

System Leaders Monthly Call



December 6, 2024

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



2025-2026 Super App Launch

- The [2025-2026 Next Level Vision for Success School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook](#), including 2025-2026 Super App questions, was released this fall.
- Access the [launch deck](#) for additional information.

Please contact LDOEOperations@la.gov with questions.



Super App Communication Support Structures

Resource	Item
Weekly Newsletter	LDOE Weekly Newsletters
System Leaders Monthly Call	January 10 at 9 a.m.
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 19 at 10 a.m.• January 16 at 10 a.m.
2025-2026 Super App Office Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 18 at 10 a.m.• January 15 at 10 a.m.
Email	LDOEOperations@la.gov Include “Super App” in the subject line

School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October 17	<i>2025-2026 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook released</i>
December 31	Final 2024-2025 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App
January 23	2025-2026 Super App (competitive portion) due
Feb.-March	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
Feb.-May	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 1	Allocations for 2025-2026 loaded in Super App
May 2	Deadline to submit CSI/TSI plan in eGMS
June 30	Deadline to submit 2025-2026 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2025-2026 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2025-2026 School System Plan



Food Service Management Company Contract Training

Mandatory training for all LEA Charter Schools utilizing Food Service Management Company Contracts for National School Lunch Program

- **Date:** January 15
- **Location:** Pennington Biomedical Research Conference Center, 6400 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808
- **Time:** 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Registration:** Available on the [Louisiana Fit Kids website](#)

Please contact childnutritionprograms@la.gov with questions.



GAPA & Operations Monthly Calls

Title	Zoom Link
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	December 19 at 10 a.m.
Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call	January 7 at 1 p.m.

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Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



International Associate Teacher Recruitment

The 2025-2026 International Associate Teacher (IAT) Program recruitment cycle began on November 1.

Any school or school system interested in recruiting an IAT of French, Mandarin, or Spanish should reference the [Louisiana International Associate Teacher Program Guide](#) for more information on recruitment guidelines and timelines.

To request an IAT for the 2025-2026 school year, school systems should complete the [2025-2026 IAT Projected Needs Form](#) by January 15, 2025.

Please contact language.acquisition@la.gov with questions.



LEADS Training

LEADS evaluator training is being offered now for newly hired leaders or designated observers.

- [Three-Day LER Evaluator Training](#)
- [Two-Day LLR Evaluator Training](#)

Asynchronous training modules are available in the [Louisiana Professional Learning Platform](#) for teachers and counselors.

- [Louisiana Educator Evaluation Training for Teachers](#)
- [Louisiana Counselor Evaluation Training for Counselors](#)

[LEADS Implementation On-Site Support Sessions](#) provide a deeper understanding of the educator evaluation system.

- **Registration**

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.



Louisiana Evaluation System (LES)

LES has replaced the Compass Information System (CIS). LES is live and all 2024-2025 evaluation data should be entered into LES. Even if a system is using a legacy evaluation (COMPASS or approved alternate rubric), data is reported in LES.

LES is a comprehensive data system that holds all evaluation data for an educator including observation scores and student learning targets (SLTs).

LES key features:

- Rosters pre-populate from EdLink.
- Evaluators and evaluatees enter data throughout the year.

There will be upcoming LES webinars to review operations and functions of LES.

- [Wednesday, January 8 at 10 a.m.:](#) System Leaders
- [Thursday, January 9 at 1 p.m.:](#) School Leaders

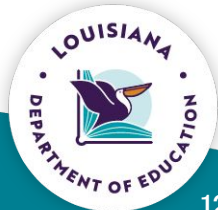
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Credential Clearance for Educator Certification

- Starting **January 1, 2025**, Louisiana law ([R.S. 17:8.9](#)) requires criminal background checks (CBCs) for **certification**.
- A CBC will be required before a certificate can be issued, renewed, advanced, or modified.
- Certification processes, forms, and technology are being revised to integrate the CBC requirement.
- Certification applications submitted before January 1, 2025 will be processed without additional CBC requirements.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Certification Process

First

Educator applies for certification using updated application & professional conduct form.

Second

If applicant has never held certification or if LDOE doesn't have a recent CBC on applicant, the educator completes the Credential Clearance (CC) application packet.

Third

LDOE reviews CBC to determine if there are disqualifying convictions.

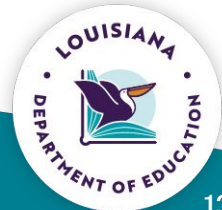
Felony

If felony or R.S. 15:587.1C conviction, LDOE denies certification or censures existing certification record.

No Felony

If none, the CBC is considered “clear” and certification processing is continued.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions

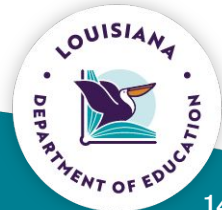


Staffing and Scheduling Support

- Three Staffing and Scheduling webinars will be held **December 6** to assist school systems in planning and developing effective schedules aligned to best practices.
- School systems are encouraged to invite principal supervisors, school leaders, guidance counselors, and those who are involved in the staffing and scheduling process at the school level.

Content	Zoom Link
Elementary	December 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Middle School	December 6 at 12 p.m.
High School	December 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

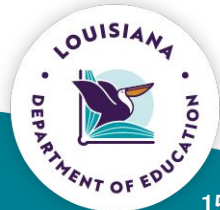


Staffing and Scheduling Support

Registration is now open for **in-person** staffing and scheduling support in developing dynamic and effective schedules aligned to best practices.

Content	Location	Date and Registration
Elementary Schools Unlocking Effective Schedules through Smart Staffing	Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge	January 14 at 9 a.m.
Secondary Schools Unlocking Effective Schedules through Smart Staffing	Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge	January 14 at 1 p.m.
Elementary Schools Unlocking Effective Schedules through Smart Staffing	Northwestern State University, Natchitoches	January 15 at 9 a.m.
Secondary Schools Unlocking Effective Schedules through Smart Staffing	Northwestern State University, Natchitoches	January 15 at 1 p.m.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.



Louisiana CLSD 2024 RFA Addendum

- The Louisiana CLSD 2024 Request for Applications (RFA) [Addendum](#) along with the application scoring rubric has been posted to the Literacy Landing Page.
- This resource will provide additional guidance and support for applicants throughout the application process.
- The scoring rubric will support applicants with self-assessing the strength of their proposed project.
- [Office Hours](#) will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 1 p.m.

Please contact wendy.brooks@la.gov with questions.



SSI / System Leader Regional Collaborations

We look forward to seeing system leaders at Session 3 of the regional collaborations.

Cohort Region	Session 3	Location
Monroe	Jan 28	University of Louisiana Monroe, Bayou Pointe
Shreveport	Jan 29	Shreveport Convention Center
Lafayette	Jan 30	University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union
New Orleans (Kenner)	Feb 4	Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center, Kenner
Baton Rouge	Feb 5	Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

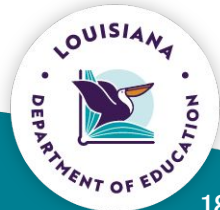
Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



High Cost Services (HCS) Fund - Round 2

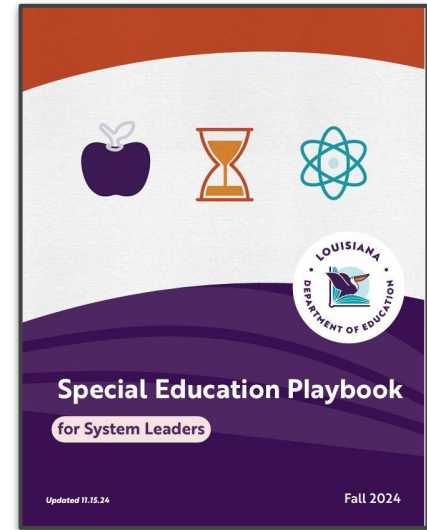
- The 2024-2025 HCS Round 2 application opens on **December 2nd in egms and will close January 10.**
- HCS guidance is available in the [2024-2025 State Plan](#) and [webinar materials](#) in the [Special Education Reporting and Funding](#) library.

Please contact ashley.augustine@la.gov with questions.

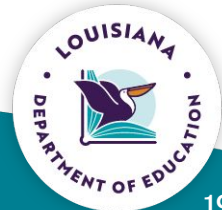


Special Education Playbook Update Launch

- The latest update to the Department's [Special Education Playbook for System Leaders](#) is now available. While the best practices did not change, the updates add implementation supports.
- Special Education Leaders will preview the new supports at the Special Education Leader Collaborative on February 18 in Baton Rouge.



Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.



Teacher Leader Summit 2025 - External Presenter Webinar



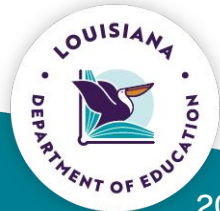
**TEACHER LEADER
SUMMIT 2025** 
A *New Story* for **LOUISIANA EDUCATION.**

System leaders are reminded that this year's Teacher Leader Summit will take place at the Morial Convention Center on **June 10-12.**

Any individuals interested in presenting at this year's Teacher Leader Summit should attend one of the following webinars:

- [December 9 at 11 a.m.](#)
- [December 9 at 4 p.m.](#)

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.



Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls/Support Calls

Title	Zoom Link
Diverse Learner Office Hours	December 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	January 22 at 1 p.m.
Educator Background Credentialing Implementation Call	December 18 at 11 a.m.
Preparation Provider Monthly Call	January 29 at 10 a.m.
Certification Monthly Call	December 16 at 10:30 a.m.
EdTech Monthly Call	January 9 at 9 a.m.
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	January 16 at 12 p.m.
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	February 13 at 12 p.m.

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



Oct 1 Class Collection Support Structure

Oct 1 Class collection will snapshot on **Friday, January 10**. The Data System Support team will continue implementing structures to improve data quality and timely submissions. Support structures in place include:

- **Email outreach** -begins 6 weeks prior to the collection closing
 - Emails will identify important data elements with a focus on missing data and/or data that is +/-15% from the previous collection
- **Targeted phone calls** -begin 6 weeks prior to the collection closing
 - System-dedicated Education Information Consultants will connect with data managers by phone to discuss possible red flags and offer in time support
- **Superintendent emails** -sent 4 weeks prior and 2 weeks prior to closing
 - High-level data updates to keep system leaders informed
- **Critical support 1:1 meetings** -available 4 weeks prior to the collection closing
- **Accountability outreach** -sent 1-2 weeks post closing, as needed

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.



High School Assessment Scores

- The LEAP 2025 fall assessment high school window will be open from December 2-20. Scores for all subjects, except Civics, will be released from 4-8 days after administration. Civics scores will not be released until summer 2025.
- Scores for all assessments must be included in final grades for assessment-eligible subjects.
- For 2024-2025 only, the requirement to include the LEAP Civics score in final grades is waived.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	December 17 at 3 p.m.
eScholar Office Hours	December 5 at 10 a.m.
Data Coordinator Monthly Webinar	December 5 at 1 p.m.
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	December 3, 10, and 17 at 11 a.m.

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Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent



Internship Funding Deadline

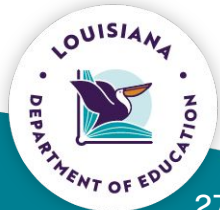
HB 1 provides one-time funding in the amount of \$1,000 per internship course for qualified students. School systems accessing this funding must report student enrollment in the SCA portal in the LDOE Internship course and turn in evidence on the DFTP that all conditions for funding have been met. Visit the [Funding for Internships 2024-2025](#) page for details.

Deadlines are as follows:

- **Fall:** November 28
- **Spring:** March 7

Funding may only be spent on costs associated with the student intern.

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



Fall 2024 Counselor Institute Presentation

Thank you to all who attended the Fall 2024 Counselor Institute sessions!

We hope you benefited from the Accountability and Counselor Rubric presentations. The [presentation](#) is now available for your review. Feel free to share with colleagues as you deem appropriate.

Dates for the Spring 2025 Counselor Institutes will be released at a later date.

Please contact angela.jordan@la.gov with questions.



Alternative Education Authorization Timeline

Date	Milestone
December 12	2025-2026 AE Submission Portal Opens
January 30	Submission Portal Closes
February 17-19	Interviews for 2025-2026 new site authorization
April 9	AE Site Recommendations presented to BESE Board

Please contact terran.perry@la.gov with questions.



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Title	Zoom Link
Alternative Education	December 12 at 10 a.m.
Office of Career and College Readiness	December 19 at 3 p.m.
Safe and Healthy Schools	No December call scheduled
Child Welfare and Attendance	January 9 at 8 a.m.

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School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent



Key Dates for Local Authorizing

- **January 17:** Deadline to consider charter applications
- **January 31:** Deadline to notify LDOE of local board recommendations
- **February 3:** LDOE application window opens for Type 2, 4, and 5 applicants

Note: Local school boards who have received an application during the 2024-2025 RFA Process are required to consider all applicants by **January 17**. If a decision is not made, the applicant is eligible to appeal to BESE.

Notification of local school board decisions may be submitted through the Jotform [link](#).

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant

A Winter/Spring CSP application cycle will follow the local charter application timeline. **Tentative** dates are as follows:

CSP Item	Due Dates
Letter of Intent	January 14
Eligibility Determination Form	February 3
CSP Application	March 12

Award recommendations for the Winter/Spring cycle are tentatively scheduled to be presented at June 2025 BESE.

Please contact tammy.morgan3@la.gov with questions.



School Choice Monthly Calls

Title	Zoom Link
BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call	December 12-Recording will be e-mailed
Local Authorizer Monthly Call	December 11 at 11 a.m.

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School System Relations

Trey Folsie, Assistant Superintendent



Louisiana Models of Excellence

- The Louisiana Models of Excellence Award was created to honor and spotlight schools and school systems serving as exemplary models for implementing the LDOE educational priorities.
- In November, we recognized the West Feliciana Parish School System as a Models of Excellence for their High-Dosage Tutoring initiative.



Please contact modelsofexcellence@la.gov with questions.



State-Level Award Program Application Due Dates

Award(s)	Due Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year● School Health Service Provider of the Year● School Physical Activity Award	December 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teacher/Principal of the Year● Early Childhood Teacher/Leader of the Year	January 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● New Teacher of the Year	January 24

Please refer to the [Awards Resource Library](#) for additional information.

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent



2023-2024 Early Childhood Performance Profile Data

- Performance Profiles for the 2023-2024 academic year were released in alignment with K-12 school performance scores on November 20, 2024.
- Performance Profiles are anticipated to be available on [Louisiana School and Center Finder](#) at the beginning of 2025.

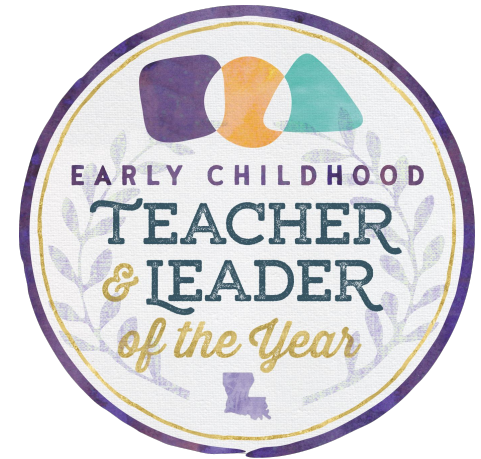


Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year

- [Applications](#) are now open and will close **January 15, 2025**.
- Application Support Calls will be held December 16 at [10 a.m.](#) and [3 p.m.](#)
- ***Please encourage early childhood teachers and leaders from Type III centers CCAP-certified Family Child Care, and Early Head Start/Head Start programs in your parish to apply!***



Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Community Network Office Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="131 416 1271 450">• <i>occurs the second Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	December 10 at 3 p.m. Meeting Link

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Questions



Thank you for joining today's call!

Our next System Leaders Monthly Call is Friday, January 10 at 9 a.m.

Schedules, access links, and information on webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and the [School System Support Calendar](#).

Helpful Links

- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)

