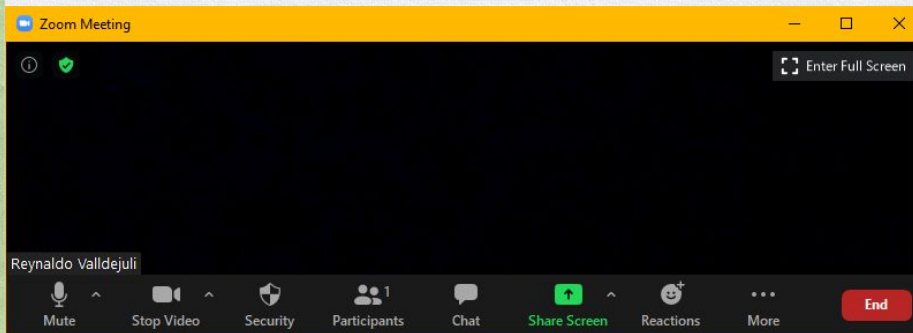


Zoom Meeting Preparation

- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Mute.”
- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Stop Video.”
- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.



NOTICE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance at this meeting please contact Idoecommunications@la.gov.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Office of Career and College
Readiness Office Hours
April 29, 2021**

Office Hours Norms

Participants may submit questions **via the online chat feature**.

Submitting questions via the chat allows CCR the opportunity to not only answer your question while on the call but to also add your question and the answer to our publicly disseminated FAQ document(s).

This will be time for participants to ask questions about any program in the 4 work streams of the Office of Career and College Readiness. Those items are listed in the agenda.

Career and College Readiness

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Pathway Initiatives and Readiness Support



School Guidelines Updates

UPDATED MASK GUIDELINES

MANDATED FOR:

- K-12 SCHOOLS
- COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- PUBLIC TRANSIT
- MANY STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

AS REQUIRED:

- PRIVATE BUSINESSES
- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Masks are still encouraged to lower your risk for COVID-19.

Graduation Ceremony Guidance



The Office of State Fire Marshal released [guidance for graduation ceremonies](#) on April 27. This guidance includes the following general revisions:

The capacity for any graduation ceremony shall be subject to the following per 79-JBE-2021:

- **75% capacity** of the fixed spectator seating as well as 75% of the net occupiable floor areas of the venue as defined by 1 person per every 20 square feet when all attendees and participants *are NOT required to wear face coverings for the entirety of the ceremony.*

OR

- **100% capacity**, with no social distancing, when all attendees and participants *are required to wear face coverings for the entirety of the ceremony*

CHNOLA Town Hall Updates

Date	Time	Link
Wednesday, May 12	5:30- 6:30 PM	Registration Link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VXHXmVCESauxQykj0XKNnQ

Dual Enrollment Admissions Policy Webinar

The Board of Regents (BoR) and LDOE will host a webinar for updates related to dual enrollment. This webinar will include information on the academic dual enrollment eligibility policy for the upcoming academic year, general updates related to the statewide Dual Enrollment Task Force and an opportunity for questions and answers with the BoR and LDOE.

The webinar is scheduled for May 6 at 9 a.m.

[Please register here for the webinar.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please contact dualenrollment@laregents.edu with any questions.

AP[®] Summer Institute Virtual Guide

The department has released a guide to [Advanced Placement[®] Virtual Summer Institutes for 2021](#). This guide includes details on dates, partner institutions and registration links for school systems to use to plan for professional development for Advanced Placement teachers.

Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

AP[®] Exam Updates

- **AP Digital Testing Guide** – Please download and review version 2.0 of the [AP Digital Testing Guide](#), which includes April 8 updates. The guide has been updated with expanded information about required pre-exam steps, new dashboards to help educators track student readiness for digital exams, exam day instructions for proctors, and more.
- **Four Steps to Take Digital AP Exams** - All students taking digital AP Exams need to complete [four steps to get ready to test](#). This month, students should take two key steps to get ready for digital AP Exams:
 - Step 1: Download and install the 2021 AP digital testing application and log in.
 - Step 2: Practice with example questions in the app.

AP[®] Exam Updates

April 30 (11:59 p.m. ET) is the deadline to indicate fee reduction status for eligible students in AP Registration and Ordering if you ordered exams. See the [2020-21 AP Coordinator's Manual, Part 1](#) for details about the AP fee reduction policy.

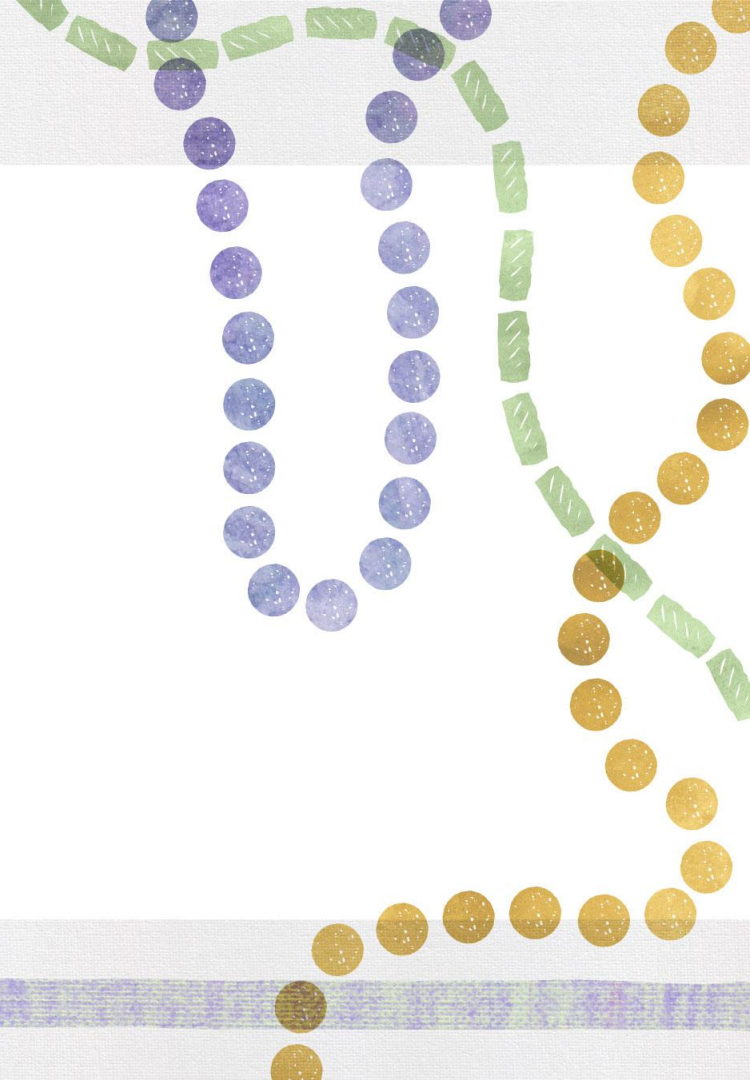
Believe to Achieve: Louisiana ACT[®] NOW

The [Louisiana ACT[®] NOW](#) program provides funding to purchase pre-billed ACT test vouchers for eligible students in grades 12 and 10. To receive reimbursement for vouchers, school systems shall submit a [completed application](#) that includes specific programmatic, physical and accountability assurances. Vouchers purchased from ACT can be used for any test administrations in Summer or Fall 2021.

The cost of vouchers for ACT without writing is \$55 per student.

Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

Postsecondary Readiness



Financial Aid Planning

The FAFSA is the form for state and federal financial aid for postsecondary endeavors. **As a requirement of the IGP planning process throughout high school, every senior, as a requirement for graduation, must complete a FAFSA or have a waiver in place.** We are currently ranked second nationally. If you would like your school's rate you can visit the LOSFA [Compete to Complete](#) site, contact us or ask your System Relations staff.

Any waivers issued for the Financial Aid Planning graduation requirement will be reviewed during the graduation cohort verification process and must be present for students to count in the cohort graduation rate.

For assistance with financial aid planning, please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov.

Jump Start Construction Scholars Program

The Louisiana Construction Education Foundation, Louisiana's Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and the Louisiana Department of Education are collecting [2020-2021 Jump Start Construction Connect Scholars Program Applications](#).

Scholarship Award

The Jump Start Construction Scholars program will provide up to 40 one-time scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to students graduating from high school with a Jump Start Diploma and NCCER Credential planning to enroll in an LCTCS program or an Associated Builders and Contractors training program. The application deadline has been extended to May 10.

For more information, please contact megan.thompson2@la.gov.

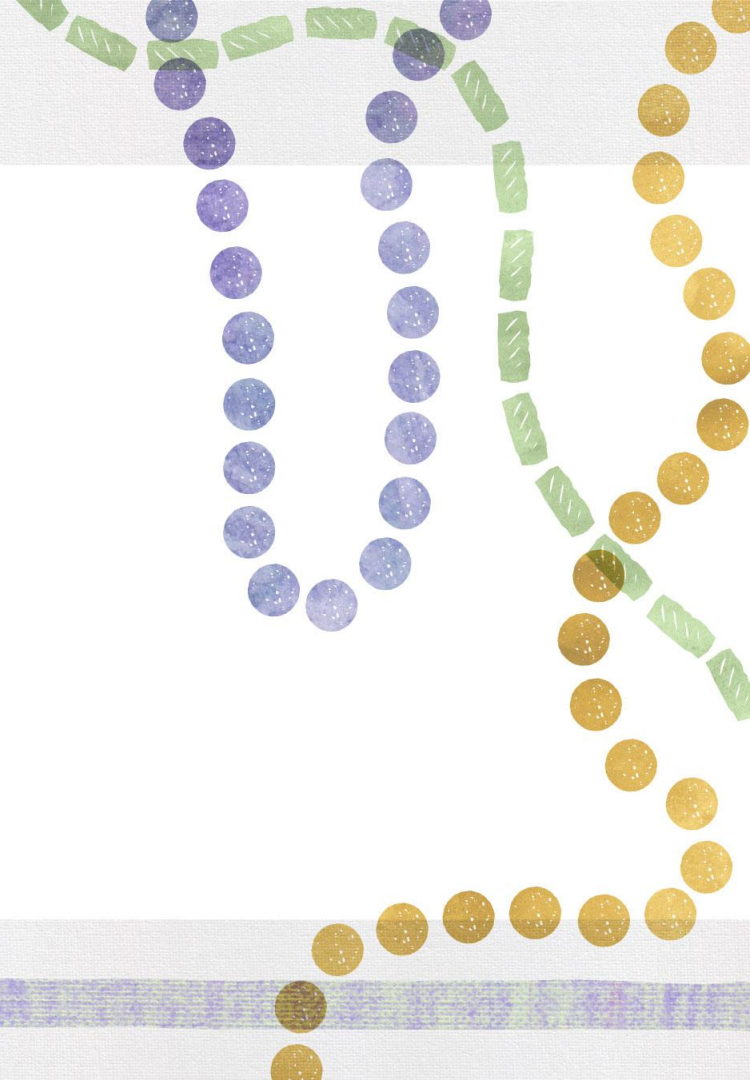
Bulletin 741 Changes

Per Bulletin 741 policy, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year students may earn a maximum of seven credit recovery units that may be applied towards diploma graduation requirements and no more than two Carnegie units annually. The school system must annually report to LDE the rationale for any student who exceeds these numbers on the [Credit Recovery Policy Reporting Form](#).

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, graduating seniors must finalize Individual Graduation Plans (IGP) with the school counselor. Further, prior to being awarded a diploma from the school system, all academic records must be uploaded to the state student transcript system (STS) with a graduation date posted.

Please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov with any questions.

Quality Diplomas



Super Summer Institute

The dynamic [2021 Jump Start Super Summer Institute Catalogue](#) provides a list of professional development and training opportunities available this summer. This list will be released in next week's newsletter. It is not comprehensive and will continue to be updated as additional training options are confirmed.

Recently added training opportunities include: Adobe, CIW, Project Lead the Way, Xavier, LSU, NCCER online test training and Meat Processing.

Registration costs are paid directly to the provider. Carl Perkins and Career Development Funds are eligible funding sources for registration. Schools systems can submit training opportunities and/or training requests to jumpstart@la.gov for review.

Please email jumpstart@la.gov for more information

NCCER Online Testing Webinar

NCCER will move to online only testing beginning August 1. An informational NCCER online testing webinar is [scheduled](#) for May 10 at 3:00 pm.

This webinar will include information on the testing system requirements, reporting features, NCCER testing support, curriculum proctor, and purchasing tests.

For more information, please contact troy.borne@la.gov.

Moderated Question and Answer

Please submit any questions related to the following in the chat box:

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Helpful Information



Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#).

Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

highschoolacademics@la.gov	General questions about the office and about graduation requirements
ldefinancialaid@la.gov	Questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion
SCA@la.gov	Questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice
jumpstart@la.gov	Questions related to Jump Start
PPP@la.gov	Questions related to pupil progression
collegereadiness@la.gov	Questions related to dual enrollment or Advanced Placement