

# Educational Technology Monthly Call

September 11, 2025



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# Agenda

- Digital Learning Updates
- ADA Compliance
- EdLink Security
- E-Rate Updates
- Cybersecurity
- Important Reminders and Other Information



# Digital Learning Updates



# Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, an annual global effort to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. Gear Up for Cybersecurity Awareness Month with these resources:

- [LDOE Digital Citizenship -Cybersecurity for Students](#): Tailored content to teach students best practices.
- [LDOE Digital Citizenship and AI \(Secondary Students\)](#): Focuses on the unique security challenges presented by artificial intelligence.
- [Cisa Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resources](#): A comprehensive toolkit from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.
- [KnowBe4 Cybersecurity Awareness Toolkit](#): Provides free tools and content to help you build a security culture.

Please contact [digitallearning@la.gov](mailto:digitallearning@la.gov) with questions.



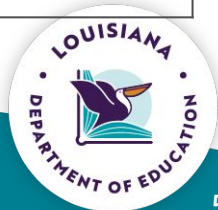
# Instructional Materials Review Update

## Recently Published Tech Readiness Endorsement

The LDOE conducts ongoing Tech Readiness reviews of [Tier 1 materials](#) to support school systems in selecting materials. The following curricula have successfully obtained the [Tech Readiness Endorsement](#).

Publisher	Title	Core Subject
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	HMH Into Reading, Grades K-5 HMH Into Literature, English I-II	ELA
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	HMH Into Math Grades K-5 and 6-8	Math
Zearn	Zearn Math, Grades 1-8	Math

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# Instructional Materials Review Update

Publisher	Title	Core Subject
Teaching Strategies LLC	<p>The Creative Curriculum for Family Childcare - ECE Ages 0-5</p> <p>Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers &amp; Twos, ECE Ages 0-3</p> <p>Teaching Strategies, LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, ECE Ages 3-5</p>	ECE

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# Google Updates and Additional Services

- Google Additional Services
  - [Consent re-confirmation for under 18 users accessing Additional Services will soon be required](#)
- [Gemini](#) and [NotebookLM](#)
  - Gemini and NotebookLM are now available for all K-12 students.
  - The default will now change to ON in the Admin console. Admins and Super Admins have the capability to change the status to OFF.
- Additional information:
  - [What's New in Google for Education](#)
  - [Additional product guide](#)

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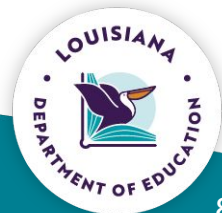
# Computer Science Technical Assistance Grant (CSTAG)

All public school and public charter K-12 school systems may apply for up to \$40,000 for computer science teacher training and technology support.

The [application process](#) for the 2026-2027 school year will open in October as part of SuperApp.

More information can be found on the [Computer Science](#) web page.

Please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions





# Computer Science Implementation Support Office Hours

The LDOE has resumed office hours to support school systems in computer science implementation. Office hours are held on the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

**Date and Time:** September 18, 10-11 a.m.

**Zoom Link:**

<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95001979102?pwd=MdiEa0Jk4nCN7FnZR7xiD3KlkCij9i.1>

**Meeting ID#:** 950 0197 9102

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# K-12 Computer Science Training for Teachers

## Ignite Initiative (K-5 Teachers)

- 24 hours of no-cost training on computational thinking, block programming, and cybersafety to prepare for computer science instruction

## Energize Project (6-12 Teachers)

- 40 hours of no-cost preparation for the Praxis (5652) Computer Science content exam for Computer Science certification add-on

Register online for virtual, hybrid, or in-person cohorts.

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# 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 **October 1**. Presenters will receive a discounted rate if accepted. Accepted proposals will be notified by **October 10**.
- Register Early: Early Bird registration closes on **November 7**.



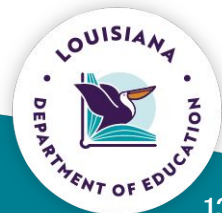
Please contact [lacue@lacue.org](mailto:lacue@lacue.org) with questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit

- **Hold the Date:** Teacher Leader Summit 2026 is May 26-28 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Early bird registration opens **February 16, 2026**.
- To better serve all educators, the College and Career Readiness team has joined forces with Teacher Leader Summit to bring you an even more comprehensive experience. Sessions that would normally be part of our Fast Forward Convention are now integrated into Summit, giving you access to all the great content from both events — now in one convenient location!
- The call for presentations opens **October 15 and closes December 5**. All potential speakers will know they are presenters before registration opens. Educators interested in presenting should attend the webinar on [October 15](#) at 1 p.m. or 4 p.m.

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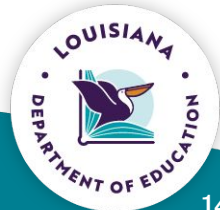


# Canvas LMS Pilot Upcoming Trainings

Instructure will be hosting a Louisiana-Specific Canvas Training Series.

- Join for weekly sessions through mid-October.
- Variety of topics to help your school system succeed.
- The [full training schedule](#) and [registration](#) are now available.
- Training sessions will also be recorded and available in November.
- Share with anyone who is interested.

Please contact [edtech@la.gov](mailto:edtech@la.gov) with questions.



# Technology Readiness Data Request

Under [\*\*\\$3921.2. Statewide Educational Technology Plan\*\*](#), school systems 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.

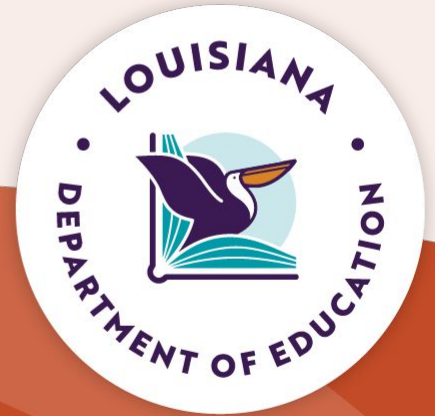
The Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) helps LDOE collect information about technology infrastructure across school systems and individual schools. TRT data will be used for the school system's digital footprint, supporting future technology planning.

The [\*\*2025 TRT Collection Form\*\*](#) is due on **November 1**. Please see the [\*\*2025 TRT Collection Instructions\*\*](#) for a step-by-step submission guide and resources.

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# ADA Compliance





# ADA Accessibility Standards

On April 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice finalized a rule under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act requiring state and local governments including school systems to ensure their websites and mobile apps meet **WCAG 2.1 Level AA** accessibility standards by **April 24, 2026** for larger school systems and **April 26, 2027** for smaller school systems based on parish population.

## Additional Resources:

- [Fact Sheet: New Rule on the Accessibility of Web Content and Mobile](#)
- [Apps Provided by State and Local Governments | ADA.gov](#)
- [The Louisiana Office of Technology Accessibility Guidance](#)

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# EdLink Security



# PLP 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**).
- School systems 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.

Contact the [LDOE Data System Support Portal](#) for assistance.



# New Applications

## CANS - DCFS Child Abuse and Neglect Clearance System

Users who are authenticated through Edlink to use the CANS system will have the ability to request and receive results on whether or not individuals are listed on the State Central Registry as perpetrators of certain substantiated abuse or neglect cases that were initiated after 8/1/18. This is in accordance with Act 409 of the 2025 legislative session.

CANS Access: This role is for PK-12 Public and Non-public School Administrative Staff and contains PII.

Refer to the [Security Coordinator Guide](#)  
for more information.



# New Roles

**EdLink Ops - AFR Business Manager:** This role allows the user to Submit Annual Financial Report for School System or School Site.

- If submitting AFR for the school system, the user should request access through the school system location code.
- If submitting AFR for a school, the user should request access through the local location code.
- Do not request this role through the Central Office local code.

**LEP - Public Certification Admin:** This role is for school system-level HR staff who are designated to sign certification packets.

Refer to the [Security Coordinator Guide](#) for more information.

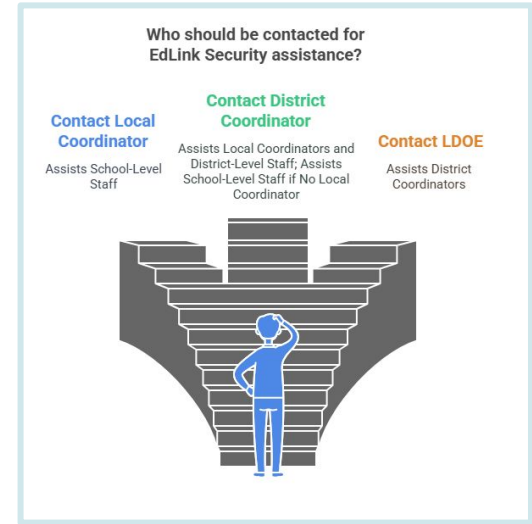


# EdLink Security Troubleshooting Guide

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



Refer to the [Security Coordinator Guide](#) for more information.



# 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 Portal](#)



# 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**.
- School systems should submit staff's **school system 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.

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# E-Rate Program Updates



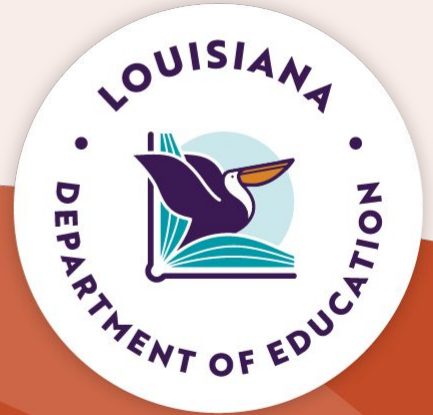
# Cybersecurity Pilot Program

- Cybersecurity Pilot
  - 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.
- E-Rate Upcoming Dates
  - **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.

Contact [ERate@la.gov](mailto:ERate@la.gov) with questions.



# Cybersecurity



# Technology and Security Contacts

Please ensure that OTS has the correct information for all school system security contacts. This includes:

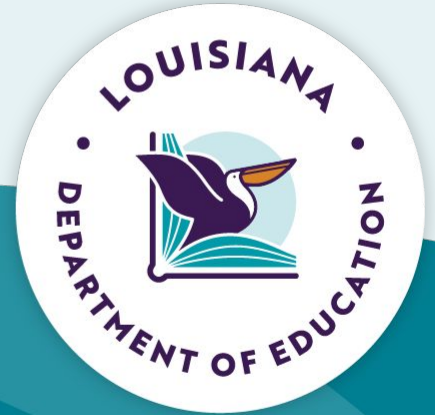
- Name
- Title
- Work Phone
- Work Email
- Cell Phone Number

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

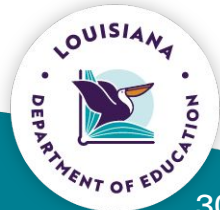
Slides from each meeting will be posted on the [Educational Technology Leaders website](#). Recordings are available on request. A [complete calendar](#) of LDOE events can be found on the Louisiana Believes website.

## Future Monthly Call Dates

- 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	<a href="https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNlN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09">https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNlN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09</a>
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	<a href="#"><u>September 16, 23, and 30 at 11 a.m.</u></a>
Data Coordinator Webinar	<a href="#"><u>September 11 at 1 p.m.</u></a>
Assessment and Accountability	<a href="#"><u>September 16 at 3 p.m.</u></a>
Teaching and Learning	<a href="#"><u>September 25 at 1 p.m.</u></a>
School System Leader Call	<a href="#"><u>October 3 at 9 a.m.</u></a>

View our [School System Support Calendar](#) for full schedule.



# Key Deadlines & Upcoming Webinars

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 16, 23, and 30, 11 a.m.: <a href="#">EdLink Weekly Q&amp;A Session</a></li><li>• September 11, 1 p.m.: <a href="#">Data Coordinator Webinar</a></li><li>• <b>September 15: <a href="#">Cybersecurity Form 471 window closes</a></b></li><li>• <b>September 15: Deadline for filing Form 484 Part 2</b></li><li>• September 18, 10 a.m.: <a href="#">Computer Science Implementation Support Office Hours</a></li><li>• September 25, 1 p.m.: <a href="#">Teaching and Learning Call</a></li></ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 1: LACUE <a href="#">presentation proposals</a> due</li><li>• October 3, 9 a.m.: <a href="#">School System Leader Call</a></li><li>• October 9, 9 a.m.: <a href="#">EdTech Monthly Call</a></li><li>• October 15, 1p.m or 4 p.m. : <a href="#">Teacher Leader Summit 2026 Call for Presenters</a></li><li>• <b>October 29: First Form 486 deadline for FY 2025 funded in Waves 1-10</b></li><li>• <b>October 31: Wave 11 deadline with subsequent Form 486</b></li></ul>
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