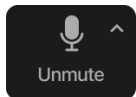
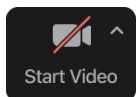


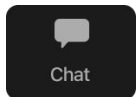
Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Mute.”



- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Stop Video.”



- 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

September 18, 2025



Office of Career and College Readiness

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

Student Support: *TBD*

- 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

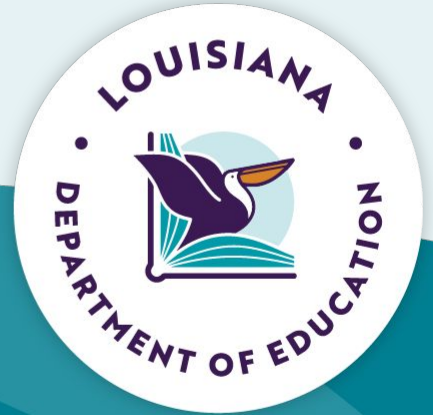
Safe and Healthy Schools: *Stephen Guccione, Executive Director*

- AWARE grants, School Social Work, School Health Profiles, Health & PE, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant, and School Safety



Student Support

Terran Perry, Education Consultant



Alternative Education

Registration is now open for the 2025 National Alternative Education Association's Annual Conference. The NAEA Annual Conference is a space dedicated to advance the field of alternative education by sharing wisdom, knowledge and expertise with other like-minded educators and leaders.

- **When:** October 6-8
- **Where:** New Orleans, LA
- **Cost:** Registration \$595

Please contact terran.perry@la.gov with questions



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.

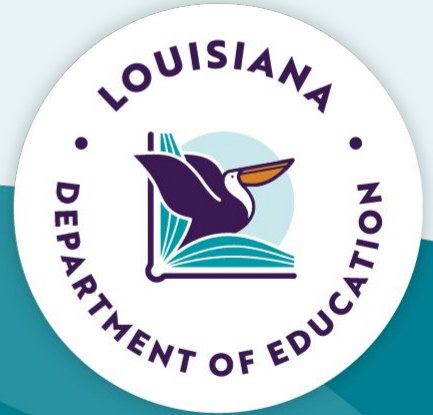
Pupil Progression Plans should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.

Please contact terran.perry@la.gov with questions



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Financial Aid Planning

The U.S. Department of Education has revamped the FAFSA application. The 2026-2027 application will open on or before October 1st.

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

The 2026-2027 FAFSA 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).

Please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov for assistance.



United States Senate Youth

In partnership with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the LDOE will select two students to represent Louisiana at the 64th annual Washington Week, March 7-14, 2026.

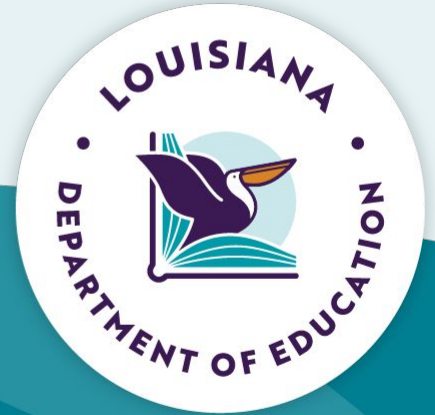
- The [application and national brochure](#) are available on our website.
- Only juniors or seniors holding a qualifying office are eligible to apply.
- Essay topics will only be released to a staff member via the application.
- **Application deadline:** October 3
- **Finalists notified:** October 17
- **State competition concludes:** November 6
- **Winner announced:** December

Please contact tireka.cobb2@la.gov with questions.



Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



Course Choice Page Update

The Course Choice [webpage](#) has been refreshed to better support schools, counselors, and families. Updates include new Family Communications Tools under the Resources for Schools & Counselors section:

- Sample Parent Letter
- Parent Flyer
- Social Media Graphics

In addition, the page now features the new Course Choice Road Map for School Leaders one-pager, designed to guide systems through key steps and considerations.

You can view all updates on the Course Choice [landing page](#).

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.

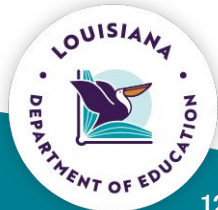


Elementary School Counselor Report Survey

Per [R.S. 17:3005](#), school counselors shall provide preventive and developmental counseling services to all public elementary school students in kindergarten through grade six.

School counselors or administrators serving grades K-6 are asked to complete the [Elementary School Counselor Report Survey](#) to provide feedback on your school counseling programs. The survey should be submitted by **October 1**.

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



Fall 2025 Counselor Institute

Mark your calendars for the **Fall 2025 Counselor Institute!**

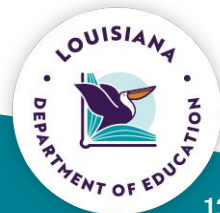
This year's Institute features a brand new format designed to inspire collaboration and provide hands-on planning time.

What's New:

- **Three-Part Webinar Series** – October 28, October 29, and October 30
The webinars are designed to share foundational information ahead of the in-person workshops, allowing those sessions to focus on interactive, hands-on activities and collaborative planning.
- **Three In-Person Working Sessions** – November 7, November 14, or November 20
Locations: St. Bernard Parish • Caddo Parish • East Baton Rouge Parish

Registration links will be shared soon.

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



Work-based Learning Update

Updates to Bulletin 741 were approved by BESE with a Notice of Intent as of **8/20/2025**. The projected date in which the rule becomes effective is **10/20/2025**. This rule will impact students enrolled in Work-based learning programs for the 2025-2026 school year.

Bulletin §3113.E.5. originally stated site visits were to be “at least four times during the school year or semester or two times during summer months in which the student is employed”.

The proposed language states site visits will occur “two times during the school year or semester or one time during summer months in which the student is employed.”

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



ACT® College & Career Readiness Workshops

ACT® will be hosting [College & Career Readiness Workshops](#) throughout Louisiana. Please [register](#) for the in-person workshops that offer content specific to Louisiana.

In-person workshops begin at 9 a.m. at the following locations:

- September 23 (Alexandria)
- September 24 (Ruston)
- September 25 (Lafayette)

Contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.



Intuit Food Truck Program for CTE

The [Intuit Food Truck program](#) is a free work-based program that prepares CTE high school students for the real world with financial, technical, and entrepreneurial skills. Selected districts will receive:

- A state of the art food truck;
- Supporting grants;
- Curriculum;
- Free access to Intuit products.

[Applications](#) are accepted year-round and must be submitted by the CTE Director or a District Leader.

Contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



College Board Updates and Deadlines

Deadlines and Reminders:

- **September 2025:** [Create class sections](#) and join codes in AP Central. AP Coordinators should complete [ordering setups and AP Participation form](#).
- **October 3:** Preferred deadline to submit [AP Exam Orders](#).
- **October 15:** Preferred deadline to renew previously authorized courses in [AP Course Audit](#).
- 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.)
 - [September 30](#); New AP Courses on the Horizon
 - [October 21](#); AP Planning
- The [Louisiana Fall Counselors Workshop](#) is an in-person event designed to provide timely information and resources to support students in the AP program. Topics include AP, PSAT, SAT, and BigFuture College and Career Planning. Please **register by September 21**.
 - **Date/Time:** September 23; 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - **Location:** Lafayette, LA (202 Rue Iberville)

Contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Stephen Guccione, Executive Director



Type 1 Diabetes Fact Sheet

- A resource has been developed by LDH on [Type 1 Diabetes](#).
- This information should be disseminated to parents and legal guardians of all students, annually. Thereafter, it should be posted on school websites or electronic distribution.

For more information contact healthyschools@la.gov



Stock Emergency Medication Orders

Stock emergency medication orders are now available for schools and can be found on the LDH website under [ACT 657 Emergency Medications](#) The medication orders included on this website are:

- Albuterol (Optional)
- Epinephrine (Required for K-12 schools)
- Naloxone (Required for K-12 schools)

For more information contact healthyschools@la.gov



Reminder for Biennial Seizure Training

- School nurses, bus drivers of students with a seizure action plan, and school employees of students with a seizure action plan should be mindful of the biennial need for seizure training.
- There are [Seizure Training Resources](#) available to provide assistance.

For more information contact Susan.Dupont@la.gov



2025 Louisiana Farm to School Conference

- Wednesday, October 8th from 8 am - 4 pm
- Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- Session Topics include
 - Farm to school education
 - School gardens
 - Engaging stakeholders
 - Funding and advocacy
 - Classroom and curriculum integration





Next Safe & Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call:

September 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

**Topic: School Safety and Behavioral
Threat Assessment Management
Programs**

Contact healthyschools@la.gov for questions regarding our community of practice calls.



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>October 9 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>October 16 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>September 25 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	SCA@la.gov
Healthy Schools	healthyschools@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov

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Questions?

