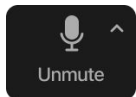
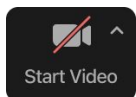


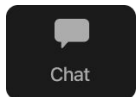
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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

November 20, 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

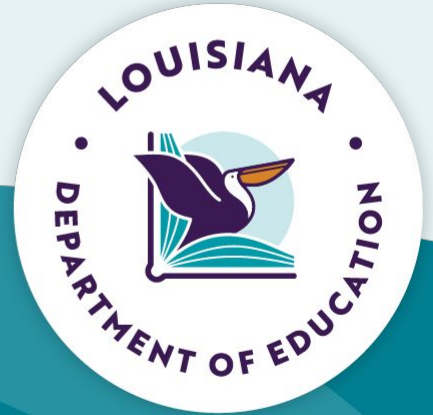
Safe and Healthy Schools: *Stephen Guccione, Executive Director*

- 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

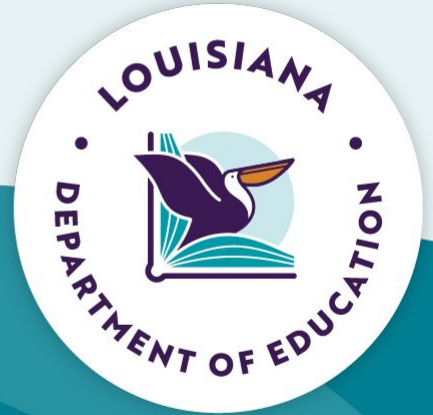
- **December 11:** [2026-2027 AE Submission Portal](#) Opens
- **February 2:** Submission Portal Closes
- **February 9 - 13:** Interviews for 2026-2027 new site authorization
- **April 14 - 15:** AE Site Recommendations presented to BESE Board

Please contact



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Financial Aid Planning

The 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) is open.

Fill out the FAFSA application if you want to apply for the federal Pell grant, federal student loans, the Louisiana GO Grant, and TOPS.

The [TOPS application](#) is on the LOSFA website if applying for TOPS only.

Please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov with questions.



Community Service Survey

The [Community Service Diploma Endorsement](#) recognizes students completing a minimum of 80 hours of documented community service anytime between ninth and twelfth grade. Please complete the [Community Service Endorsement Survey](#) by December 2 to identify the categories in which students are earning these hours and offer suggestions for overall improvement of opportunities.

Please contact jenny.moran2@la.gov with questions.



Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



AI Powered: Python Pilot Update

This pilot focuses on strengthening educator capacity to teach Computer Science and Python using AI in CTE programs, with 15 parishes selected to participate and supported through ongoing mentorship and an AI Toolkit.

- Application period has been extended
- [Applications](#): (reopened; close December 15)
- Phase 1: Teacher fluency (Spring 2026)
- Phase 2: Classroom implementation (Fall 2026)
- Applications can be submitted [here](#).

Please contact fastforward@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 Monthly Office Hours
 - [December 9](#); AP Potential

Contact 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)

Contact charmane.cureton@la.gov with questions.

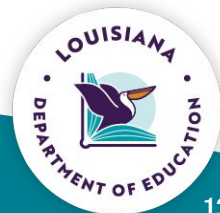


SciEd Workshop: Climate Literacy for Coastal Classrooms

Registration is currently open for the [SciEd Workshop: Climate Literacy for Coastal Classrooms](#). The purpose of this event is to deepen understanding of hurricanes and climate impacts in Gulf communities. The event will provide curriculum-ready resources for classrooms and networking opportunities with scientists and educators. Participants will receive a \$100 stipend, along with complimentary lunch and refreshments. (Limited to 30 participants)

- **When:** Saturday March 7; (ECE Building; 93 South Quad Drive, Baton Rouge)
- **Audience:** High school teachers, STEM educators, counselors, and technical college teachers.

Contact RMostafiz@agcenter.lsu.edu with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs)

- [Bulletin 741](#) now includes a section on School Health Advisory Councils (SHAC).
- SHAC advises the school board on physical activity for students, physical and health education, nutrition, and overall student health.
- May advise the board on vending machine restrictions, use of physical fitness assessments results, and school recess policies.
- The SHAC shall include students, parents, and individuals from the community.

Please contact Healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



National Diabetes Awareness Month

- Information on [Type 1 Diabetes](#) , developed by LDH, should be distributed per [ACT 402](#) of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.
- 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.

Please contact Healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



National Epilepsy Awareness Month

- A month-long observance in November to raise public awareness of epilepsy, a neurological disorder characterized by seizures.
- To educate people about epilepsy and seizures, support those living with the condition, and fund research for better treatments.
- [Seizure training resources](#) for schools located on the LDOE website.

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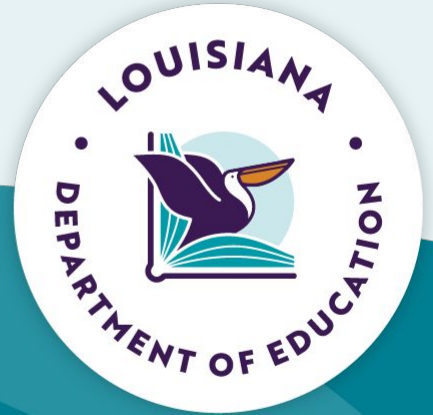
Safe and Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call

- Next Call: January 22, 2026
- Featured topic of Discussion “Medical Emergencies in Schools”
- Presented by Dr. Alice Hoyt with [CodeAna.org](https://codeana.org)

For more information please contact Healthyschools@la.gov



Awards/Recognition



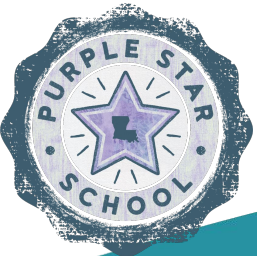
Purple Star School

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>December 11 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>December 18 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>January 22 at 2 p.m.</u>

Contact 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	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

Contact tireka.cobb2@la.gov with questions.



Post Secondary Panel



Post Secondary Panelists

- **Antoinette Patterson**, Director of Healthcare Initiatives & Community Outreach-Baton Rouge Community College
- **Caron Smith**, Executive Director of Academic Partnerships & Strategic Initiatives-Baton Rouge Community College
- **Danna Spires**, Perkins Regional Coalition Coordinator, Region 7-Bossier Parish Community College
- **Nicole Joseph**, Associate Vice Chancellor of Early College Option and Dual Enrollment-River Parishes Community College

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions



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