



Educational Technology Monthly Call

October 12, 2023

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Agenda

- [Digital Learning Updates](#)
- [Cybersecurity](#)
- [Emergency Connectivity Fund, E-Rate, and ACP](#)
- [Important Reminders and Other Information](#)

Suggested participants
for this call:

- Chief Technology Officers
- Information Technology Staff
- E-Rate Coordinators
- Privacy Coordinators
- Digital or Virtual Learning Staff



Digital Learning Updates



IN THE FUTURE



Computer Science Updates

In accordance with [Louisiana Act 541 \(2022\)](#), the Computer Science Education Advisory Commission (CSEAC) report provides recommendations for the development and implementation of a state action plan for the delivery of education in computer science in all public schools.

CSEAC completed its last meeting July 25, and their report will be shared with the [State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) (BESE) on October 10-11. To learn more about the work of CSEAC, please visit the [Computer Science](#) web page.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



Computer Science Education Week

CSEd Week is coming December 4-8!

The Department is working on a list of activities that will be shared on the [STEM Initiative website](#) on November 6. Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Day	Theme
Monday	Cybersecurity and Cybersafety
Tuesday	Computer Science career exploration
Wednesday	Computer Coding
Thursday	Responsible Social media awareness and usage
Friday	Applying Computer Science to your students' interests



Cybersecurity Awareness and Digital Citizenship Resources

Cybersecurity Awareness Month and Digital Citizenship Week

The month of October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month and October 16-22 is Digital Citizenship Week. The Department is releasing a suite of resources to support teachers and students in this initiative. Resources are available on our [Digital Learning](#) web page.

- [Digital Citizenship Teacher Guide](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Student Guide \(Elementary\)](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Student Guide \(Secondary\)](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Parent Guide](#)
- [Cybersecurity for Students](#)

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.



Technology Readiness (TRT) Data Request

- All school systems are asked to submit their [Technology Readiness Data](#) by November 15th. School Systems have 2 options to submit data:

Option 1: Submit via the [Technology Readiness Data](#) Jot Form.

- Enter the device data and network data on one form.
- Enter the device data for all schools in your school system on a separate row under School System Device Data. Add additional rows by clicking the “+Add Row” button.

Option 2: Submit by entering the data into the TRT Excel file which can be found on the [Digital Learning website](#) and e-mailing the file to edtech@la.gov.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with any questions.

Kami for Louisiana

- Every K-12 school system teachers and students will have access to the premium version of Kami for the 2024-2025 school year at zero cost to the school system.
- Onboarding and early adopters initiatives starting October/November.
- A form will be given out at the November EdTech Monthly Call for school systems to enter information for their domain.
- Official license kick off will at Teacher Leader Summit 2024.
- Intensive professional development over the summer and will also be available at the school system level upon request.
- Kami will be at LACUE to answer questions and provide professional development.

Please contact meagan.wiethorn@kamiapp.com with any questions.

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Cybersecurity

November Monthly Call

- Matthew McKey from the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will attend our November EdTech Monthly Call to discuss GOHSEP's cybersecurity supports.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with any questions.

Cyber Advisories

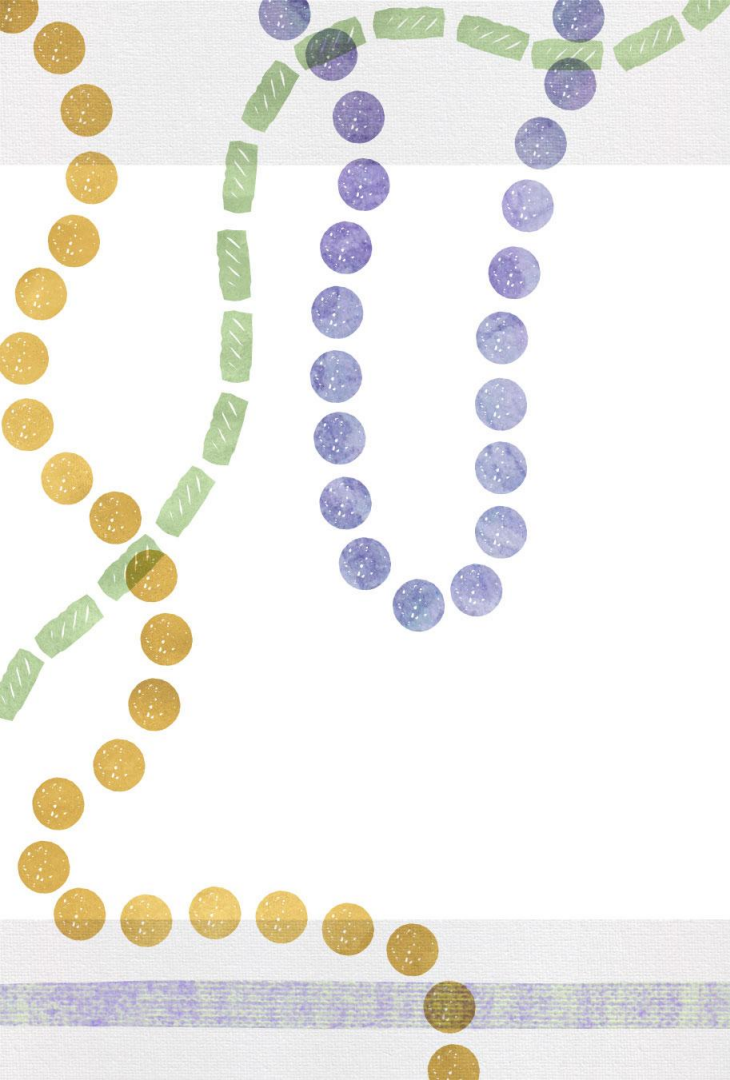
CIS Advisories:

The advisories below are currently being exploited in the wild. Please apply appropriate updates provided by the software and/or system vendor.

- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-118: [A Vulnerability in Apple Products Could Allow for Privilege Escalation](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-117: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Google Android OS Could Allow for Remote Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-116: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Progress WS FTP Server Could Allow for Remote Command Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-115: [A Vulnerability in Atlassian Confluence Server and Data Center Could Allow for Privilege Escalation](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-112: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Google Chrome Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-110: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Apple Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)

A complete list of all Advisories available [here](#).

Please contact edtech@la.gov with any questions.



E-Rate and Emergency Connectivity Fund

Louisiana Fall Face-to-Face E-Rate Training

- The Department is partnering with E-Rate Professional Services to host two face-to-face E-Rate trainings for newbies and those who have been filing for a number of years.
 - Location: Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge
 - Dates: November 14th, December 15th
- Session registration links will be posted in LDOE's Newsletter starting next week and we will send out emails to all contacts. If your contact information is not up-to-date please update it [here](#). You may also email edtech@la.gov to ensure registration.
- Links to the agenda will also be included in the Newsletter posting.

Note: there is a lot of new information to share, so please consider registering.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with any questions.

USDA Lowers CEP's ISP Threshold to 25%

The U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has finalized its new rules reducing the school eligibility threshold for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision ("CEP") program from an Identified Student Percentage ("ISP") of 40% to 25%. This will permit more schools (or groups of schools) to adopt CEP and provide free meals to all their students.

Under the USDA's rules, which take effect October 26th, CEP eligibility must be established by April 1 prior to the first school year of CEP participation. This means that the new CEP designation would not be available until the 2024-2025 school year. Several states have already applied for waivers to receive earlier implementation.

For E-rate discount rate purposes, NSLP percentages under CEP will still be calculated using the 1.6x ISP multiplier. This means that CEP schools at the new 25% threshold level would have an NSLP percentage of 40% and a discount rate of 60% (urban) or 70% (rural).

E-Rate Systems Consolidation Transition Dates

USAC is consolidating its E-Rate SL Legacy systems into the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC). All E-Rate invoicing related forms – the FCC Forms 472 (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)), 473 (Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC)), and 474 (Service Provider Invoice (SPI) and (eSPI)) – will be moved into EPC as part of this consolidation effort. System cutover from the SL Legacy systems into EPC is expected to occur between October 30, 2023 and November 7, 2023.

Access to EPC will be unavailable for all users between October 30, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. and November 7, 2023.

Be sure to request an invoice deadline extension if you believe you will not meet the deadline, or if your current invoice filing deadline date is between October 30, 2023 and November 7, 2023.

E-Rate Systems Consolidation Transition Dates

- The last day you can submit an invoice in the SL Legacy systems is October 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. CST.
- Invoices for Funding Year (FY) 2016 and later that are submitted in SL Legacy systems before October 30, 2023, and not paid by the cutover date will be migrated into EPC by USAC.
- Invoices for FY2015 and earlier submitted in SL Legacy systems before October 30, 2023, will continue to be processed in the SL Legacy systems.
- You must submit FY2016 and later invoices in EPC beginning on November 7, 2023.
- For FY2015 and earlier, users will need to create a customer service case in EPC and attach a fillable FCC Form 472 or 474 to process a new request for reimbursement for FY2015 and earlier funding years. USAC will provide the links to the forms and instructions on its website in the coming weeks.
- After the E-Rate systems consolidation is completed, the first disbursements from EPC-processed requests for reimbursement are expected to be on November 9, 2023.

E-Rate e-Learning Modules (eLMs)

To support the transition from SL Legacy systems to EPC, USAC is also rolling out e-Learning modules (eLMs) for applicants and service providers so they can learn how to submit E-Rate invoices (FCC Forms 472/BEAR and 474/SPI) using EPC when the system consolidation is complete. The eLMs will be available October 3, 2023 on the [E-Rate Videos page](#).

To support the eLMs and to answer questions applicants and service providers may have while learning about the new E-Rate invoicing process using EPC, USAC has also scheduled upcoming Office Hours sessions. Visit the [Webinars](#) page to register for one of the sessions below.

- Applicant Session 1 - video has been posted to the videos page
- Applicant Session 2 - Oct. 18, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 3 - Oct. 25, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 4 - Nov. 8, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 5 - Nov. 15, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST

E-Rate Upcoming Deadlines

- **October 24** - Nominations are due for six positions, including one school representative, on the USAC Board of Directors ([see DA 23-753](#)).
- **October 30** - E-rate invoice deadline for FY 2022 recurring services. (*Note: October 28th, the normal invoice deadline, falls on a Saturday this year.*)
- **October 30** - ECF invoice deadline for most Window 1 and Window 2 committed FRNs with service delivery deadlines of June 30, 2023. For details on other upcoming invoice deadlines, see USAC's Emergency Connectivity Fund Invoice Deadline Tool.
- **October 30** - The first Form 486 deadline for FY 2023, for FCDLs issued on or before July 1st (i.e., Waves 1-9).
- **October 30 - Nov 6** - EPC will be unavailable to all users from October 30 at 11:59 p.m. through November 6th as the FCC transitions the BEAR invoice filing process from its old legacy system into EPC.



Education Technology Monthly Webinar & Meeting Dates



2022-2023 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.

Monthly Call Dates

August 10, 2023	February 8, 2024
September 14, 2023	March 14, 2024
October 12, 2023	April 11, 2024
November 9, 2023	May 9, 2024
December 14, 2023	June - LACUE
January 11, 2024	July - No meeting

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNIN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!

Thank you for joining today's call.

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

Helpful Links

- [A+PEL PD for Educators](#)
- [LACUE](#)
- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)
- [Education Technology Staff](#)





Kami Demo



Reminders

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Technology and Security Contacts

Based on recent events it is even more important that we at the State have the correct information for all security contacts at all school systems. 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.

EdTech Adoption and Evaluation

- The U.S. Office of Educational Technology has released its EdTech Evidence Toolkit Resource, which includes four Evidence One-Pagers
 - [Office of Educational Technology: Using Evidence to Support EdTech adoption in schools](#)
- In addition, EdSurge has provided information on [evaluating edtech effectiveness](#)
- In this 2023-2024 school year, the department will continue to provide support to school systems looking to evaluate their edtech adoption strategy.

Contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

New AI Information Being Released

In May, The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Education Technology released a publications on [Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning](#) and [AI and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Engaging Educators](#)

- The new policy report stresses the essential role of knowledge dissemination, educator engagement, and the enhancement of technological strategies and policies for the incorporation of AI in education.
- It portrays AI as a swiftly evolving suite of technologies adept at identifying data patterns and executing automated tasks.
- Furthermore, it assists educators in discerning the potential of these up-and-coming technologies in promoting educational objectives, while also assessing and mitigating prominent risks.

This will not be a policy guide on if schools should include or ban AI but information to assist school systems on understanding the AI landscape to inform future policies.