Educational Technology Monthly Call

August 14, 2025

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Agenda

- Digital Learning Updates
- E-Rate Updates
- Cybersecurity
- Important Reminders and Other Information

Digital Learning Updates

Back to School LMS Support

To support all educators, the LDOE has developed a toolkit of Learning Management System (LMS) resources, including:

- Back to School: Google Classroom
- Back to School: Preparing Your Canvas Course
- Back to School: Microsoft Teams

Educators can find next steps and tutorials in the additional LMS support resources. Continue to visit the Digital Learning webpage for updates. Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions

2025 LACUE Annual Conference

- **Save the Date:** Mark your calendar for December 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans.

- **Share Your Expertise:** Submit your presentation proposal by the October 1 deadline.

- **Register Early:** Lock in your discounted rate before Early Bird registration closes on November 7.

Please contact lacue@lacue.org with questions.
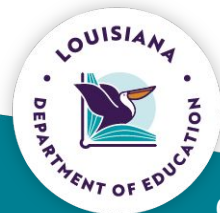
Technology Readiness Tool (TRT)

Under **§3921.2. Statewide Educational Technology Plan**, districts must submit required technology information, ensuring they meet the standards for devices, Internet bandwidth, software applications, and local network capacity to provide a high-quality digital instructional environment.

The Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) helps LDOE collect information about technology infrastructure across districts and individual schools. TRT data will be used for the school system's digital footprint, supporting future technology planning.

Please see the **2025 TRT Collection Instructions** for a step-by-step submission guide and resources.

2025 TRT Collection Form due on November 1, 2025

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions

EdLink Security

Key Updates for the 2025-2026 School Year

- **Canopy** is now the **LDOE Professional Learning Platform (PLP)**.
- Superintendents **no longer need to opt-in** for auto access to the Louisiana Educator Portal(LEP) and the LDOE Professional Learning Platform (PLP).
- **Auto access** to LEP and PLP will be granted based on the 2025-2026 EdLink 360 Staff File (starting **August 11th**).
- Districts now have **two ways** to get **LDOE PLP Learner** access:
    - **NEW:** Staff **request** via EdLink Security (approval required).
    - **Auto-access** when staff included in the the 2025-2026 EdLink 360 staff file.
- New [Data System Support System](#) portal for EdLink Security help tickets.
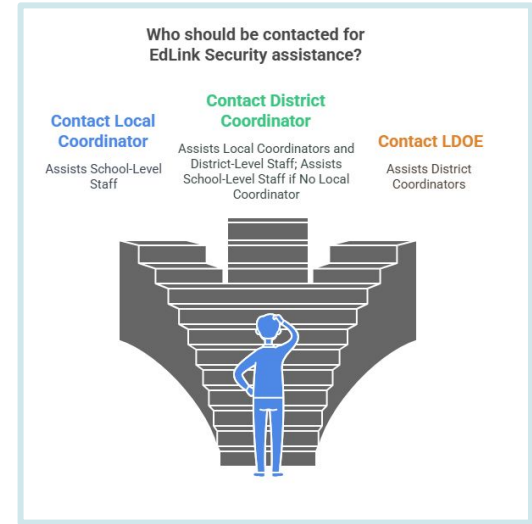
EdLink Security Troubleshooting Guide

Security Coordinators: Please refer to the EdLink Security **Troubleshooting Guide** before submitting a **LDOE Data System Support** ticket on behalf of staff.

Be sure to include the following information in the System Support ticket:

- User's Name
- User's Staff ID
- User's MyLa User ID
- Screenshots of issue if available

Who should be contacted for EdLink Security assistance?

Contact Local Coordinator
Assists School-Level Staff

Contact District Coordinator
Assists Local Coordinators and District-Level Staff; Assists School-Level Staff if No Local Coordinator

Contact LDOE
Assists District Coordinators

EdLink Security: LEP and Canopy Access

All PK-12 Public School Staff must have an **EdLink Security** account to access the **Louisiana Education Portal (LEP)** and the **LDOE Professional Learning Platform (PLP)**. **New Users** should follow the steps in the **EdLink Security New User Guide** to create their account.

LEP and PLP Access User Requirements:
- Must have **MyLa user credentials**.
- Must have a **2026 eScholar record** with current MyLa user ID.
- Must be included in the **2025-2026 EdLink 360 staff file extract**.

Access Issues?: Contact **LDOE Data System Support**

EdLink Security Account

Important Account Information:

- **Names must match exactly** across MyLa, eScholar, and EdLink 360 records.
- Users must sign in to **EdLink Security** with the same MyLa user ID listed in the **eScholar staff record**.
- Districts should submit staff's **district email address** through **eScholar** or the **EdLink 360 staff file extract.**
- Users must sign in to **EdLink Security** to sync updates to MyLa and eScholar.
- **eScholar syncs overnight** with EdLink Security — allow **24 hours** for updates to reflect in user accounts.

E-Rate Program Updates

Cybersecurity Pilot Program

- The Form 471 application window for the [Cybersecurity Pilot Program](#) opened on March 18 and will close on September 15.
- Total pilot funding is capped at $200 million for 690 applicants.

Contact ERate@la.gov with questions.

E-Rate Upcoming Dates

August 15	FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 52. The Form 486 deadline is 120 days after the FCDL date, or the service start date (typically July 1st), whichever is later. The next Form 486 deadlines for FY 2024 are: Wave 53 08/22/2025
August 18	Last day to certify a CBR Form 470 to meet the minimum 28-day posting period before filing the CBR Form 471.
September 5	Final day of the PIA summer deferral period (which began May 23rd).
September 15	Close of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window and deadline for filing the Form 484 Part 2.
October 29	First Form 486 deadline for FY 2025 for applicants funded in Waves 1-10. The Wave 11 deadline will be October 31 with subsequent Form 486 waved deadlines following weekly.

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Cybersecurity

Technology and Security Contacts

Based on recent events it is even more important that OTS has the correct information for all security contacts at **all** school systems. This includes:
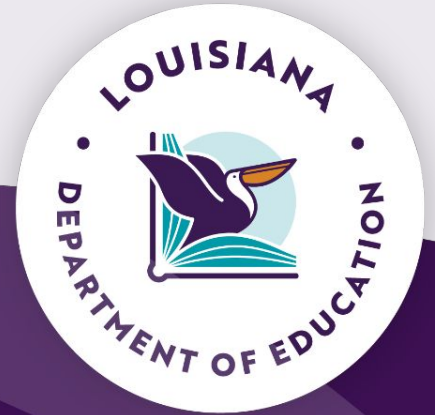
- Name
- Title
- Work Phone
- Work Email
- Cell Phone Number

Please update your LEA's contact information here if you have not already done so.

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Education Technology
Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates

2025-2026 Education Technology Monthly Webinars
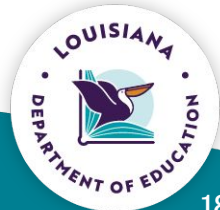
Slides from each meeting will be posted on the Educational Technology Leaders website. Recordings are available on request. A complete calendar of LDOE events can be found on the Louisiana Believes website.

Future Monthly Call Dates

- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December - LACUE
- January 8
- February 12
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNlN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!

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Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	August 19 and 26 at 11 a.m.
Data Coordinator Webinar	August 14 Bootcamp at 1 p.m.
Assessment and Accountability	August 19 at 3 p.m.
Teaching and Learning	August 27 at 1 p.m.

View our School System Support Calendar for full schedule.