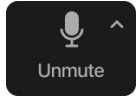
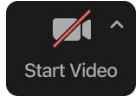


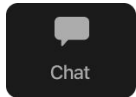
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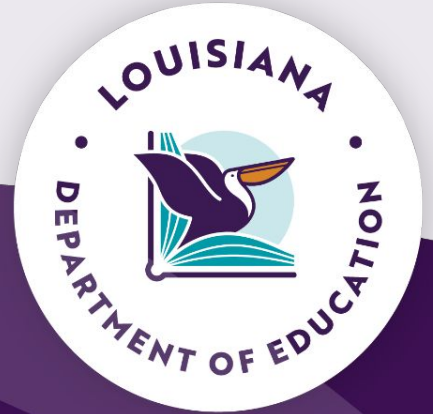


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BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Monthly Call



September 11, 2025

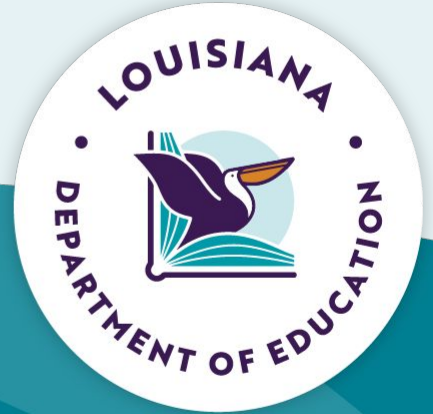
Contact Information

Please add your **name** and **email address** in the chat. A copy of the powerpoint will be sent to you after this meeting.



Agenda

- Welcome
- Upcoming Submissions
- High Cost Services Grant, Ashley Augustine
- Educator Evaluation Updates
- Questions



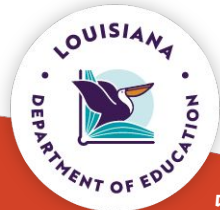
WELCOME

Our Goals for BESE Authorized Monthly Calls

We will provide pertinent information and updates.

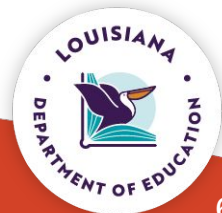
- Being **INTENTIONAL**
- Listening to your requests
- Each month provide reminders and upcoming required submissions from all departments in the LDOE
- Each call will provide leaders with information tied to the Charter School Performance Compact.

REMINDER: Monthly calls are held every 2nd Thursday @ 9:00 am



Department Accountability

- Office of School Choice
- Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent
- Kaleb Moore, Chief of Staff
- Samantha Carter, Executive Director of Charter Accountability
- Christina Woods, Director of Charter Accountability
- Shantel Reynard, Director of Charter Accountability
- Theresa Jackson, Operations Manager



Charter Accountability Reporting

Utilize the [Reporting Calendar](#) as a tool for directions, links to forms, and submission due dates.

If you submit to Charters@la.gov, also CC your school's Director.

- Christina Woods - christina.woods@la.gov
- Shantel Reynard - shantel.reynard@la.gov

The [Charter School Library](#) is a great resource!

Subscribe to the LDOE [Newsletter](#)!

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2025 Upcoming Submissions

August	September	October
Student Enrollment Report Website Assessment Tool 2025-2026 Benchmark Calendar Act 260 Course Choice Fall/Full Year Reporting Seclusion and Restraint Policy and Data Updates Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) Opens SLTs Observations Education Excellence Fund App Opens	Principal/Teacher of The Year Application Opens Student of the Year Application Opens Course Choice Fall/Full Year Reporting Literacy Screener Gifted Referral Data -BOY FY 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget - Adopted FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Form A (New) Annual Financial Report Act 370 Report (New) Act 771: High-Dosage Tutoring Student Transcript System	Pupil Progression Plan 2nd Quarterly Waitlist Report Outstanding School Support Employee Applications Open Alternate Assessment Participation Review APR Indicator Identification for Monitoring Quarter 1 Financial Report High Cost Services Grant Round 1 Bylaws

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Material & Non-Material Amendment Submission Deadlines

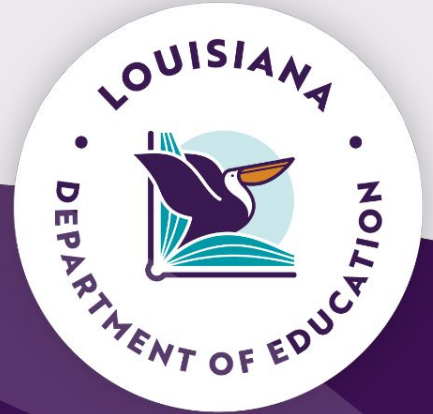
Material Amendment Requests & Supporting Documentation Due to Charter Accountability Team	BESE SIT Committee Meeting
No Submissions	December 9, 2025

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High Cost Services Grant

Ashley Augustine



Overview of High Cost Services

The High Cost Services (HCS) fund was established to support school systems who serve students with disabilities with the most difficult needs.

Student eligibility criteria:

- Age 3-21 with an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- The total cost to educate the student must exceed three times the average per pupil expenditure (\$17,688).

$$3 \times \$16,708 = \textbf{\$53,064}$$

- All costs for which the school system requests reimbursement are explicitly stated in the student's IEP.



Overview of High Cost Services

The HCS fund includes two rounds:

- Round 1: Students enrolled in previous school year **and** currently enrolled.
- Round 2: New students who joined your school system from July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025.

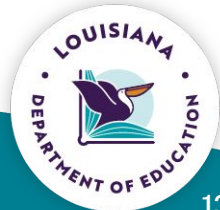
	Enrollment Period	Threshold Eligibility
Round 1	7/1/24 - 6/30/25 (SY 24-25)	\$53,064 spent in SY 24-25
Round 2	7/1/25 - 9/30/25 (SY 25-26)	\$53,064 projected in SY 25-26



Allowable Costs

Details about allowable and unallowable costs can be found in the [2025-2026 High Cost Services State Plan](#).

Even if an allowable cost, the materials, services, supports, and personnel **must be documented and clearly described** in the student's IEP in order to be eligible for reimbursement.



HCS Procedural Safeguards

HCS funds are not intended to replace any existing federal, state, or local special education funds.

HCS funds are student specific and cannot be used to support other students.

Specialized equipment purchased with HCS funds will follow the student to any public school system or school within the state.

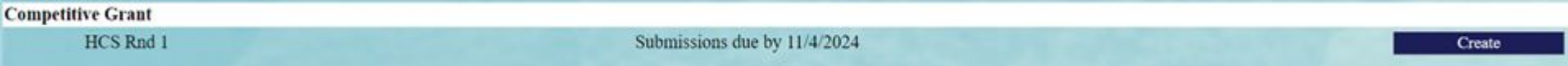
If the student approved for funds no longer needs the services designated in the application, or if the student withdraws or transfers to another school system or school, the system or school that was allocated funds must notify the LDOE.



Application Process

The application for the HCS fund is included as a competitive application on the Department's electronic Grants Management System (eGMS).

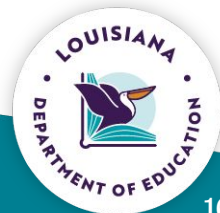
HCS Contact Information and Assurances must be completed to access the application. Once completed, the HCS Round 1 tab will show up in the Competitive section on your GMS Access Select page.



Process Before Submission

School systems should verify the following information before submitting the application:

- **Student IDs are accurate.**
- **Enrollment in EdLink 360 align with HCS enrollment requirements.**
 - Round 1: Enrollment from previous school year with the LEA and current enrollment in the LEA.
 - Round 2: Enrollment between 7/1/25-9/30/25.
- **Budget items in the application are clearly documented in the students' IEPs.**



Process After Submission

There are several layers to the review process for the original application:

- **Preliminary Review**
- **Allocation Development**
- **Assigned Allocations**
- **Final Review**

Upon approval of final review, an amendment can be created to submit the budget.



HCS Key Takeaways

- Cost to educate student meets eligibility threshold (\$53,064).
- Student's enrollment data align with HCS enrollment periods.
 - Round 1: 7/1/24-6/30/25
 - Round 2: 7/1/25-9/30/25
- Student's State ID is accurate.
- Student has a current IEP with allowable items clearly documented.

Email ashley.augustine@la.gov with questions.



Educator Evaluation Updates



LEADS Evaluator Training and Resources

All systems will transition to Louisiana Educator Advancement and Development System (LEADS) Evaluations this school academic year.

- All first-time LEADS evaluators and designated observers should [register](#) to attend evaluator training and pass a certification assessment prior to evaluating.

Resources to support the transition are available in the [LEADS Library](#).

- [Evaluation Implementation Guidance for System Leaders](#)
- [Evaluation Frequently Asked Questions List](#)
- [LEADS Webinar for System Leaders](#)



LEADS Implementation Resources

Resources to support effective LEADS implementation continue to be added to the [LEADS Public Collections](#) section of the Professional Learning Platform.

- [The Rubric is Holistic: Promoting Strong Academic Conversations](#)
- [The LER is Holistic: Impact of Thinking and Problem Solving on Student Engagement](#)
- [Full Length Lesson Sets](#)
- [Video Clip Collection](#)
- [Louisiana Counselor Evaluation Training for Counselors](#)
- [Louisiana Educator Evaluation Training for Teachers](#)

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.



Alternate Rubric Waiver

Per [Bulletin 130](#), systems may apply annually to use an alternate rubric for the observation component of evaluation. Approval does not waive additional components of evaluation, including PGP/coaching plans, self-assessments, student learning targets (SLTs), VAM, and principal survey.

- [Alternate Rubric Waiver Guidance](#)
- [Alternate Rubric Waiver Request](#)



LES Closeout Reminders for 2024-2025

- Systems should continue finalizing educator evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year. Evaluations (including VAM teachers) may be finalized if all required components are complete.
- Evaluations should be marked incomplete for any employee that did not receive an evaluation. Refer to [Bulletin 130](#) for the conditions that allow an evaluation to be marked incomplete.
- The deadline for entering educator evaluation data will be announced after VAM results are available this fall.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.



LES Updates for 2025-2026

For the 2025-2026 evaluation period, staff extract data must be uploaded to Edlink 360 before evaluations can begin.

- This includes updated position codes, locations, and assignments.
- After completing uploads, the LES system contact can begin to verify rosters and assign evaluators.

Systems should utilize the [LES Technical Guide](#) and the [LES Timeline](#) for additional tasks and deadlines.

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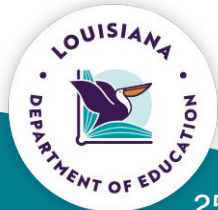


LES Refresher Webinar

This webinar will provide an overview and refresher on LES. The session is designed for both new and experienced system and school leaders who may want to refresh their skills.

- Webinar Date and Time: September 18 at 1 p.m.
- Webinar Link:
<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92792072952?pwd=VuYVviR9sdbgCe4svmwb5fmSHbZPVf.1>
- Webinar Phone Number: 312 626 6799
- Meeting ID#: 927 9207 2952
- Passcode: 313541

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.



Louisiana Evaluation System Questions?

- Contact leads@la.gov



Charter Refresher

Please register for the upcoming Charter School Refresher in October.

Some of the topics presented:

- **eGMS: You have a Grant Award – Now What?**
- **Teacher Evaluation and Certification Law and Policy**
- **Charter School Program (CSP) Grant**
- **EdLink 360**



Date: October 7, 2025

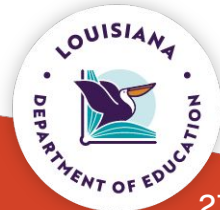


Location: EBR Professional Development Center
(3000 N Sherwood Forest Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70814)



Time: 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[Charter School October Refresher Registration](#)



Questions

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Upcoming BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call

October 9, 2025 at 9:00 am

