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Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

September 19, 2024



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent

Attendance & Student Support: Angela Jordan, Executive Director

 Attendance, Child Welfare and Attendance, Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guides, 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

Fast Forward, Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Jump Start Summers, Internships and Registered Apprenticeships, 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 & Healthy Schools: Michael Comeaux, Executive Director

 AWARE grant, School Social Work, School Health, Physical Education, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant, and School Safety



Attendance and Student Support

Angela Jordan, Executive Director



Elementary School Counselor Report

 The <u>Elementary School Counselor Report Survey</u> provides feedback on school counseling programs based on <u>R.S. 17:3005</u>

 School counselors and administrators of grades K-6 should complete the survey by October 1



Save the Date: Fall 2024 Counselor Institute

Fall 2024 Counselor Institute is scheduled for late October 2024, see the session locations below.

Registration links will be shared in the October Counselor Connect newsletter and CCR Monthly Call. Please share with your counseling colleagues and invite your CTE Supervisor to join in conversations regarding the new Accountability system implementation and the Counselor Evaluation Rubric.

Date	8 a.m 11 a.m.	1 p.m 4 p.m.
October 22	West Monroe, LA	Bossier City, LA
October 23	Leesville, LA	Lafayette, LA
October 24	Mandeville, LA	Luling, LA



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Financial Aid Planning

The U.S. Department of Education has revamped the FAFSA application. The 2025-2026 application will open on or before December 1, 2024.

Students and families should begin creating and/ or resetting username and passwords (FSA IDs) well in advance of the opening date.

The <u>2025-2026 FAFSA</u> application (if you want to apply for the federal Pell grant, federal student loans, the Louisiana GO Grant, and TOPS).

A TOPS application is on the LOSFA website (if you want TOPS only).



U.S. Senate Youth Program

In partnership with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the Louisiana Department of Education will select two juniors or seniors to represent Louisiana at the 63rd Annual Washington Week, March 1-8, 2025. Upon completion of all on-site events, delegates will receive a \$10,000 education scholarship.

- The <u>Jotform application</u> and <u>national brochure</u> has been posted to the LDOE <u>website</u>
- Only juniors or seniors holding a <u>qualifying office</u> should apply
- Students must be nominated by their principal
- Essay topics will only be released to a staff member via the <u>Jotform application</u>
- Deadline for submission: Friday, October 4, 2024
- Finalists notified: Friday, October 25, 2024
- Final day of state competition: Friday, November 8, 2024
- Results shared in December



Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



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 <u>Jump Start 2.0 Enhancement Request Form</u>.



SCA/Course Choice Reporting

The <u>SCA Portal</u> is open for reporting for the 2024-2025 school year. School systems are to register with the course provider then report the enrollments in the <u>SCA Portal</u>.

The portal is closed for fall and full-year reporting for enrollments with private providers and will close on October 18th for Public Higher Education providers.

The SCA Portal will reopen for spring enrollment reporting on November 2nd.

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is pleased to announce the opening of the nomination process for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program to honor our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors graduating between January and August, 2025.

The nomination form will close at 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2024. Nomination must be completed through the <u>online application</u>. Email applications will not be accepted.

It is recommended that school systems review the LDOE evaluation rubric prior to nominating students.

CTE Momentum - Power Your Future Challenge

The U.S. Department of Education has launched the <u>Power the Future Challenge</u> in order to prepare high school students for rewarding careers and increase access to career and technical education. Teams are invited to submit innovative action plans that will advance the use of clean energy in their schools and communities. Deadline for submission is **November 19**.



College Board Updates and Deadlines

Deadlines and Reminders:

- September 2024: <u>Create class sections</u> and join codes in AP Central. AP Coordinators should complete <u>ordering setups and AP Participation form</u>.
- May 2025: 28 AP Exams will no longer be standard paper exams and will be moved to the digital Bluebook testing application.

Updates and Events:

- Weekly Office Hours
 - Webinar Date and Time: Every Tuesday; 10 a.m.
 - Webinar ID (Microsoft Teams): 232 293 189 414
 - Passcode: 7VQcYk
- Please check out the <u>AP One Pager</u> for more information on test dates, resources, and common links.

Fuel the Future with a Propane Industry Internship

An opportunity for qualified FFA students to prepare for a successful career in propane.

As part of the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo, the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) is launching a contest to place FFA students into 2025 summer internships at propane companies nationwide — and we want your students to participate! Collected resumes will be sent to the students' home state propane gas association, which will help place them as interns with their local companies.

PLUS: each qualified student who applies will be entered to win one of three Beats Pill+ **Bluetooth speakers!**

Apply online before October 23 by clicking 2024 National FFA Resume Submission.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Michael Comeaux, Executive Director



School Health Survey

- State law requires the Department to monitor and evaluate health, recess, physical activity, and employee training in schools and provide an annual report to the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare. Also, the Department needs to collect information in order to provide funding for AEDs and CPR & First Aid kits.
- Please have the principal of each school complete the <u>2024-2025 School</u> Health Survey by October 18, 2024.



SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER

Nominate Now

- Behavioral Health Provider
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech/Language Pathologist



School Physical Activity Award

To recognize outstanding public elementary and secondary schools that are implementing an outstanding physical activity program, the Department will be recognizing and honoring exemplary schools through the School Physical Activity Award.

Nomination Form is open through September 20, 2024.



Special Transportation Training Opportunity

Register for Child Passenger Safety on School Bus Training

- School systems may register 4 participants for a session.
- School systems are asked to send one transportation administrator, special education administration, occupational therapist and physical therapist.
- Sessions are limited to 20 registrants per session and will be closed when maximum capacity is reached.
- All sessions will be held from 8 a.m. 4 p.m.



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 <u>LDOE Awards page</u>.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness **Monthly Calls**

Child Welfare and Attendance	October 3 at 8 a.m.
Alternative Education	October 10 at 10 a.m.
Office of Career and College Readiness	October 17 at 3 p.m.
Safe and Healthy Schools	October 24 at 2 p.m.



Helpful Information

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the <u>LDOE Weekly Newsletter</u> and <u>School System Support Calendar</u>. Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

highschoolacademics@la.gov	General questions about the office and about graduation requirements
ldefinancialaid@la.gov	Questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion
sca@la.gov	Questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice
jumpstart@la.gov	Questions related to Jump Start

ppp@la.gov	Questions related to pupil progression
healthyschools@la.gov	Questions related to Safe and Healthy Schools/Medicaid/ School Safety
transcripts@la.gov	Questions related to duplicate transcripts



Questions?

