

Educational Technology Monthly Call

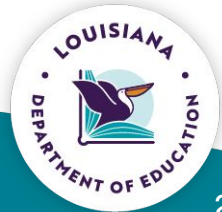
February 13, 2025



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Agenda

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



Digital Learning Updates



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.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.



Canvas LMS Pilot Program for K-12 Public Schools

LDOE is excited to invite public K-12 school systems and charter schools to join our statewide Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) Pilot Program. The goal of the [Canvas LMS Pilot](#) is to support Louisiana's Academic Plan to enhance K-12 educational outcomes by prepare students for a seamless transition to higher education where Canvas is used.

- Access to Canvas LMS for K-12 students and educators. Training, implementation, and support are **included** at **no cost** to school systems.
- Student access began on **January 1, 2025** and will end on **June 30, 2026**.
- Limited space is still available to join the pilot. [Apply](#) today.

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Computer Science and STEM Team Updates

- [K-12 Computer Science Education Plan](#) is posted on the [Computer Science](#) web page.
- A [webinar supporting CS standards implementation](#) will be offered February 18 and 19. Prior registration is required.

Questions contact STEM@la.gov



EdLink Security: LEP and Canopy Access

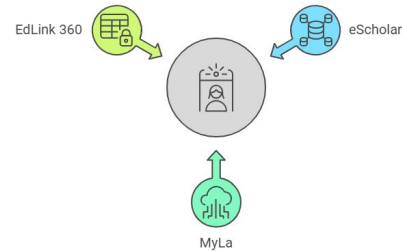
All PK-12 Public School Staff must have an [EdLink Security](#) account to access the new **Louisiana Education Portal (LEP)** and **Canopy**, the state's professional learning platform. **New Users** should follow the steps in the [EdLink Security New User Guide](#) to create their account.

LEP and Canopy Access User Requirements:

- Must have **MyLa user credentials**.
- Must have a 2025 **eScholar record** with current MyLa user ID.
- Must be included in the **2024-25 EdLink 360 staff file extract**.
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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.



[EdLink Security Guide](#)

Access Issues?: Contact systemsupport@la.gov



FTC Updates to COPPA

The [FTC finalized changes](#) to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule ([COPPA](#)), strengthening protections for children's personal information online.

Key updates include:

- **Parental opt-in required** for targeted ads and data sharing with third parties.
- **Limits on data retention** to prevent indefinite storage of children's personal information.
- **Increased transparency** for Safe Harbor programs with public reporting requirements.
- **Expanded definition of personal information** to include biometric and government-issued identifiers.

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LEAP Connect/LEAP 2025 - Technical Note

DRC is aware of a spacing issue appearing on chromebooks during LEAP Connect assessment. DRC is actively working with Google to try and correct this issue. In the meantime please use one of the two fixes on the following slides to correct the spacing issue.

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LEAP Connect/LEAP 2025 - Technical Note

Troubleshooting steps for multiple devices:

1. In Google Admin Console, go to **Devices/Chrome/Settings**
2. Select your organizational unit from the list
3. Select **Device Setting** tab in the right pane
4. Search for **Variations**
5. Click **Variations setting**
 - Device update **settings**, then **Variations** if not searching
6. Set Chrome Variations to **Enable variations for critical fixes only** and **Save**
7. Restart affected Chromebook devices

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LEAP Connect/LEAP 2025 - Technical Note

Steps for correcting a single device:

1. Move to another testing device, if available.
2. If another device is not available or does not work, please try the following:
 - a. Before even launching DRC INSIGHT, hold **Shift+CTRL** on the Chromebook and press + **exactly 5 times**. (This should put the screen size at 1138 x 640 or 120%.)
 - b. Then launch the DRC INSIGHT application, log in to a test, and everything should display as expected.

OR:

1. Before even launching DRC INSIGHT, hold **Shift+CTRL** and press – until the screen will not go any smaller.
2. Then hold **Shift+CTRL** and press + **exactly 6 times**. (This should put the screen size at 1138 x 640 or 120%.)
3. Then launch the DRC INSIGHT application, log in to a test, and everything should display as expected.

After exiting out of DRC INSIGHT on the device, the workaround will need to be repeated before a student launches DRC INSIGHT again

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E-Rate Program Updates



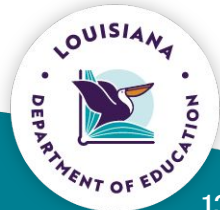
Form 470 and 471 Deadlines for FY 2025

Under FCC rules, Wednesday, February 26, 2025 is the last date that you can submit and certify an FY2025 FCC Form 470 and still wait the required minimum 28-day period. However in the State of Louisiana, procurement code dictates a minimum of 30 days. So **for Louisiana the last day to submit and certify an FY2025 FCC is Monday, February 24**

The last day to submit and certify your FY2025 FCC Form 471 is **March 26, 2025 10:59 p.m. CST.**

DO NOT wait until the last minute to file. The system is always slow and over 60% of applicants seem to be filing in the last week of the window. If you can't get complete and certify your application by the deadline, finish it as quickly as possible. In the past, the FCC has approved waivers for applications that were submitted 1-2 days late. However this is a new FCC board, so no one should count on a waiver being approved.

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Cybersecurity Pilot Program

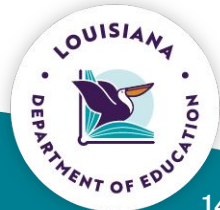
On January 16, 2025, the FCC announced the selection of 707 applicants as Pilot participants, which includes 540 school districts, 105 schools, 40 library systems, 10 libraries, and 12 consortia. **In Louisiana, 20 applicants were approved** including 2 library systems, 2 schools, and 16 school systems. **CONGRATULATIONS.**

Application Window: The CBR Form 471 application window for the Cybersecurity Pilot Program opens March 18th and will close September 15th.

Resources:

- **Emails:** Sign up for Pilot Program participant emails [here](#)
- **User Guides:** You can access and download the [Pilot FCC Form 470](#) and [FCC Form 484 Part 2](#) User Guides
- **Website Resources:** [FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program Website](#)
[USAC Cybersecurity Pilot Program Website](#)

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Entity Validations

The State is currently sending out entity validation letters as PIA requests them of schools and school systems. If your school/system uses a consultant, we have been working with your consultant on validation letters. We will submit a final validation spreadsheet to USAC next week once we clear up several questions we have about certain entities being included within a school system or if those entities are independent along with updates for non-public schools.

Non-public schools who do not participate in CEP but did file for E-Rate will need to submit a signed Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) certification for the number of students who qualify to ERate@la.gov in order for the State to validate their counts. Currently we can only validate the number of students reported and not NSLP/FRL. If you work with a consultant, please confirm with them if they have turned in certifications on your behalf.

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Upcoming Dates

February 13 - Schools & Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program: Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 Webinar at 2 p.m CST. [Register here.](#)

February 14 - FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 26. 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:

- **February 21** - Wave 27
- **February 28** - Wave 28

February 25 - Extended invoice deadline for FY 2023 recurring services for deadlines extended beyond the original October 28, 2024, deadline.

February 26 - Free SHLB Webinar: Should Congress Repeal the FCC's E-Rate Hot Spot Lending Decision? 1:00-2:00 PM ET. [Register here.](#)

March 18 - Opening of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window.

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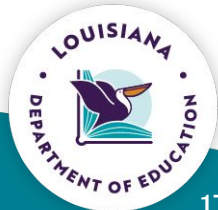
March 26 - Close of the Form 471 application window for FY 2025 (10:59 p.m. CST).

May 28 - Extended invoice deadline for FY 2023 non-recurring service FRNs with approved extensions beyond the original January 28, 2025, deadline.

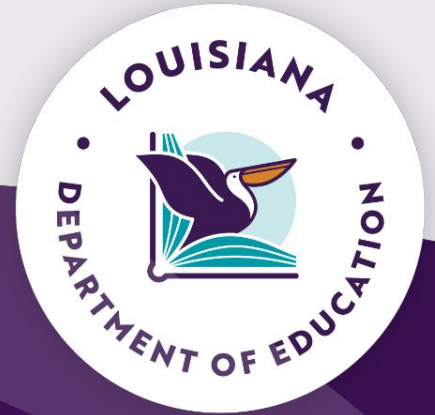
July 1 - Withdrawal deadline for selected Cybersecurity Pilot participants opting not to continue in the Program.

September 15 - Close of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window and deadline for filing the Form 484 Part 2.

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Education Technology Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates



2024-2025 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

- March 13
- April 10
- May 8

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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Reminders



Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) Data Request

- In accordance with Revised Statutes [§3921.2. Statewide Educational Technology Plan](#), school systems should 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, which will be published on the LDOE website and will support future technology planning.
- Please see the [2024 TRT Collection Instructions](#) for a step-by-step submission guide and resources.
- Data should be submitted via the [2024 TRT Collection Form](#) and was due by **November 1**. If you have not submitted, please do so as soon as possible.

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