

System Leaders Monthly Call



January 17, 2025

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Lexi Pritchard, Deputy Chief



Student Telecommunications Devices Policy

Act 313 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session prohibits students from possessing electronic telecommunication devices throughout the instructional day.

Traditional public districts must submit a copy of their student telecommunication device policies, newly adopted or revised, in accordance with BESE policy, no later than March 1, 2025.

The policy and any questions may be directed to educationpolicy@la.gov.

Please contact educationpolicy@la.gov with questions.



2025-2026 Super App Launch

The 2025-2026 Super App is due in eGMS by January 23.

Access the [2025-2026 Next Level Vision for Success School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook](#) and the [2025-2025 Super App launch deck](#) for additional information.

Please contact LDOEOperations@la.gov with questions.



School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October 17, 2024	<u>2025-2026 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook</u> released
December 31, 2024	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 <u>CSI/TSI plan</u> 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



GAPA & Operations Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Federal Nutrition Support	February 4 at 1 p.m.
Federal Support and Grantee Relations	February 20 at 10 a.m.

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Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent





TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT 2025

A *New Story* for LOUISIANA EDUCATION

Registration Updates

- Teacher Leader Summit will take place **June 10-12** at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.
- Registration for this event will be on a first-come, first-served basis. As space is limited, early registration is encouraged. **There will be no on-site registration.**
- Prices and deadlines are as follows:

Early Bird Registration, 3-Day Package	\$249	Open February 10-March 14
Regular Registration, 3-Day Package	\$299	Open March 15-April 18

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.





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LEAs can use the following federal funding sources for the cost of TLS registration:

- Title I
- Title II
- Title V REAP
- Redesign 1003A
- Title IV SSAE: Sessions pertaining to STEM/STEAM/Foreign Language/School Climate
- IDEA: Sessions pertaining to STEM/STEAM/Foreign Language/School Climate

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.





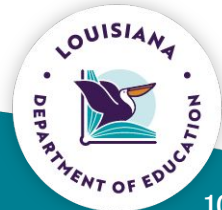
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External Presenter Requests

- The LDOE is excited to announce the Teacher Leader Summit 2025 external proposal submission opportunity.
- We encourage educators, school leaders, and partners to submit their best ideas and strategies that promote excellence in education.
- The deadline for submissions is **January 31**. Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to this dynamic professional learning experience!

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.



LEADS Implementation Support & Resources

- The January and February [LEADS Implementation On-Site Support Sessions](#) focus on the observation and post-conference process. Registration is open on [Eventbrite](#).
- New and improved [LEADS Implementation Monthly Webinars](#) provide an opportunity to deepen understanding of the evaluation components and processes.
- Resources to support professional learning are available in the [LEADS Public Collections](#) section of the Professional Learning Platform. The Video Clip Collection is now available under the [LEADS Training Materials](#) section.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.



High Dosage Tutoring Fiscal Reporting

Allowable Expenses

The funds for the HDT allocation must be used for the following expenses:

- Salary and benefits for full or part time LEA staff
- External tutoring provider (on LDOE vendor guide)

Collection

- The collection will take place in [eGMS](#) in the same Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring application. Use the [Fiscal Monitoring User Guide](#) and the [School System Support Guidance Document](#) for step-by-step instructions.
- LEAs will report the amount spent each quarter along with the receipts.
- LEAs will report any additional funds spent on Accelerate: HDT, including the amount and funding source.

Timeline

- Due January 31: Quarter 1 Reporting (July, August, September) and Quarter 2 Reporting (October, November, December)
- Due April 30: Quarter 3 Reporting (January, February, March)
- Due July 31: Quarter 4 Reporting (April, May, June)

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.



High Dosage Tutoring: On-Site Monitoring

School system-level personnel should use the [self-assessment checklist](#) during informal observations to evaluate a school's implementation of the Accelerate High Dosage Tutoring program and determine if a school meets all the requirements outlined in Act 771 of the 2024 Legislative Session. The Self-Assessment Rubric focuses on two key indicators of high dosage tutoring: (1) quality of tutoring services and (2) engagement.

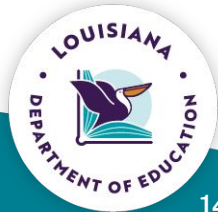
Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.



2025 Math and ELA Standards Review

- BESE has called for a [review](#) of the Louisiana Student Standards for Math and English language arts (ELA).
- The [application](#) for committee membership is open through January 27 at 8 a.m.
 - Teachers
 - Special Education teachers
 - Leaders
 - Higher Education representatives
 - Parents

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.



Computer Science Standards Implementation Webinars

School system leaders should attend one of the upcoming [K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science Implementation Webinars](#).

Webinar Date and Time	Registration Link
February 18 at 9 a.m.	Registration link
February 19 at 3 p.m.	Registration link
March 18 at 9 a.m.	Registration link
March 19 at 2 p.m.	Registration link

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



SSI / System Leader Regional Collaborations

We look forward to seeing participants at Session 3.

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
Baton Rouge	Feb 5	Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

SSI is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Regional Collaborations are from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

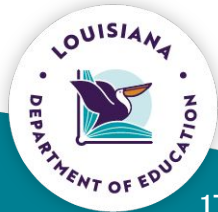
Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



Criminal Background Check (CBC) for Certification

- Effective **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 applications submitted **before** January 1, 2025 will be processed **without** additional CBC requirements.
- Once an applicant is fingerprinted for the purposes of certification, they will be issued a “Credential Clearance” that **will not expire** and will be outward-facing and verifiable on the certification website.

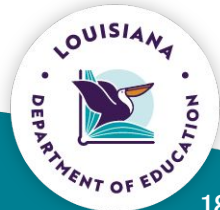
Please contact educatorclearance@la.gov with questions.



Timely Updates to the CBC Process

- The \$25 LDOE CBC review and processing fee has been **eliminated**, reducing costs for educators.
- The Credential Clearance (CC) application packet is **no longer** required.
- Applicant authorization and consent are now included in the updated Professional Conduct (PC) form for all certification applications.

Please contact educatorclearance@la.gov with questions.



Level Up: School Support Institutes at TLS 2025

The final session of [School Support Institutes](#), *Level Up SSI: Preparing for Continuous School Improvement*, required for CIR schools, will be delivered at Teacher Leader Summit 2025.

- One half-day session of *Level Up SSI* is required for three ILT members from each CIR school (principal & two others).
- Funds are provided through SuperApp to reimburse costs, including registration, associated with attendance for three ILT members per CIR school.
- A designated registration link for Teacher Leader Summit will be emailed to CIR school leadership teams once available. Systems may elect to register their CIR leadership teams as a group using a purchase order.

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls/Support Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Diverse Learner Office Hours	February 11 at 2 p.m.
Teaching and Learning	January 22 at 1 p.m.
Preparation Provider	January 29 at 10 a.m.
Certification	January 27 at 10:30 a.m.
EdTech	February 13 at 9 a.m.
LEADS Implementation	February 13 at 12 p.m.
LEADS Implementation	March 10 at 12 p.m.

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent

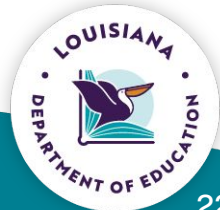


Feb 1 MFP Support Structure

February 1 MFP Collection closes on February 21; data must be submitted by **5pm on February 20**. Below are several support structures in place for this collection:

- **Collection Email Outreach:** Scheduled weekly and focused on high-impact data elements throughout January-February
- **Phone Calls:** Conducted daily by EICs to assigned systems January-February
- **Critical Meetings:** 1:1 support meetings beginning in February
- **Geocoding Outreach:** Focused on geocoding issues, January-February
- **Superintendent Emails:** Superintendents receive high-level summaries of current collection state at strategic points during the collection
- **Accountability Outreach:** Post-collection discussions focused on major discrepancies in data from prior collection

Please contact systemsupport@la.gov with questions.



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability	<u>January 21 at 3 p.m.</u>
eScholar Office Hours	<u>February 13 and 27 at 10 a.m.</u>
Data Coordinator Webinar	<u>February 6 at 1 p.m.</u>
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	<u>January 21 and 28 at 11 a.m.</u>

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Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent

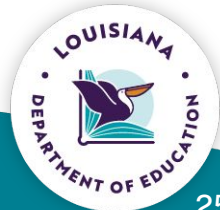


2025 Fast Forward Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit

[Registration](#) for the 2025 Fast Forward Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit is now open. This one-day event will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the Cajundome and Convention Center in Lafayette, LA.

This year's conference will provide professional development opportunities around career and technical education, workforce readiness, and child welfare and attendance.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions



Spring 2025 Counselor Institute

Spring 2025 Counselor Institute is scheduled for early February; session locations are listed below. Please share with your counseling and CTE colleagues and encourage them to attend. The Counselor Institute sessions will provide policy updates, resources, and communications useful for the work of school counselors and CTE teachers/supervisors.

Date	8 a.m.-11 a.m.	1 p.m.-4 p.m.
February 4	Bossier City	Ruston
February 5	Alexandria	Lafayette
February 6	Luling	Walker

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



Alternative Education Authorization Timeline

Date	Milestone
December 12, 2024	2025-2026 AE Submission Portal opened
January 30, 2025	Submission Portal closes
February 17-19, 2025	Interviews for 2025-2026 new site authorization
April 9, 2025	AE Site Recommendations presented to BESE

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



Diploma and Diploma Seal Orders

The Diploma and Seal Order form is now open to request diplomas for the 2025 high school graduates.

- The electronic form should be submitted by ***Friday, February 7.***
- Only one form should be submitted for each school system. The Department of Education will cover the cost of the initial order and distribution.
- Each school system should order 10% over the number of diplomas needed. This overage will take care of misprints, late enrolled students, etc.
- If you find an error after submitting, contact suzette.rabalais@la.gov.

Please contact suzette.rabalais@la.gov with questions.



2024 -2025 CDF Mid-Year Expenditure Report

The [2024-2025 Mid-Year Career Development Fund \(CDF\) Expenditure Report](#) is available for school systems to complete. The deadline to report on 2024-2025 CDF mid-year expenditures is February 28. Schools systems should reference the [2024-2025 Guidelines for Use of CDF Allocation](#) when completing the form.

CDF funds support increased student access to high-value Career and Technical Education courses and training. CDF funds are 6% of the MFP State and Local Base Cost Per Pupil (\$241) provided for each qualifying student course enrollment in grades 9-12.

Please contact troy.borne@la.gov with questions.



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>January 23 at 2 p.m.</u>
Child Welfare and Attendance	<u>February 13 at 8 a.m.</u>
Alternative Education	<u>February 13 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>February 20 at 3 p.m.</u>

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School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent



Local Authorizer Reporting

Local school boards who have received an application for a locally authorized charter during the 2024-2025 Annual RFA Cycle are required to consider all applicants by **January 17**.

- Prior to approving a charter for a Type 1 or Type 3 school, school systems are required to hold a public meeting for the purpose of considering the proposal and receiving public input.

The deadline to notify LDOE of decisions regarding the approval or denial of received applications is **January 31** through the [Jotform](#) process.

Contact charters@la.gov with with questions.



RFA Informational Sessions

The Office of School Choice will host informational sessions for applicants interested in applying as a Type 2, 4, or 5 charter. Informational sessions will be offered three times during the month of January and will be held virtually.

The first informational sessions were held on January 9 and January 16.

Please utilize [Jotform](#) for registration for the remaining informational session on **January 23** at **10 a.m.**

Contact charters@la.gov with questions.



Charter School Program (CSP) Grant

- The Office of School Choice will conduct a winter/spring CSP application cycle. Potential applicants should submit a CSP Letter of Intent to cspgrant@la.gov.
- Technical assistance will be provided to applicants throughout the application process including eligibility determination and through submission of the CSP application.
- For more information, please refer to the [Program Description](#), attend the upcoming [informational session](#), or schedule an appointment during CSP [office hours](#).

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



Criminal Background Checks for Employment

- [LA R.S. 17:15](#) -requires employers to direct employees to obtain a state and federal criminal background check (CBC) and defines “employees”
- [LA R.S. 15:587.1](#) -requires all background checks for **school employment** to be conducted through the [Louisiana State Police \(LSP\) Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information](#)
- Third-party background check businesses do not provide fingerprint-based CBCs run through LSP’s Bureau
- Charter and nonpublic schools are not exempt

Please contact [LSP’s Bureau of Criminal Identification & Information](#) with questions.



Board Member Requirements

Beginning June 1, 2025, each new member of the board of directors of a BESE-authorized charter operator shall participate in at least one hour of board governance, special education, and financial management training ***coordinated by LDOE*** within one year of appointment to the board.



Office of School Choice Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
BESE-Authorized Charter	February 13 at 9 a.m.
Local Authorizer	February 12 at 11 a.m.
CSP Informational Session	January 21 at 10 a.m.
2025 BESE Charter Renewal Cohort Sessions	January 28 at 12 p.m.

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School System Relations

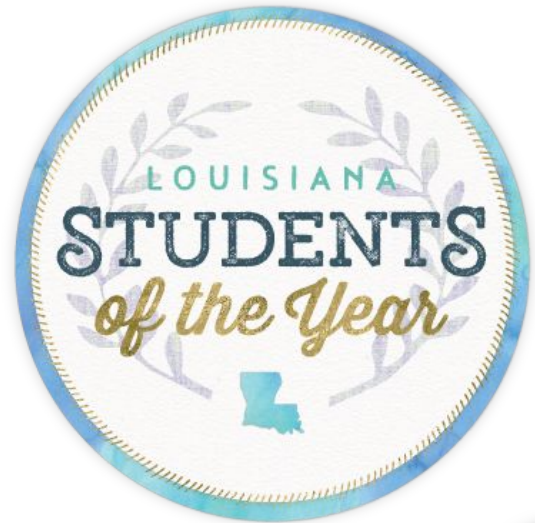
Trey Folsie, Assistant Superintendent



Students of the Year

2025 Students of the Year Regional Honorees Announced

- 5th, 8th and 12th grade regional honorees were selected through public, charter, and nonpublic zone reviews per each BESE region.
- For each grade level, one honoree per BESE region will be named as a finalist later this year.



Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent



Early Childhood Care and Education

Early Childhood Community Network Lead Agencies are completing Coordinated Enrollment Plans for the 2025-2026 academic year. These plans include information related to how each network will do the following:

- Coordinate information so families are aware of all available early childhood programs with open seats in the community.
- Coordinate eligibility so families know the early childhood programs for which they qualify.
- Coordinate applications for enrollment, enabling families to apply to all birth-5 publicly funded programs through one application.
- Match families to available early childhood programs based on family preference.

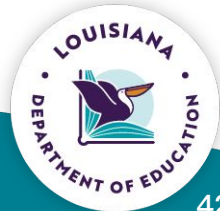
Contact earlychildhood@la.gov with any questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Community Network Office Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>occurs the second Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	February 11 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, February 7 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](#)
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- [Counselor](#)

