



LOUISIANA 
SCHOOL COUNSELORS



**Spring 2024
Counselor Institutes**

(February 27 - 29, 2024)





Welcome from the LDOE

Agenda

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- Counselor Evaluation Feedback
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2024 Counseling Week

[National School Counseling Week 2024](#) (#NSCW24) was Feb. 5-9, 2024 with a focus of public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems.



Stickers – Kids love stickers.

Let them proudly display their support of your program with "I heart my school counselor" or "My School Counselor Helps Me Succeed" stickers. Order "I Heart My School Counselor" or "My School Counselor Helps Me Succeed." Stickers can be purchased at the [ASCA Bookstore](#).



National School Counseling Week

(WVLT Tennessee 2023, 2:18)

LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

JOIN LSCA !!



LSCA is a professional counseling organization in Louisiana comprised of public and private K-12 and postsecondary schools. We allow school counselors on all levels to establish and improve the standards of school counseling as a profession. Through collaboration with the State Department of Education, LSCA focuses on issues related to school counseling.

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Development of the Proposed Louisiana Counselor Rubric

School counselors, like professionals in any field, require evaluation tools that are comprehensive, relevant, and supportive of their unique roles and responsibilities.

Below are the primary sources referenced during the development of this tool.

- American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
- NIET Principal Standards Rubric (used to develop the framework and evidence collection procedures)

The Proposed Louisiana Counselor Rubric

School Counseling Program Vision & Strategic Goal Setting	Student Services	Leadership, Advocacy, and Reflection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development and Communication of Vision ● Goal Setting, Action Planning, and Monitoring ● Expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Support and Data Collection ● Meeting Student Needs ● Organization and Management of Time and Student Records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership and Advocacy ● Reflective Practice
Professionalism and Integrity	School and Community Engagement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Behavior ● Integrity ● Confidentiality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaboration with School Personnel ● Collaboration with All Stakeholders 	

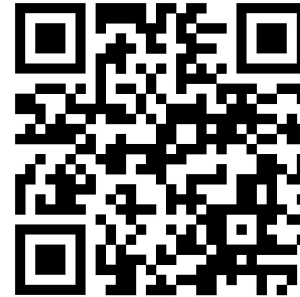
Counselor Evaluation Feedback

Please take time to thoroughly review the proposed [Louisiana Counselor Rubric](#) and provide feedback by March 11.

Rubric



Feedback



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FAFSA Updates

The opportunity to receive 'Financial Aid Planning' is a graduation requirement.

- **Tips for navigating the newly revised FAFSA:**
 - Ensure personal information is correct on FSA ID (missing address)
 - Answer no to completing the FAFSA for unsub only question(yes will not ask for parent info and delay processing. Students will need to complete a correction to add parent info).
 - Student or parent signature not applying to the submitted application. (correction needed to fix)
 - Parents without SSN are having issues with creating FSA ID. U.S. DOE is still working on it.
 - [2024-2025 FAFSA Issue Alert page](#). Please checkout for the most up to date issues.

Data is sent to those on the Counselor Connect list bi-weekly or visit the LOSFA [Compete to Complete](#) site.

FAFSA Updates

Students will receive the following email with their submission date.

Barrye Bailey,



We received your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

Submission date: **January 04, 2024**

FAFSA Updates

Submission status can be found in the “My Activity” section of the FAFSA portal.

My Activity

Open

2024–25 FAFSA® Form

 In Review

Submitted: 01/04/2024

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Middle School Counselors

- Incorporating middle school students in college and career exploration
 - Develop tangible ways for middle school students to evaluate their post secondary plans (Ex. career development interest surveys)
- Individual Graduation Plans
- Becoming more active and involved in the Counselor Institute

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Fast Forward

Fast Forward is a program that will allow students to earn either a Jump Start 2.0 Diploma or a TOPS University Diploma while dually earning an associate degree or participating in a BESE-approved registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship that either prepares graduates for career or continuing postsecondary education.

- Career and Technical Certificate (CTC)
- Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS)
- Technical Diploma (TD)
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate of Science (AS)

Expanding Access to Fast Forward

Students who earn the following IBCs: CTC, CTS, or TD from a post-secondary institution satisfy the pathways graduation requirement. Earning one of these IBCs allows the student to obtain credentials that can be used as multiple exit points and earn multiple IBCs.

The purpose of fully stackable and credentialled pathways is to create both an exit point (with awarded credential - IBC) from CTC through TD up to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS).

Apprenticeship

- Registered Apprenticeship benefits employers by providing them with a pipeline of skilled workers with industry-specific training and hands on experience.
- Recruit and develop a highly-skilled workforce that helps grow their business
- Improve productivity, profitability, and an employer's bottom line
- Create flexible training options that ensure workers develop the right skills
- Minimize liability costs through appropriate training of workers
- Increase retention of workers, during and following the apprenticeship
- Louisiana is a workforce state. As experts in the field get closer to retirement age, there is a great need to prepare new individuals.
- Louisiana has 55 available workers for every 100 open jobs (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)



Apprenticeship Opportunities

- Department of Education is looking to expand Apprenticeship opportunities
- Students would participate in programs during their junior and senior years of high school
- Support of students to fully participate in the program
- Increase the workforce in high demand fields
- Students are able to begin earning hours towards their apprenticeship in high school

Louisiana RS 23:161

Minors; prohibited employment

- [Revised Statute 23:161](#) allows minors to work as apprentices in a registered apprenticeship program with the Louisiana Workforce Commission.
- Exceptions of industry employment are listed in the attached document along with the full RS 23:161 Employment Privileges and Restrictions.
- This statute allows students to participate in a Registered Apprenticeship at age 16 (at provider discretion).

Industry Partnerships

- United Association
 - New Orleans Pipe-Trades J A C Local 60
 - Alexandria Pipe-Trades J A C
- Social, Education & Athletic Club Inc.
- The 1881 Institute
- Operation Spark
- Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contract
- LaShip
- Iron Worker, Rigged, and Rodmen Local 58

School Systems Participation

- Jefferson Parish (Region 1)
- Collegiate Academies (Region 1)
- Lafourche Parish (Region 3)
- Lafayette Parish (Region 4)
- Vernon Parish (Region 5)
- Caddo Parish (Region 7)
- Bossier Parish (Region 7)

Funding Allocation Usage

Funding should be used for the following:

- Tuition/Cost of Instruction
- Materials/Equipment
- Transportation
- Stipend
- Instruction Cost
- Additional items as requested and approved by LDOE

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Purple Star School Award

Schools are labeled a *Purple Star School* if it has exhibited a major commitment to military-connected students and families by meeting a series of requirements, including, but not limited to:

- a designated military liaison
- maintaining a dedicated web presence for military families
- maintain a student led program for families
- adopt a resolution supporting a commitment to military families

Please see the Purple Star School Award page on the LDOE website for detailed information.

Military Remote Registration

The dependent child of an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the military reserves, the National Guard, or a Dept. of Defense civilian is allowed to register and preliminary enroll by remote means prior to becoming a Louisiana resident if:

- The parent/legal guardian is transferred or pending transfer
- The parent/legal guardian provides a copy of the official military order
- The parent/legal guardian submits all required registration and enrollment forms and documentation, except the proof of residency

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Email questions to the Military Recruiters

Military Careers

(Examples of military occupations)

- Mechanics & Engineering
- Science & Medicine
- Signal & Intelligence
- Support & Logistics
- Ground Forces
- Aviation & Aerial Defense
- Admin & Relations
- Cyber & Technology
- JAG/Legal
- Healthcare
- Linguistics
- Transportation

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Louisiana 
SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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Questions and Feedback

