practices. CEU's are pending.

- **When:** January 15; 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Treen Technology Center, 2024 Livingston St. (Mandeville, La)
- **Cost:** Free

Please contact [healthyschools@la.gov](mailto:healthyschools@la.gov) with questions.



# Suicide Prevention Training

To be in compliance with school suicide prevention measures and [Act 93](#), and to ensure that schools are safe, suicide prevention must be a consideration in the development and annual review of the school safety plan. A mandatory one-time, one hour suicide prevention training for school personnel.

A survey to secondary schools on compliance with required in-service training is reported is to Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) no later than March 1st of each year.

Training Resource:

- [The Jason Foundation Training Modules for Suicide Awareness and Prevention](#)
- [Peer Initiative](#)
- [Teacher resource](#)
- Resources are posted on the [LDOE website](#)

Please contact [Healthyschools@la.gov](mailto:Healthyschools@la.gov) with 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

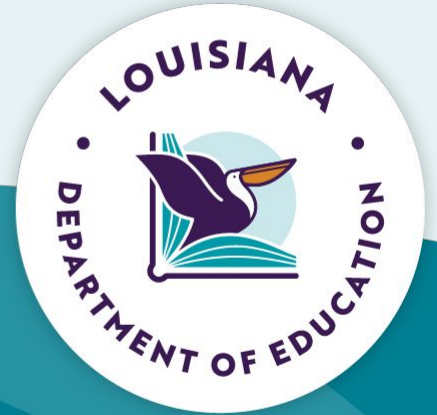
Other criteria and information can be found by visiting the [LDOE Awards page](#).



Please contact [highschoolacademics@la.gov](mailto:highschoolacademics@la.gov) with questions.



# Connect with Our Office



# Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

<b>Alternative Education</b>	<u><a href="#">January 8 at 10 a.m.</a></u>
<b>Office of Career and College Readiness</b>	<u><a href="#">January 15 at 3 p.m.</a></u>
<b>Safe and Healthy Schools</b>	<u><a href="#">January 22 at 2 p.m.</a></u>

Contact [tireka.cobb2@la.gov](mailto:tireka.cobb2@la.gov) with questions.

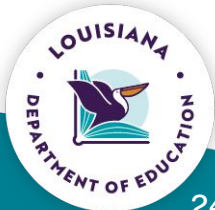


# Helpful Information

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:

Graduation Requirements; Dual Enrollment; Advanced Placement; General Information	<a href="mailto:highschoolacademics@la.gov">highschoolacademics@la.gov</a>
Fast Forward/Jump Start 2.0	<a href="mailto:fastforward@la.gov">fastforward@la.gov</a>
Course Choice / SCA	<a href="mailto:coursechoice@la.gov">coursechoice@la.gov</a>
Healthy Schools	<a href="mailto:healthyschools@la.gov">healthyschools@la.gov</a>
Pupil Progression Plans	<a href="mailto:PPP@la.gov">PPP@la.gov</a>

Contact [tireka.cobb2@la.gov](mailto:tireka.cobb2@la.gov) with questions.





# Questions?

