

System Leaders Monthly Call



November 1, 2024

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs and Operations

Lexi Pritchard, Deputy Chief



ESSER III Closeout

- ESSER III and Homeless ARP I and II Obligation Date: 9/30/2024
 - Amendment liquidation does not change the obligation date of the funding.
- Amended Liquidation Date: 12/16/2024
 - LEAs have until 12/16/2024 to receive goods and services

Note: All ARP ESSER III claims/PERs must be submitted on or before 12/16/24. (A 12/16/2024 PER has been added to ESSER III which will be marked as the final PER.)

Please contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.



2025-2026 Super App Launch



NEXT LEVEL VISION FOR SUCCESS

2025-2026 SCHOOL SYSTEM PLANNING & BUDGETING WORKBOOK

The [2025-2026 Next Level Vision for Success School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook](#), including 2025-2026 Super App questions, was released on **October 17**.

New for 2025-2026

- Workbook serves as a one-stop resource for all school system planning needs
- Questions and funding aligned to the LDOE's updated educational priorities
- eGMS updates
- ESSA-aligned required uploads

The [launch deck](#) is now available.

Please contact LDOEOperations@la.gov with questions.



Super App Communication Support Structures

Resource	Item
Weekly Newsletter	LDOE Weekly Newsletters
System Leaders Monthly Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 6 at 9 a.m. January 10 at 9 a.m.
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 21 at 10 a.m. December 19 at 10 a.m. January 16 at 10 a.m.
2025-2026 Super App Office Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 13 at 10 a.m. December 18 at 10 a.m. January 15 at 10 a.m.
Email	LDOEOperations@la.gov Include “Super App” in the subject line
Super App FAQ	Super App Launch FAQ

School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October 17	<u>2025-2026 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook</u> released
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 <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 Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	November 21 at 10 a.m.
Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call	December 3 at 1 p.m.

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Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



Extra Time to Learn

Tutoring During School Day

Accelerate States Leading Recovery Grant

- Louisiana is **leading the nation** with its innovative approach to learning recovery.
- With support from the national nonprofit Accelerate and Louisiana Kids Matter, Louisiana is one of the first states in the U.S. to enhance high-dosage tutoring statewide to help **close pandemic learning gaps**.
- Louisiana is **one of just five states in the country** selected to receive a \$1M grant from Accelerate to scale its statewide high-dosage tutoring programs.

Federal funding can be used in various ways to support extra time to learn for students. [Act 771](#) requires all students in grades K-5 who failed to achieve mastery on any statewide assessment in reading or math to be eligible for expanded academic support.

Access the [2025-2026 Federal Funding Guide](#) to learn how various federal funds can be used, either on their own or together, to meet the specific needs of students and staff.

High-dosage tutoring is an eligible expenditure for multiple federal funding sources including:

- Title I (PD and Tutoring activities))
- Title II (PD Only)
- Title IV (Enrichment activities)
- Title V (PD and Tutoring activities)



Louisiana Evaluation System (LES)

LES is replacing the Compass Information System (CIS). LES is live, and all 2024-2025 evaluation data can now be entered into LES.

LES is a comprehensive data system that will hold all evaluation components for an educator.

LES key features:

- Rosters pre-populate from EdLink.
- Evaluators and evaluatees will enter data.
- Data will be entered throughout the school year.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.



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.

If you have questions, please email EducatorClearance@la.gov.



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 schedules with IdentoGO for fingerprinting.

Third

LDOE reviews CBC to determine if there are disqualifying convictions.

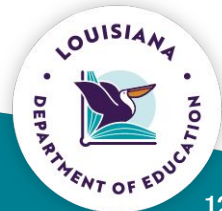
Felony

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.

If you have questions, please email educatorclearance@la.gov.



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 have 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.



CLSD 2024 Grant

The Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) program awarded Louisiana with a \$70 million grant that will be used to support literacy efforts for students, teachers, and schools most in need.

Applications for the CLSD grant are now open for submission via Super App.

Upcoming CLSD Office Hours

- [November 14 at 1 p.m.](#)
- [November 25 at 1 p.m.](#)
- [December 12 at 1 p.m.](#)

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

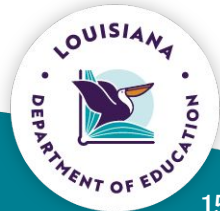


SSI / System Leader Regional Collaborations

Thank you to all who attended Session 2 of School Support Institutes and System Leader Regional Collaborations! We look forward to seeing you again 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, Kenner
Baton Rouge	Feb 5	Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



Annual Dyslexia Reporting

- School systems are required to annually report the number of students with dyslexia currently enrolled and the number of students newly identified with dyslexia in the prior school year.
- All school systems must submit the [dyslexia reporting form](#) by **December 15**.
- [Dyslexia reporting guidance](#) is available in the [Students with Disabilities Library](#).

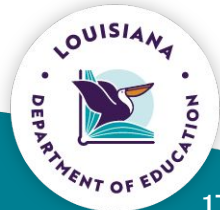
Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.



Professional Learning Packages

- **Previously**
 - LEAs identified the high-quality instructional materials they were using and selected a high-quality professional learning partner to support implementation.
- **Currently**
 - LEAs will continue to identify high-quality instructional materials and high-quality professional learning partners.
 - LEAs will also determine the focus of their partnership by selecting from a variety of available packages.

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.



Professional Learning Packages

Adoption and Initial Implementation Package

- Equips teachers and leaders with foundational training for effective implementation of the new curriculum during its first year.

Ongoing Support Package

- Supports schools and systems in their second or third year of curriculum implementation by helping educators sustain and enhance their practices.

Establishing and Sustaining Professional Learning Structures Package

- Designed for systems in their fourth year of implementation and beyond, focusing on establishing and sustaining professional learning structures that foster continuous growth, collaboration, and improvement.

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@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 10th-12th.**

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

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

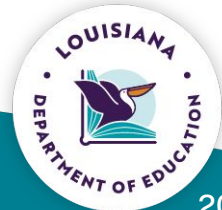
Contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions



Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls/Support Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Diverse Learner Office Hours	<u>November 19 at 2 p.m.</u>
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	<u>December 4 at 1 p.m.</u>
Preparation Provider Monthly Call	<u>November 20 at 10 a.m.</u>
Certification Monthly Call	<u>November 18 at 10:30 a.m.</u>
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	<u>November 13 at 12 p.m.</u>
EdTech Monthly Call	<u>November 14 at 9 a.m.</u>

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent



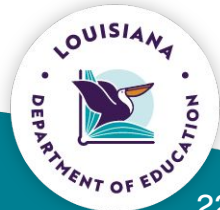
Interests and Opportunities

2024-2025 I&O Jotform Survey Deadline Reminders

- Principal submissions are due on **November 6**.
- Superintendent validations are due on **November 13**.

The 24-25 I&O menu and guidance are available in the [Accountability Library](#).

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.



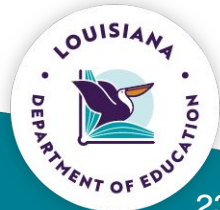
LA Gator (Act 1) Ad Hoc Collection Submission

At the direction of the Legislature, as outlined in [Act 1 of the 2024 Legislative Session](#), all LEAs must submit information on the number of students that could be served per grade level for the 2024-2025 school year (capacity) for all sites within their district.

This ad hoc collection is **due today, November 1.**

If your LEA has not submitted and has any questions, please contact accountability@la.gov.

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.



Oct 1 CLASS Collection Support Structures

Funding is directly impacted by timely and accurate data reporting.

The Data Systems Support team is formalizing its support & communication structures leading up to each collection snapshot.

- 6 weeks prior - EdLink 360 missing data targeted phone calls & data quality emails to data managers
- 4 weeks prior - Superintendent email outreach
- 2 weeks prior - Superintendent email outreach, including collection comparisons with possible red flags

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.



2024-2025 Collections Support

System Leaders are able to check the validity of their data at any time through EdLink 360's [Data Validation dashboard](#) by checking the data compared to recent collections.

VALIDATION MEASURE NAME	OCTOBER MFP, 2024-2025	END OF YEAR, 2023-2024	FEBRUARY MFP, 2023-2024	OCTOBER MFP, 2023-2024
MFP enrollment	0	Not Applicable	21,764	21,900
Total enrollment	0	22,227	22,279	22,426
Cumulative enrollment	0	24,164	23,899	23,181

Large discrepancies between collections may prompt a discussion with Data Managers to ensure data is being reported accurately.

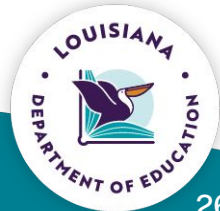
Please contact SystemSupport@la.gov with questions.



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	November 19 at 3 p.m.
eScholar Office Hours	November 7 and 21 at 10 a.m.
Data Coordinator Monthly Webinar	November 7 at 1 p.m.
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	November 12, 19, and 26 at 11 a.m.

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Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent



Internship and Apprenticeship Funding

- Per HB 1, there is funding available for internships and registered apprenticeships that follow the [Work-Based Learning Guidelines](#) definitions.
- Internship enrollments can earn \$1,000 per course.
- Apprenticeship enrollments can earn \$2,500 for urban courses and \$3,500 for rural courses.
- Details and deadlines concerning the funding for registered apprenticeships can be found by accessing the [apprenticeship webinar](#) or emailing stephanie.marcum@la.gov for internship guidance.

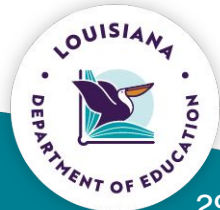
Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.



Save the Date: 2025 Fast Forward Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit

- This 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, work-based learning, industry partnerships, workforce readiness, and child welfare and attendance.
- Registration for the 2025 Fast Forward Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit will be released in November.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Alternative Education	November 14 at 10 a.m.
Office of Career and College Readiness	November 21 at 3 p.m.
Safe and Healthy Schools	No call scheduled
Child Welfare and Attendance	December 5 at 8 a.m.

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School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent



2024-2025 New Charter Request for Applications

New Operator Common Charter Application

- Nonprofit organization without prior experience in leading or managing a public school; and
- Do not intend to employ an educational service provider (ESP) with prior experience.

Experienced Operator Common Charter Application

- Nonprofit organizations whose founders and/or school leader have prior experience; and/or
- Have one or more charter schools; and/or
- Intend to employ an Educational Service Provider (ESP) which has operated more than one charter school.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

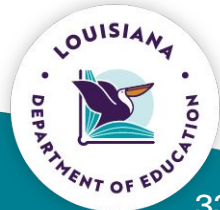


Key Dates for Local Authorizing

- **January 17, 2025:** Deadline to consider charter applications
- **January 31, 2025:** Deadline to notify LDOE of local board recommendations

Note: If district hasn't made a decision by **January 17**, the applicant is eligible to appeal to BESE.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



School Choice Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call	November 14 at 9 a.m.
Local Authorizer Monthly Call	November 13 at 11 a.m.

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School System Relations

Trey Folsie, Assistant Superintendent



Teacher and Principal of the Year

- Online Portal Opens on November 12
 - Coordinators - [Online Portal](#)
 - Candidates - [Online Portal](#)
- Informational Call for Coordinators
 - [November 12 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Informational Call for Candidates
 - [November 12 at 4 p.m.](#)

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.



School Support, Health Staff, and Physical Activity Awards

- Online Application Portals-Open Now and Close on December 2
 - [Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year](#)
 - [School Health Service Provider of the Year](#)
 - [School Physical Activity Awards](#)
- Informational Call for Coordinators and Candidates
 - [November 7 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

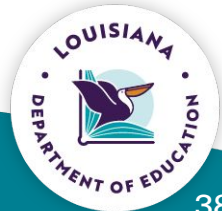
Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.



Students of the Year

- Applications for Overall School System Honorees Due
 - November 22
- Informational Call for Coordinators
 - [November 13 at 9 a.m.](#)

Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent



2024 Early Learning and Development Standards

The [2024 Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards](#) (ELDS) are now available:

- The ELDS outline the skills and abilities that children should be able to know and do at each age and can be used by early childhood educators when designing age-appropriate activities and experiences and determining developmentally-aligned expectations for children.
- The LDOE will be sharing additional standards-aligned content and resources in the coming months.



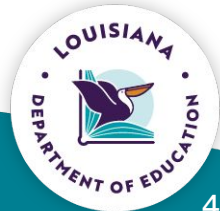
Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.

2024 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll

The Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, in partnership with the LDOE, is administering its annual survey to help further understand the child care needs of Louisiana families with children under the age of 5:

- The [2024 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll](#) opens Thursday, November 7, and can be completed in [English](#), in [Spanish](#), or in [Vietnamese](#).
- This survey is for any parent, guardian, or caregiver raising children under the age of 5, not just for moms and dads.
- Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and will not affect families' eligibility for child care or any other services. Families do not need to complete this survey to continue participating in any public program, including the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- All answers will be kept confidential, and participants can answer the survey without giving their name.
- The survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete.

Please contact info@policyinstitutela.org with questions.



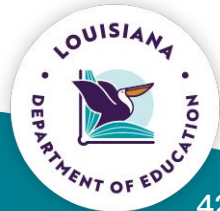
2024 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll

Please share the Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll with families in one of the following ways:

- Download printable flyers (available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#)) with the survey link and post them on a parent information board.
- Share the survey on Facebook and/or Twitter:
 - This [social media toolkit](#) has several templates and graphics for Facebook posts and Twitter posts to help promote the survey.
- Send a letter about the Parent Poll (to be released by the LDOE on November 7) home to families.
 - E-mail the content of the Parent Poll letter to families.

The poll closes November 21.

Please contact info@policyinstitutela.org with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Community Network Office Hours <i>*Occurs the second Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.</i>	<u>November 12 at 3 p.m.</u>

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Questions



Thank you for joining today's call!

Our next System Leaders Monthly Call is Friday, December 6 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](#)

