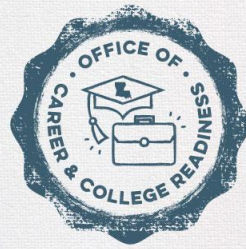


LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Office of Career and College
Readiness Office Hours
January 28, 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

PATHWAY INITIATIVES AND READINESS SUPPORT

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FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

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QUALITY DIPLOMAS

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POST-SECONDARY READINESS

- Fast Forward, Extension Academy, Diploma Orders, Community Service Diploma Endorsement, April Dunn Jump Start Pathways, Jump Start Summers, Financial Aid Planning, Gifted and Talented Programming, Student of the Year, U.S Senate Youth Program, Credit Recovery, Course Codes, Proficiency Exams,

Transcripts

Pathway Initiatives and Readiness Support



Louisiana Department of Health COVID Vaccine Update for School Systems

LDH has been working closely with the public and private sector in making vaccines available at locations in both urban and rural communities within the state. There are still many unknowns about the quantities of vaccines that will come to Louisiana and the timing of those deliveries.

At this time, each school system should consider devising a vaccine distribution plan in order to ensure that all school systems have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and information about the vaccine.

In order to be ready when the state reaching Phase 1B, Tier 2 school systems could:

- 1) Coordinate with a vaccination partner such as a hospital, clinic, pharmacy, Public Health Office, or other entity.
- 2) Identify the total number of vaccinations that will be needed for your school system.

As a courtesy, LDOE will pass your information along to LDH when you have secured a partner and a number of vaccines needed. This information can be shared at LDOECOVID19support@la.gov.

BinaxNOW Rapid Tests

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits available upon request for school systems to access.

- If you are in need of a CLIA Waived Certificate Number or a community provider, please email Arundhati.Bakshi@la.gov

School systems that would like to request BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits are encouraged to [complete this survey](#) . **All requests will be sent via mail to the address provided.**

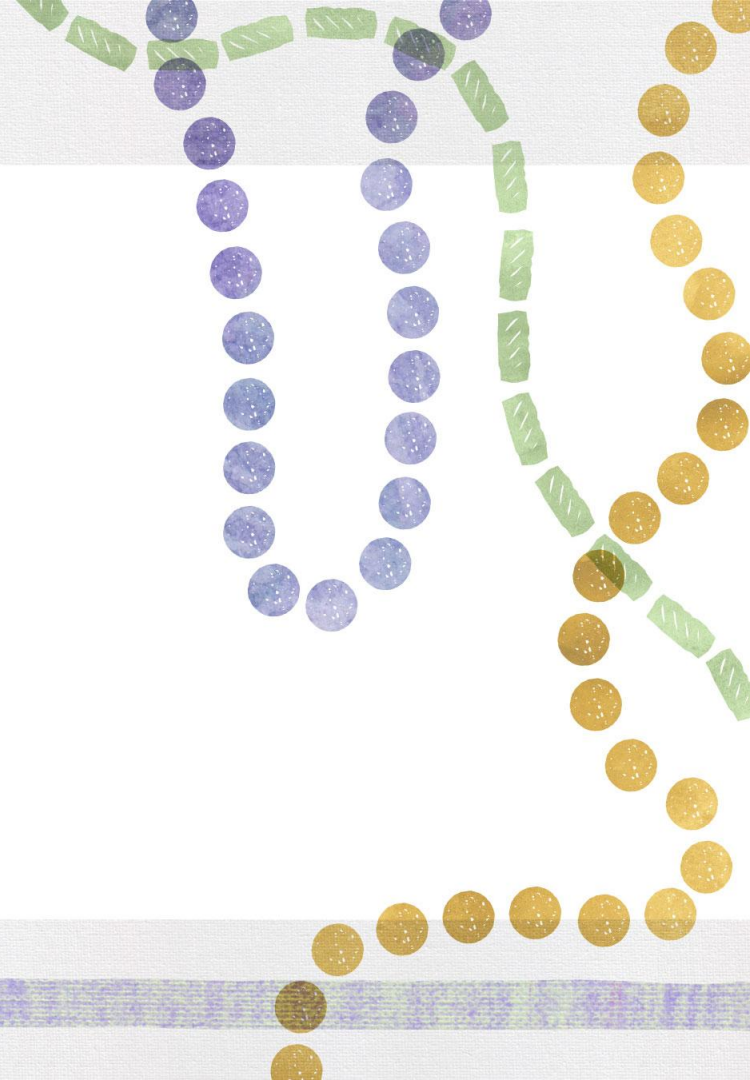
Additional information can be found in the [LDOE BinaxNOW FAQ Document](#).

Please email LDOECOVID19support@la.gov for any questions.

CHNOLA Town Hall Updates

Date	Time	Link
February 10, 2021	1-2 PM	Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8WEMQdoR5yoMFVEhNVsUw
February 24, 2021	1-2 PM	Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8WEMQdoR5yoMFVEhNVsUw

Postsecondary Readiness



Fast Forward

The [Fast Forward grant opportunity](#) is intended to fund a lead regional secondary school system in each Regional Labor Market Area to serve as the fiscal agent for a \$50,000 planning grant (\$25,000 Louisiana Department of Education/\$25,000 Board of Regents).

The grant awardee would facilitate the design of a regional Associate Degree and/or fully immersed internship program framework for universal adoption.

These programs will allow students to earn either a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma or a TOPS University Diploma while dually earning an associate degree or participating in a Louisiana Workforce Commission recognized pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship that either prepares graduates for career or continuing postsecondary education. Additional [information and resources](#) are available on the LDOE website.

For more information contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov.

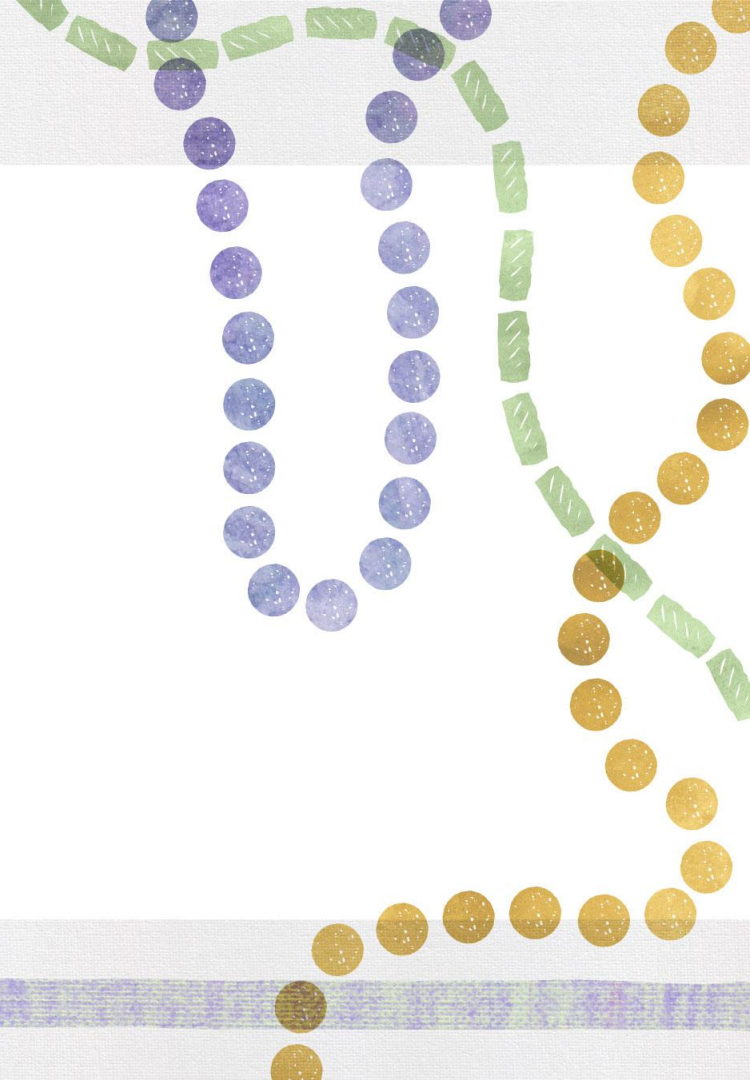
Financial Aid Planning

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.

The FAFSA is the form for state and federal financial aid for postsecondary endeavors. We are currently ranked at number 17 nationally in FAFSA completion. Waivers will be checked during the verification process and must be present for students to count in the cohort graduation rate.

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

Foundational Skills



2021 Virtual Spring Counselor Institutes

The 2021 Virtual Spring Counselor Institutes are scheduled to take place during [National School Counseling Week](#), which is February 1 through 5. Please encourage your school counselors to register for one of the following sessions.

- [February 2 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- [February 3 at 1:30 p.m.](#)

Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information contact leslie.gilliland@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