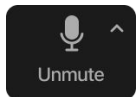
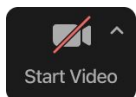


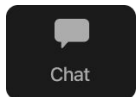
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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

July 16, 2026



Office of Career and College Readiness

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

- Student Policy & Specialized Programs
- Business & Industry Partnerships
- Fast Forward
- Safe and Healthy Schools



Student Policy and Specialized Programs

Tiffany Thomas, Education Consultant



Bullying Reporting Requirements and Compliance

Under Bulletin 741 §1303, any school employee who witnesses or receives a report of bullying must report it to a school official. Failure to do so requires an investigation by the school governing authority.

School administrators shall be investigated if they fail to:

- Notify a parent/guardian of a bullying report
- Investigate the report in a timely manner
- Take prompt, appropriate disciplinary action
- Report criminal conduct to law enforcement

Each school system, charter school, and non-public school must report the number of employee suspensions related to failure to report bullying.

Please submit the [Failure to Act Reporting \(Bullying Compliance\)](#) Form by August 1.

Please contact tiffany.thomas@la.gov with questions.



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.

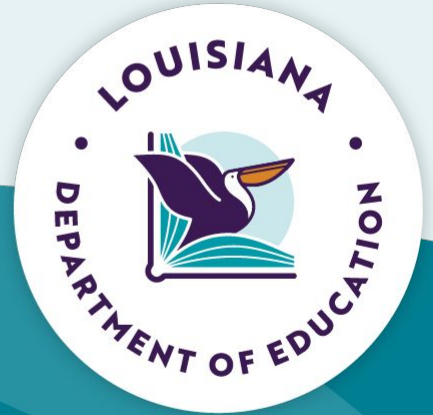
Pupil Progression Plans should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.

Please contact PPP@la.gov with questions.



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Course Choice Enrollment Reporting

- The [Course Choice Portal](#) is currently open for private and Public Higher Education enrollment reporting by school systems.
- The template is available in the portal under the “Documents” tab.
- The last day to report private provider enrollments is September 18 and Public Higher Education enrollments is October 23.
- Providers are currently providing course catalogs being uploaded in the portal daily

Please contact coursechoice@la.gov with questions.



College Board Updates

Events:

- [AP Coordinator Back-to-School Workshops \(Virtual\)](#) will focus on updates and resources for the upcoming school year. **(Various dates from July 7 - September 17).** Workshops are tailored to support the needs of new and experienced coordinators with two distinct experiences.
- [2026 AP Annual Conference](#) brings together thousands of educational professionals from the AP communities. Attendees will discover proven methods for increasing opportunity and access to AP programming.
 - **When:** July 22 -24
 - **Where:** Las Vegas, NV
 - **Cost:** \$425-\$625

Please contact fhordge@collegeboard.org 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 will be held at the following locations:

- September 17 (Baton Rouge)
- September 22 (New Orleans)
- September 24 (Lafayette)
- September 29 (West Monroe)
- September 30 (Bossier City)

Contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.



Fast Forward

Katieann Henkel, Executive Director



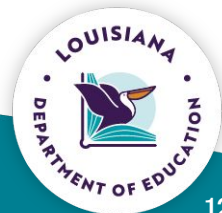
School Access to Louisiana Works Employment Certificate System Ends July 24

A new state law has shifted responsibility for issuing minors' employment certificates from schools to employers. As a result, school access to the Louisiana Works Employment Certificate System will be permanently discontinued effective July 24, 2026.

[Act 61 of 2026](#) removes the requirement that schools and school boards issue employment certificates for minors. Employers will now verify a minor's age, maintain the required documentation, and issue the certificate through the new Louisiana Works process.

If a minor presents an outdated worker's permit application at a school, please direct them to the new [employment certificate](#) or to the Louisiana Works Office of Workforce Development at 225-342-2683 or employmentcertificate@la.gov.

Please contact employmentcertificate@la.gov with questions.



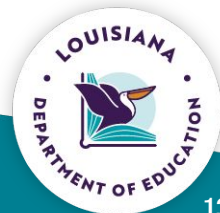
Jump Start 2.0 Enhancements

The window to request enhancements for Jump Start 2.0 is open from **July 21** through **October 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

Jump Start enhancements are based on recommendations made by CTE supervisors and approved by the Jump Start 2.0 Review Committee and BESE.

Requests can be submitted through the [Jump Start 2.0 Enhancement Request Form](#).

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



ACT Counselor Summer Webinar Series

Registration is open for the ACT Counselor Summer Webinar Series. The webinar series is designed to support work with students at every stage of the college and career journey. The webinar will take place on July 22 -23 with the following sessions to choose from:

- Understanding the ACT: Foundations and Tools for Student Success
- Strengthening Counselor/Administrator Collaboration for Student Success
- Increasing College Application Completion with ACAC
- Supporting First-Generation and Underserved Students.

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



College Board Counselor Summer Institute Webinar Series

[Registration](#) is open for the Counselor Summer Institute Webinar Series, hosted by the College Board. This event will bring together leading voices in higher education and counseling to help navigate the busiest season of college admissions. The webinar will take place on July 28 -30 with sessions topics around:

- AI tools for counseling, advising, and student planning
- College admissions, affordability, and the changing higher education landscape
- Expanding access for rural and small-town communities
- Counselor renewal, wellness, and sustainability

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



2026 ACTE CareerTech VISION Conference

[Registration](#) is open for the 2026 ACTE Vision Conference. This event unites CTE professionals, educators, business leaders and industry experts from around the world. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of professional across all CTE disciplines, providing fresh insights and timely discussions on high-quality secondary and post-secondary CTE.

- **When:** December 2 - 5
- **Where:** New Orleans, LA; Morial Convention Center
- **Cost:** Registration \$590 - \$880

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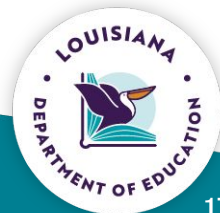
NACEP National Conference

[Registration](#) is open for the NACEP National Conference. Hosted by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships, this conference brings together K-12 and postsecondary partners to strengthen dual enrollment programs, share best practices, and align to national quality standards.

When: October 18–21, 2026

Where: Cleveland, OH

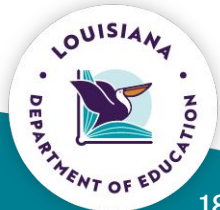
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2025-2026 CDF Final Report

The [2025-2026 Career Development Fund \(CDF\) Final Report](#) is available for school systems to complete. Schools systems should reference the 2025-2026 Guidelines for Use of CDF Allocation when completing the form. The deadline to report on 2025-2026 CDF expenditures is August 12. Systems should include the total expenditures for the year in this report.

Please contact bonnie.lefort@la.gov with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

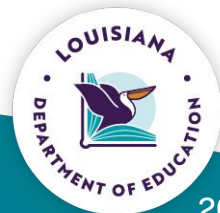
Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



Human Trafficking Prevention Training

[Act 737](#) (2026), requires each school, including charter schools, to designate at least one employee to receive annual advanced training on human trafficking. The designated employee must be a school counselor, mental health professional, or school administrator.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Suicide Prevention Training

R.S. 17:437.1 (Jason Flatt Act), school personnel are required to complete a one time, one hour training in suicide prevention training and maintain documentation of training completion.

Suicide Prevention Resources for Schools:

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\): Suicide Prevention Toolkit for High Schools](#)
- [The Jason Foundation: Training Modules for Suicide Awareness and Prevention](#)
- [Peer Initiative Resources](#)
- [Teacher Resources](#)

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Student Suicide Prevention Awareness Act

ACT 548 (HB 392) 2026, requires public schools to post suicide hotline information, including the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, on school websites and, when applicable, on student identification cards to increase awareness and access to crisis support resources.

Schools are required to:

- Post the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline information prominently on their school website.
- Include the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline information on student identification cards, if the school issues ID cards to students

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



2026 Annual OT/PT Summit

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 in schools. CEU's are pending.

- **When:** October 29; 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Calcasieu parish Board Room, 3310 Broad Street. (Lake Charles, La)
- **Cost:** Free
- Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/RM6z0kn27L?origin=lprLink>

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Behavioral Health Services for Public School Students

[ACT 944](#) (HB352), provides relative to behavioral health services for public school students.

Behavioral health services benefits include:

- Expands access to behavioral health services in public schools.
- Supports partnerships between schools and behavioral health providers.
- Promotes timely identification, referral, and access to student mental health services.
- Strengthens coordination of school-based behavioral health supports.

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Charter Schools-Medicaid

Charter LEA's that undergo a name change or transition to a new Charter Management Company are required to:

- Notify the state of Louisiana Medicaid Fiscal Intermediary/Gainwell Technology Provider Enrollment Unit and Louisiana Department of Health, immediately
- Update the [Provider Enrollment File Form](#)
- Complete the [Link/Unlink and Working Relationship Form](#)
- Mail forms with an original signature to Gainwell Provider Enrollment Unit

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions



Awards/Recognition



Purple Star School Award

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 this recognition,
schools shall engage in
specific activities:**

[Visit LDOE Awards Page](#)

Designate a military liaison to perform the following:

- Act as the primary point of contact for military-connected families.
- Identify and address the specific needs of military-connected students.
- Train staff on these special considerations.
- Maintain a dedicated website page with relevant resources.
- Establish a student-led peer support transition program.

Please contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Calls

Safe and Healthy Schools CoP	<u>July 23 at 2 p.m.</u>
School Safety	<u>August 12 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>August 20 at 3 p.m.</u>
Alternative Education	<u>September 3 at 10 a.m.</u>

Please contact highschoolacademics@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	highschoolacademics@la.gov
Fast Forward/Jump Start 2.0	fastforward@la.gov
Course Choice / SCA	coursechoice@la.gov
Healthy Schools	healthyschools@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov

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Questions?

