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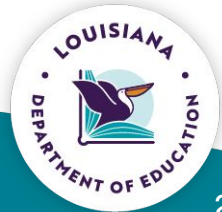
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Agenda

- Digital Learning Updates
- Emergency Connectivity Fund, E-Rate, and ACP
- Important Reminders and Other Information

Digital Learning Updates

Teacher Leader Summit Registration

Early Bird Registration is now open for [2024 Teacher Leader Summit](#).

This year's Teacher Leader Summit will focus on our ability to lead the next level of our Vision for Success.

- The Teacher Leader Summit will take place from May 28 - May 30, 2024, at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (NOENMCC).
- Early Bird Registration close February 2.
- Regular registration will be February 3 to March 15, or at sellout.

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions

Microsoft Resources

The LDOE is thrilled to announce the upcoming release of three valuable Microsoft for Education resources on our Digital Learning teacher webpage. We believe these tools will be invaluable in your journey to create a more interactive and engaging learning environment for your students. Please visit the Digital Learning website in the upcoming week for more resources.

- Microsoft Teams: Getting Started
- Microsoft Teams: Next Steps
- Using OneNote with Students and Faculty

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

CSD Cyber Defense Education and Training (CDET) Offering

CISA offers new micro-challenges on Try Cyber that are now part of the Cyber Careers Pathway Tool, located on the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCSTM) website. For K-12 students and individuals looking to reskill or transition from a non-cyber career, CISA's [micro-challenges](#) provide a chance to experience the knowledge, skills, and tasks enacted in the top cybersecurity workforce roles.

Professional Learning Platform

The LDOE will be releasing a Professional Learning Platform this spring for all school system employees at no cost to the school system. This user-friendly, statewide platform will house all professional learning and the Professional Learning Partner Guide in this one platform; professional learning modules and webinars will no longer live on the LDOE website. System and school level leaders will also be able to create professional learning modules in the platform.

The Professional Learning Platform Overview includes additional information on:

- creating EdLink credentials.

- requesting Canopy permissions.

- participating in Canopy Informational Webinars.

- completing online training in the Professional Learning Platform.

Please contact amanda.slaughter@la.gov with questions.

Professional Learning Platform

School systems can continue providing their employees EdLink credentials and Canopy permissions. All Louisiana educators will need to have a MyLa account and EdLink credentials. Encourage your superintendent to opt-In through EdLink Security to grant all classroom teachers a role in Canopy. For districts that have not opted-in, the LEA Security Coordinator will have to manually approve each teacher's Canopy Learner request.

Join the webinar for Ed Tech directors to learn more about Canopy and creating accounts.

- **Webinar Date/Time**: February 7 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Zoom Link**: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99847688288?pwd=cFRBTzZOK1BMVjd6NGltbEt1aDNhdz09
- **Webinar Phone Number**: +1 470 250 9358
- **Webinar Meeting ID**: 998 4768 8288
- **Webinar Passcode**: 466583

Please contact amanda.slaughter@la.gov with questions.

Kami Update

- If you haven't been reached out to yet, expect communication from a representative of Kami shortly. Kami will ensure that school systems currently subscribing to Kami are receiving the necessary support and guidance.
- Additionally, Kami will be participating in our upcoming February EdTech Monthly Call. They will be available to address any queries and offer comprehensive support to attendees.
- Follow LDOE communications channels for future professional development opportunities.

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

LDOE EdTech Contacts

- Carol Mosley will be intermittently out of office in the upcoming months.
- Please email edtech@la.gov or digitallearning@la.gov with your questions instead of Carol directly to expedite support.

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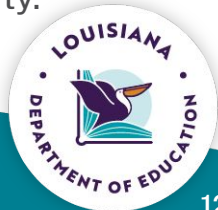# E-Rate and Emergency Connectivity Fund

FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program

The FCC [Cybersecurity Pilot Program](#) was published in the federal register on Dec. 29th with comments being due on or before January 29, 2024 and reply comments due on or before February 27, 2024.

Key takeaways:

- Applicants will be required to complete a pre-application and be approved to submit a formal Form 470/471 application to participate in the program.
- The FCC is deciding on what type of applications to fund (large statewide or multi-school system applications or small single school system applications).
- The pilot would provide funding to eligible K–12 schools and libraries to defray the qualifying costs of receiving the cybersecurity and advanced firewall services.
- Protection of the overall Universal Services Fund from excessive costs related to cybersecurity.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

EPC Administration Window and CEP Changes

The EPC administrative window will close tomorrow January 12th. Any changes not made during this window can be adjusted in PIA. Applicants should note on their Form 471 if changes or a RAL will be filed to update entity information.

Additionally, the FCC will be releasing new guidance on CEP changes in the coming weeks, this may impact data entered on entities. USAC will be instructing applicants to make necessary changes as part of the PIA or RAL process.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

State Validation

In January, we will be sending out validation emails for preparing the State's Valid file for USAC. If you have not updated your District Contact Form, please do that now to ensure the correct E-Rate contact in your LEA receives this information. The Contact Form can be found [here](#).

This validation will include your student counts, Individual CEP percentages, group CEP percentages, NSLP numbers and ED numbers by school.

These number must match what you have entered in your Entity Profile in EPC, otherwise your E-Rate application will be delayed and require additional approvals while in PIA review.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

End of Emergency Connectivity Fund Equipment Usage

The ECF emergency period will be ending June 30, 2024. Several questions have arisen about what rules apply to equipment that is no longer required to meet current unmet needs or will no longer be covered by ECF after June. The FCC has released additional ECF FAQs to answer questions.

Key takeaways:

- If a school's ECF-funded device or hotspot has been provided to a student or school staff member with an unmet need and for remote learning but is later returned during the relevant funding period the school is not required to redistribute the equipment to satisfy an unmet need and for remote learning purposes.
- After the emergency period ends on June 30, 2024, schools have the discretion to use eligible equipment as they deem appropriate so long as it is used for educational purposes, remains subject to the three-year prohibition on resale set out in section 54.1713(b), and the school or library complies with the asset inventory requirements set out in section 54.1715 of the Commission's rules.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

Upcoming E-Rate Deadlines

- Upcoming Form 486 Deadlines
  - Jan 12 - FY 2023 Wave 21
  - Jan 19 - FY 2023 Wave 22
  - Jan 26 - FY 2023 Wave 23
  - Feb 2 - FY 2023 Wave 24
- Jan 12 - Close of the EPC administrative window.
- Jan 16 - Due date for comments on the FCC's hotspot eligibility NPRM.
- Jan 17 - Form 471 filing window for FY 2024 opens at 11 am CST.
- Jan 29 - Due date for comments on the FCC's cybersecurity pilot NPRM

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

Upcoming E-Rate Deadlines - Continued

- Jan 29 - Invoice (or invoice deadline extension request) deadline for FY 2022 non recurring service FRNs.
- Feb 28 - Last day to file a Form 470 for FY 2024 to ensure the 28 days posting requirement is met.
- March 27 - Close of the Form 471 application window for FY 2024. To be considered as having been filed "in window," Form 471s must be filed and certified by 11:59 p.m. EDT.

Please contact erate@la.gov with questions.

Education Technology
Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates

2023-2024 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.

Upcoming Monthly Call Dates

- February 8
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9

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!

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.

Reminders

Technology and Security Contacts

Based on recent events it is even more important that we at the State have 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.

Teacher Leader Advisor Applications - Open Now

Our Teacher Leader Advisors (TLAs) are highly motivated educators who work alongside the LDOE team to support the mission and vision of the Louisiana Department of Education by
- creating instructional tasks and resources in math, science, social studies, STEM, EdTech, and literacy;
- updating ELA resources and analyze texts;
- evaluating the quality of publisher-submitted curricular materials; and
- developing and facilitating professional learning sessions.

Learn more about our amazing TLAs and apply to become one! Applications close on **January 12, 2024**.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Kami Update

As mentioned in our previous call, the LDOE will be providing access to the digital tool Kami at no cost to school systems. Kami will be available for all K-12 teachers and students in the 2024-2025 school year. The great news is we are on track and rolling out licenses as school systems' educational technology departments register.

- Onboarding and early adopters can begin setting up their district-wide Kami account by filling out the **LDOE Kami Intake Form**.
- Professional learning opportunities will be shared in future LDOE communications.
- Additional information about Kami and tutorials are now available on the Kami website.

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