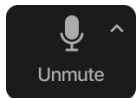
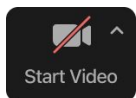


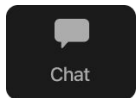
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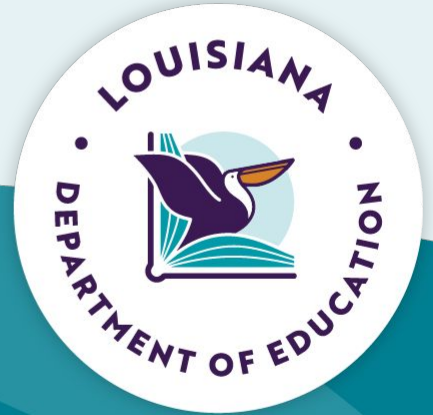
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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

October 16, 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

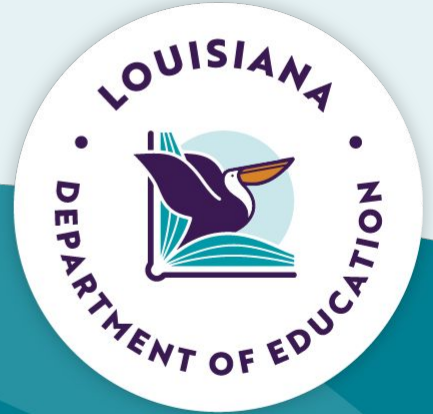
Safe and Healthy Schools: *Stephen Guccione, Executive Director*

- 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



Pupil Progression Plans

Louisiana [Bulletin 1566](#) requires local education agencies (LEAs) to establish a comprehensive Pupil Progression Plan (PPP) that address student placement and promotion.

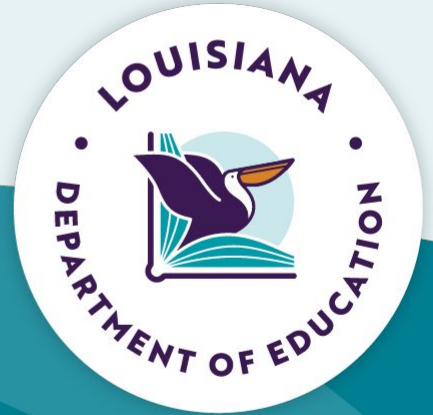
Pupil Progression Plans should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.

Please contact terran.perry@la.gov with questions



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.

Please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov with questions.



Community Service Seal Endorsement

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 safely and still assist their community.

Please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov with questions.



Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



Fall 2025 Counselor Institute

Mark your calendars for the **Fall 2025 Counselor Institute!** This year's Institute features a brand new format designed to inspire collaboration and provide hands-on planning time. The new format includes a **Three-Part Webinar Series** and **In-Person Working Sessions**.

Webinar 1: *The Power of Presence*-Understanding Louisiana's attendance initiative and the support school counselors provide to students and families.

- Webinar Date and Time: **October 28; 9 a.m.**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98984369801>
- Meeting ID: 989 8436 9801

Webinar 2: *Building a Continuum of Learning: Aligning Career Demands to School Offerings*-Understanding the importance of K-12 vertical alignment and the connection to postsecondary career goals.

- Webinar Date and Time: **October 29; 9 a.m.**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97098474663>
- Meeting ID: 970 9847 4663

Webinar 3: *Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Continuing Education Partnerships for Student Success* -Identifying ways to strengthen the secondary and postsecondary connection.

- Webinar Date and Time: **October 30; 9 a.m.**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93954912338>
- Meeting ID: 939 5491 2338

In-Person Working Sessions (Registration is required)

- **November 7;** [St. Bernard Parish](#)
- **November 14;** [Caddo Parish](#)
- **November 20;** [East Baton Rouge Parish](#)

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



Jump Start 2.0 Enhancements

The window to request enhancements for Jump Start 2.0 is open and will close on October 31 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](#).

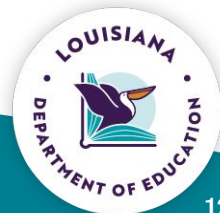
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Industry Based Credential Bundles update

- Louisiana Works (formerly the LA Workforce Commission) will lead the initial development of bundles.
- Bundles will be shared with key stakeholders, economic development organizations, LCTCS, and LDOE to ensure alignment with post-secondary pathways.
- Additional reviews will be conducted by business and industry associations and other partners.

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



College Board Updates and Deadlines

Deadlines and Reminders:

- **November 14:** The final deadline to submit AP Exam orders for full-year and fall semester AP courses, and exam only sections. After this deadline, a \$40 per exam fee will be incurred.
- 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 (10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)
 - [October 21](#); AP Planning
 - [November 11](#); Starting and Growing AP Programs

Please contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.



High School EMT Instructor Workshop

The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be hosting a free half-day workshop. The workshop will address unique needs that relate to a high school EMT program. Topics include a review of NREMT results, changes in NREMT, effective instructional processes, and Freedom House Ambulance Service.

- **When:** October 23; 9 a.m.
- **Where:** Bureau of EMS; 7274 Florida Blvd (Baton Rouge)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Audience:** High school EMT instructors, CTE directors, and administrators with an EMT program. (Must have an active EMT program to attend)

Please contact John.Cavell@la.gov with questions.



ACT Webinar: Building Workforce Bridges Early

[Registration](#) is currently open for the Building Workforce Bridges Early webinar, hosted by ACT on **November 13**. This free webinar is designed to help educators and workforce professionals align career readiness with real-world opportunities. Participants will learn practical strategies to build partnerships with industry, explore real-world examples of successful cross-sector collaboration, and gain tools to design career-connected learning experiences.

Please contact charmane.cureton@la.gov 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)

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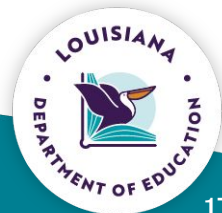
LEADS Counselor Handbook and Resources

The [Louisiana Counselor Evaluation Handbook](#) is now available in the [LEADS Library](#). This handbook includes examples, coaching questions, and sample evidence.

Additional resources available in the [LEADS Library](#):

- [Other Personnel Guidance](#)
- [Evaluation Implementation Guidance for System Leaders](#)
- [LA Leader and Counselor Evaluation Process: Sequence and Timeline](#)
- [LA Educator Evaluation Process: Sequence and Timeline](#)
- [PGP/Coaching Plan Template](#)
- [PGP/Coaching Plan Samples](#)
- [Student Learning Target Reflection Tool](#)

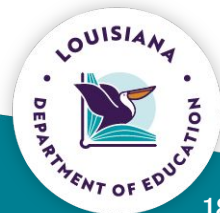
Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.



Course Choice Enrollment Reporting

- The [Course Choice Portal](#) is currently open for Public Higher Education reporting.
- If the tuition cost for a course will be paid using Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA) funds, it must be reported accurately in the portal.
- As invoices are obtained, be sure to cross reference with the information in the portal to ensure accuracy.
- The last day to report these enrollments is Friday, October 24th at 5 pm.

Please contact coursechoice@la.gov with questions.



Course Choice Enrollment Template Update

There has been a change to the Course Choice Enrollment Upload Template.

- LASSID
- Grade Level
- Section ID
- Parental Request

The Parent Request column is a new field and should be completed for each enrollment.

Please contact coursechoice@la.gov with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



National School Bus Safety Week

National School Bus Safety Week is October 20-24, 2025.

- The 2025-26 National [School Bus Safety Week Poster](#) Contest theme: Safety First, Safety Always

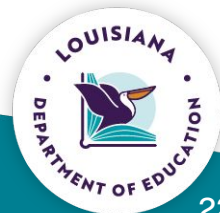
Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions



School Support, Health and Physical Activity Awards

- The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that outstanding school support staff and vibrant school health programs play a vital role in the education process.
- Through the following [awards](#) programs, some of the state's most exceptional schools and support staff are recognized and celebrated.
 - Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year
 - School Health Service Provider of the Year
 - School Physical Activity Award

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions



National Bullying Prevention Month

- October is National Bullying Prevention Month.
- Bullying increases youth risk for anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation and behaviors in youth ([CDC, 2023](#)).
- Bullying is an adverse Childhood experience that is widespread.
- Bullying harms all youth involved including those who are bullied, those who bully others and bystanders who witness it.
- Resources:
 - Stop Bullying: [Stop Bullying](#)
 - CDC: [Youth Violence](#)

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Mental Health Screening Reminder

- [Act 324](#) of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session on behavioral or emotional challenges of students; referral for assessment and treatment and reporting. A designate of each school will be responsible for identifying behavioral and mental health supportive services and facilitating a referral for assessment and treatment.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Louisiana School of Social Work Conference

The 5th Annual Louisiana School of Social Work Conference

- **When:** Wednesday October 22
- **Where:** East Baton Rouge Parish River Center Library (Baton Rouge)
- **Registration:** [Eventbrite](#)
- **CEUs:** Continuing education credits pending approval

*Lunch & light snacks provided

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Capital Area Trauma Summit

A full-day event designed to bring together child and family-facing professionals in the greater Baton Rouge area to learn about the impacts of trauma and how trauma can be prevented and addressed through coordinated, community efforts. The summit is sponsored by Capital Area Trauma Collaborative (CATC).

- **When:** Friday, November 14, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Where:** Baton Rouge Community College, Student Activity Center, (Baton Rouge)
- **Registration:** [Eventbrite](#)
- **Audience:** healthcare professionals, education, law enforcement, foster care, social services, or non-profit organizations.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Whole Health Louisiana

The Whole Health Louisiana (WHL) Statewide plan addresses the widespread issue of childhood adversity and trauma through the integration of trauma informed and healing-centered approaches the state's systems of care and support for children and families.

- Lunch and Learns:
 - Thursday October 16 @ 12 pm-1 pm
 - Thursday November 13 @ 12 pm-1 pm

To register or learn more, visit the website at wholehealthlouisiana.org.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Medicaid: New Vendor

- HORNE Healthcare
 - Has partnered with Medicaid to develop strategies on effective programming that improve student health outcomes through Medicaid Services and school collaboration.
- The Louisiana Department of Health will host Medicaid focus groups and Random Moment Time Study (RTMS) training in the month of October. Dates and details to follow.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



National Epilepsy Awareness Month

- Observed in November of each year
- Seizure training resources for schools located on the LDOE website

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



National Diabetes Awareness Month

- Observed during the month of November
- Information on [Type 1 Diabetes](#) for schools is to be distribute per [ACT 402](#)
- 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.

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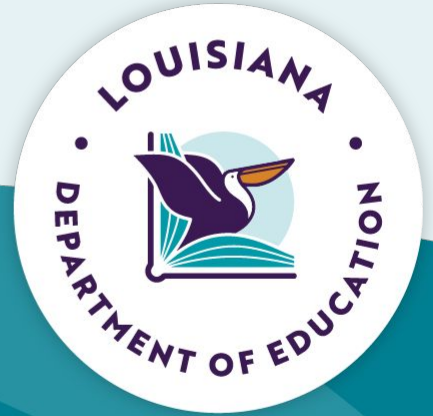
School Health Advisory Councils

- [Bulletin 741](#) now includes a section on School Health Advisory Councils (SHAC)
- SHAC will advise 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
- SHAC shall include students, parents, and individuals from the community

Please contact 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 with questions.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Alternative Education	<u>November 13 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>November 20 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.



Questions?

