

Educational Technology Monthly Call

November 14, 2024



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Agenda

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



Digital Learning Updates



CSEdWeek 2024

Join the nationwide initiative to bring computer science education experiences to all students

- **Dates:** December 9-15
- **Theme:** Impacts of Computing

A curated [list of resources](#) to support and encourage teacher participation in CS EdWeek is now available!

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



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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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 will begin **January 1, 2025** and end on **June 30, 2026**.
- Limited space is still available to join the pilot. [Apply](#) today!

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LDOE Professional Learning Platform-Canopy

- System and school level leaders can create professional learning modules in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform, known as Canopy.
- Access the [Canopy Training Videos](#) public collection for resources on best practices and how-to guides to leverage Canopy as a Learner, Instructor, and Leader.
- To access [Canopy](#), users need to complete all of the [steps to create](#) an EdLink Security Account.

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



Kami Fall Webinars

The LDOE will be hosting the final fall webinar as this fall to support Kami integration to support HQIM. Please note the date change from the previously scheduled date.

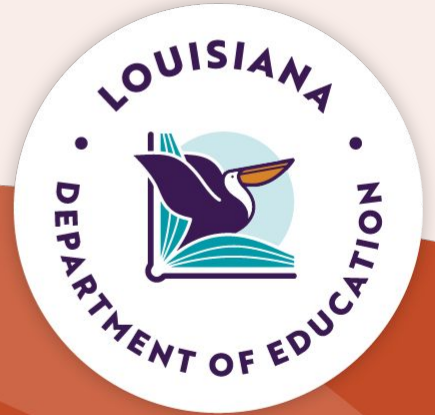
Webinar Topic	Dates
Feedback Strategies	Monday, December 9 at 4 p.m.

[Recordings and slides](#) from previous sessions can be found on the [LDOE Digital Learning website](#).

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E-Rate and ECF Program



EPC Administrative Window Still Open

The EPC administrative window is the period during which applicants can make updates to their profile information including student counts, National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participation rates, library square footage, and the entities and individuals associated with your entity including consulting firms, in EPC to prepare for the upcoming FY 2025 FCC Form 471 application filing window.

The administrative window opened on October 15, 2024 and will close shortly before the FY 2025 application filing window opens in early 2025. After this time, applicant profiles will be locked, and you will not be able to make changes to your profile information.

Go to the [EPC Administrative Window](#) page for detailed information on updating entity profiles.

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Eligible Services List (ESL) for FY25

The final version of the [FY25 Eligible Services List](#) was released on October 25, 2024. The FY 25 ESL establishes the basic eligibility rule for school and library hotspots by simply expanding the language on eligible wireless services to read:

Wireless (e.g., fixed wireless; microwave; mobile services for use on school buses; or mobile service for use with Wi-Fi hotspots).

The latest ESL also clarified school bus Wi-Fi to include basic “technical support (i.e., software updates including bug fixes and security patches, and remote technical support) appropriate to maintain reliable operation of school bus network equipment is eligible for support under Category One.

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FCC Hotspot Compliance Guide

The FCC has issued a special hotspot [Small Entity Compliance Guide \(DA 24-1083\)](#) which both applicants and providers need to pay close attention to the strict usage and administrative rules. The guide's goal is to facilitate compliance and establish clear “safeguards to ensure E Rate-funded Wi-Fi hotspots and services are used for their intended purpose, including recordkeeping and usage requirements for applicants and service providers.

Safeguards fall into several categories including:

1. **Hotspot applicants will be required to:**

- a. Update and publicly post an acceptable use policy that states that the off-premises use of the Wi-Fi hotspot and/or service is “primarily for educational purposes;” and certify to meeting these requirements.

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FCC Hotspot Compliance Guide

- b. Maintain an asset and service inventory that identifies the:
 - i. Equipment make/model;
 - ii. Equipment serial number;
 - iii. Full name of the person to whom the equipment was provided (for schools only);
 - iv. Dates the equipment was loaned out and returned, or the date the school was notified that the equipment was missing, lost, or damaged; and
 - v. Service detail – the line number or other unique identifier that associates a device to that particular line of service.

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FCC Hotspot Compliance Guide

2. Applicants must work with their service providers to “establish verification processes to ensure that E-Rate-supported Wi-Fi hotspots are in use.” Specifically:
 - a. At least once every 31 days, service providers are required to determine whether any E-Rate-supported lines have zero data usage in the prior 60 days and provide notice to the applicant of those particular lines within 5 business days.
 - b. If there is zero data usage for 90 days, service providers must discontinue service to such lines.
 - c. Service providers must provide reports regarding Wi-Fi hotspot data usage for off-premises use to applicants, and applicants are required to make those reports available to program administrators and/or auditors.

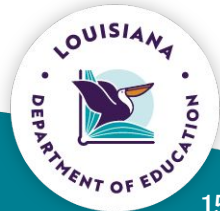
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Hotspots and Bus Wifi Considerations

With the election of a new party to the White House, the FCC makeup will most likely change as the administration is allowed to appoint three commissioners to the five commissioner board. Noting both Republican commissioners strongly opposed the hotspot and bus wifi orders pushed by the three Democratic commissions, it is possible this issue may be readdressed. Noting this, applicants applying for hotspots and bus wifi need to ensure they are including provisions in their contracts that any purchases is contingent on approval of E-Rate eligibility and funding. Additionally, applicants should apply for each of these services on separate Form 471s in case these services are deemed ineligible and to not delay funding on other services.

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Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

USAC has released the following three FAQs related to the congressional ECF funding recession.

Q: What is the status of the rescission following the August 29, 2024 invoice filing deadline?

A: The FCC satisfied the rescission in mid-September by returning the full \$1.768 billion to the U.S. Treasury. The FCC and USAC were then able to proceed with resolving appeals, requests for waivers, and other post-commitment transactions.

Q: When can ECF appeals and post-commitment requests be processed?

A: The restrictions on making new commitments from ECF funding should be lifted if Congress passes a government funding bill for fiscal year 2025. It is expected that the FCC and USAC will be able to resume processing appeals, requests for waivers, and other post-commitment transactions for the ECF program at that time.

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Emergency Connectivity Fund Program - cont'

Q: What impact does the continuing resolution (CR) have on the ECF program?

A: The continuing resolution (CR) that went into effect on October 1, 2024, means the FCC cannot make any new commitments from ECF funding until Congress adopts a government funding bill for fiscal year 2025. This again restricts the FCC's ability to make certain changes to existing funding commitments and in obligating any new funds, including to resolve an appeal, waiver request, or other post-commitment transaction. The CR has the effect of extending the fiscal year 2024 funding levels put in place by the government funding bill passed in March 2024, and also extends the rescission of \$1.768 billion from the ECF program. Even though the FCC has returned the full rescinded amount, without a new funding bill for fiscal year 2025, the FCC remains constrained by the ECF rescission and is prohibited from making any new commitments from the ECF funding while the CR is in effect.

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Upcoming Dates

November 14 - Form 486 deadline for FY 2023 Wave 59. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or the service start date (typically July 1st), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines are:

Wave 60	11/21/2024
Wave 61	12/09/2024
Wave 62	12/19/2024

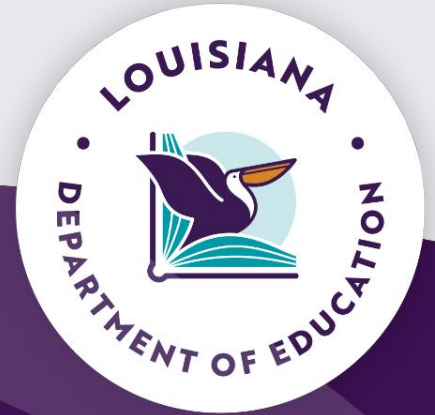
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Wave 14	11/22/2024
Wave 15	11/29/2024
Wave 16	12/06/2024

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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

- December - LACUE
- January 9
- February 13
- 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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LACUE

- See you at LACUE 2024:
December 10 -12, New Orleans
- [LACUE Conference Registration](#)



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LACUE
Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators

#LACUE 24
December 10-12, 2024
Hyatt New Orleans

Register at
www.lacue.org

Registration is \$200.00 prior to the early bird cutoff date of October 31, 2024. Registration will be \$250.00 after Early Bird Closes!

Please contact lacue@lacue.org with questions.



Reminders



Kami

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](#).

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.



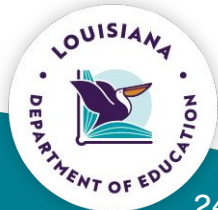
Microsoft Teams Support

The LDOE's Teacher Leader Advisors have created resources to champion our educators utilizing Microsoft Teams. Educators can use these resources as a guide to using Microsoft Teams from the initial setup to advanced features.

- [Microsoft Teams - Getting Started PDF](#)
- [Microsoft Teams - Next Steps PDF](#)
- [Using OneNote with Students and Faculty PDF](#)

Check the [LDOE's Digital Learning website](#) for more resources.

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Back to School LMS Resources

- Explore these essential resources to make the most of your Learning Management System (LMS).
- LMS Back-to-School Resources:
 - [Back to School - Microsoft Teams](#)
 - [Microsoft Teams - Getting Started PDF](#)
 - [Microsoft Teams - Next Steps PDF](#)
 - [Back to School - Preparing Your Canvas Course](#)
 - [Back to School - Preparing Your Google Classroom](#)
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