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Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

November 21, 2024



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent

Attendance & Student Support: Angela Jordan, Executive Director

 Attendance, Child Welfare and Attendance, Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guides, Counselor Connect Newsletter, Pupil Progression Plans, Alternative Education, PBIS, Discipline

Business & Industry Partnerships: Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director

 Business and industry outreach, assisting school systems with opportunities with business and industry, Extension Academy, Diploma Orders, Community Service Diploma Endorsement, April Dunn Jump Start Pathways, Financial Aid Planning, U.S. Senate Youth Program, Credit Recovery, Proficiency Exams, Transcripts

Fast Forward: Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director

 Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Jump Start Summers, Super Summer Institute, CTTIE, Career Development Fund, Quest for Success, Supplemental Course Academy, U.S. Presidential Scholar, Advanced Coursework: AP, Dual Enrollment, IB and CLEP Testing, Graduation Requirements

Safe and Healthy Schools: Michael Comeaux, Executive Director

 AWARE grants, School Social Work, School Health Profiles, Health & PE, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant, and School Safety



Attendance and Student Support

Angela Jordan, Executive Director



Fall 2024 Counselor Institute Presentation

Thank you to all who attended the Fall 2024 Counselor Institute sessions!

We hope you benefited from the Accountability and Counselor Rubric presentations! The <u>presentation</u> is available for your review. Feel free to share with colleagues as you deem appropriate.

Dates for the Spring 2025 Counselor Institutes will be released at a later date.



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Internship Funding Deadline

HB 1 Provides \$1000 per internship course for qualified students. School systems accessing this funding must report student enrollment in the SCA portal in the LDOE Internship course and turn in evidence on the DFTP that all conditions for funding have been met. Visit the Funding for Internships 2024-2025 page for details.

Deadlines:

- November 28 for Fall enrollments
- March 7 for Spring enrollments

Funding may only be spent on costs associated with the student internships.



Financial Aid Planning

The U.S. Department of Education has revamped the FAFSA application. The 2025-2026 application will open on or before December 1, 2024.

Students and families should begin creating and/ or resetting username and passwords (FSA IDs) well in advance of the opening date.

Visit the <u>TOPS</u> application on the LOSFA website (if you want TOPS only).

Please reach out to LOSFA or LELA for FAFSA completion assistance.



Community Service Diploma Seal

Students can work towards earning the Community Service Endorsement by completing and documenting 80 service hours prior to graduation. Please refer students to the Community Service Opportunities Document for ways they can volunteer in their community.



Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



SAVE THE DATE - 2025 Fast Forward Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit

Registration is now open for the 2025 Fast Forward Convention and Child Welfare and Attendance Summit. This one-day event will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the Cajundome and Convention Center in Lafayette, LA.

This year's conference will provide professional development opportunities around career and technical education, workforce readiness, and child welfare and attendance.



2025 Louisiana ACT Summit

Registration is currently open for the <u>2025 Louisiana ACT Summit</u>. This engaging event is designed to help your team navigate challenges and celebrate achievements. The event will provide attendees with opportunity to gain new perspectives, expand their knowledge, and find solutions to problems facing the education and workforce landscape.

- When: February 6; 8:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- Where: Pennington Biomedical Research Facility (Baton Rouge)
- Cost: \$130-\$150 (depending on membership type)



ACT Discount on Question & Answer Key

ACT Test Information Release (TIR) is offering a discount of \$9 for ordering a copy of individual student answers along with the questions and correct answers from the test. This discount is for the December national testing date. This opportunity is only offered three tests a year.

- Deadline: November 22; 11:59 p.m.
- **Discount Code: TIRGIFT**



Spring 2025 Federal Grants Management Training

Registration is open for the virtual Federal Grants Management Training held by the BruMan Group on behalf of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS). The Federal Grant Management exam will be administered after the training.

- **Deadline to register:** February 28
- **When:** March 19 20
- Where: Virtual
- Audience: all programmatic and fiscal personnel



College Board Updates and Deadlines

Deadlines and Reminders:

- January 24: Deadline to submit accommodations requests to Services for Students with Disabilities.
- January 31: The final deadline to submit AP Course Audit Materials for Course Authorization and Renewal.
- March 14: Deadline for AP coordinators to submit final updates for AP Exam Orders.
- Please check out the <u>AP One Pager</u> for more information on test dates, resources, and common links.

Updates and Events:

- Weekly Office Hours
 - Webinar Date and Time: Tuesdays; 10 a.m.
 - Webinar ID (Teams): 232 293 189 414
 - Passcode: 7VQcYk



Become an AP Reader

The College Board is currently <u>accepting applications</u> to become an AP reader for the 2025 AP exams.

- <u>AP Readers</u> score student responses in person at Reading Sites or from home in June.
- All current, AP course authorized high school teachers who are actively teaching their AP subject are welcome to apply regardless of years of experience.
- AP Readers are compensated at a rate of \$30/hour for their work. Priority will be given to those who submit applications in November.

Safe and Healthy Schools

Michael Comeaux, Executive Director



Special Transportation Training Opportunity

Register for Child Passenger Safety on School Bus Training

- School systems may register 4 participants for a session.
- School systems are asked to send one transportation administrator, special education administration, occupational therapist and physical therapist.
- Sessions are limited to 20 registrants per session and will be closed when maximum capacity is reached.
- All sessions will be held from 8 a.m. 4 p.m.



Medicaid Eligibility Matching

<u>Instructions to Download Medicaid Files from eScholar and locate Medicaid ID number</u>

Only DirectMatch district authorized users can access the <u>eScholar DirectMatch</u> application.

District Direct Match data managers will be able to download the matched records using the instructions below.

- The download files will have Student PII, LASID, and Medicaid ID.
- Student first, last and middle name (if given), DOB, SSN (if it is available in eScholar and valid on LDH file), and gender were used in the matching criteria to provide the student Medicaid number.

Awards/Recognition



Purple Star School

This award shows recognition to schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces.

To earn the recognition, schools shall engage in the following activities:

- Designate a staff member to serve as a military liaison and engage in the following:
- Serve as the primary point of contact for military connected students and families
- Work to identify special considerations needed by military-connected students and families
- Develop training to inform teachers and other school personnel of those special considerations
- Create a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military-connected students and families
- Create a student-led transition program to provide peer support for military-connected students

Other criteria and information can be found by visiting the <u>LDOE Awards page</u>.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness **Monthly Calls**

Child Welfare and Attendance	December 5 at 8 a.m.
Alternative Education	December 12 at 10 a.m.
Office of Career and College Readiness	December 19 at 3 p.m.
Safe and Healthy Schools	No December call scheduled



Helpful Information

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the <u>LDOE Weekly Newsletter</u> and <u>School System Support Calendar</u>. Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

Graduation Requirements; Dual Enrollment; Advanced Placement; General Information	highschoolacademics@la.gov
Jump Start 2.0	jumpstart@la.gov
Financial Aid; FAFSA Assistance	ldefinancialaid@la.gov
Course Choice / SCA	SCA@la.gov
Healthy Schools	healthyschools@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov

Questions?

