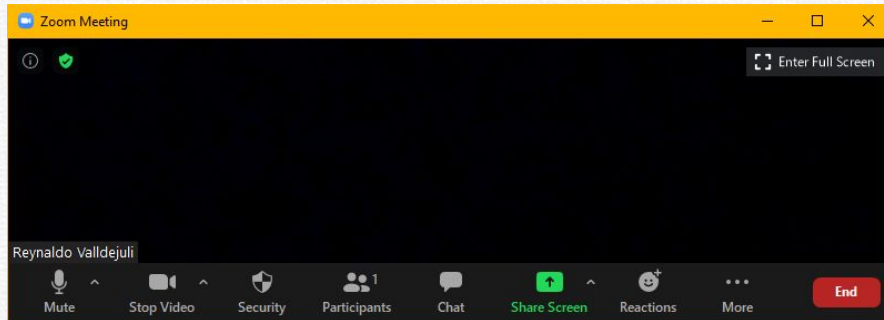


# Zoom Meeting Preparation

- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
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  - 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.



If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact [LDOEcommunications@la.gov](mailto:LDOEcommunications@la.gov).





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**System Leaders Call  
September 1, 2023**

# New Options for Teacher Staffing

## Act 99 of 2023 Regular Session: Associate Teacher Program

- Individuals at least 25-years-old with an associate degree from an accredited institution can become classroom teachers under certain parameters:
  - Enrolled in an undergraduate teacher education program
  - Provided a mentor
  - Assigned weekly, job-embedded professional development
  - Pay may not exceed 75% of the average teacher pay of the LEA
- Individual receives permit document from employing LEA
  - [Sample template for permit documentation](#)
  - [Prospective Associate Teacher Program Guidance](#) | [HR Information](#)



# New Options for Teacher Staffing

## Act 392 of 2023 Regular Session

- Expands on current Temporary Employment Permit:
  - Individual with bachelor's degree can be hired in secondary shortage area aligned with degree even if they do not have teacher certification
  - Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5
  - Passage of associated content exams
  - Mentoring and either highly effective or effective proficient rating required



# Special Education Guidance

LDOE is [taking additional steps](#) to support school systems with special education.

- [Special Education Playbook for System Leaders](#)
  - [Earning national praise](#)
  - Professional learning tour
- Enhanced school and system support
  - Technical support
  - Law & compliance training
  - Special master
- Enhanced family support
  - Special education ombudsman & complaint investigator



# Principal R&R Webinars

Over the course of the 2023-24 school year, the Department will host a series webinars for K-8 principals that focus on key literacy and math initiatives.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 5 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:**  
<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95898838520?pwd=dE1kVjJxRjFsc2ZDWDNEcVRZNDZvQT09>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 958 9883 8520
- Decks and recordings will be posted to the [monthly calls page](#) and the recordings added to the [YouTube playlist](#).

Please contact [classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov](mailto:classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov) with questions.



# Celebrate Freedom Week

The LDOE is recognizing Celebrate Freedom Week September 18-22.

- [Resources for school systems](#)

## ***Celebrate Freedom Week***

*Each September, in conjunction with Constitution Day and Constitution Week, each public school shall observe Celebrate Freedom Week. As part of this observance, the public school governing authority shall ensure that all students receive age and grade-appropriate instruction, in a social studies or other appropriate course, on topics related to freedom. Such topics may include but are not limited to instruction related to the nation's founding and the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights.*



# A refresh for the LDOE with a focus on *you*



**LOUISIANA**  
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Part of our mission to serve Louisiana better includes a new look, along with a more user-friendly website.

- New branding begins rolling out September 15 with a landing page on our website
- New website launches early 2024
  - Using your feedback to make most important information easier to find





# Agenda

- I. Operations
- II. Teaching and Learning
- III. Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics
- IV. Career and College Readiness
- V. School Choice
- VI. School System Relations
- VII. Questions



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**Operations**

# August Policy Revisions in Response to 2023 Acts

Item	Bulletin
Act 334 - School safety act	741
Act 164 - Threats of terrorism and violence	741
Act 234 - AEDs and cardiac emergency plans	135, 741
Act 362 - Bus and carpool procedures	119, 126, 741, 741 Nonpublic

- Policies can be viewed on the [BESE Rulemaking Docket](#).
- Please contact [educationpolicy@la.gov](mailto:educationpolicy@la.gov) with questions.



# August Policy Revisions

Item	Bulletin
Act 180 - Organ donation instruction	741, 126
Act 215 - Bible elective course	741
Act 219 - Recess in grades K-5	741
Act 260 - Numeracy professional development	741

- Policies can be viewed on the [BESE Rulemaking Docket](#).
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# August Policy Revisions

Item	Bulletin
Act 264 - Display of the national motto	741
Act 268 - Corporal punishment	741
Act 318 - Student mental health	741
Act 346 - Community Service Diploma Endorsement	741

- Policies can be viewed on the [BESE Rulemaking Docket](#).
- Please contact [educationpolicy@la.gov](mailto:educationpolicy@la.gov) with questions.



# ESSER II Incentive Funding

## ESSER Incentive Funding

- ESSER II Funding: Availability ends September 30, 2023
- The LDOE would like to support LEAs in drawing down ESSER II Incentive balances.
- Proposing greater flexibility than was provided in the initial ESSER Incentive award letters

## Proposed Guidance Shifts

- Use of ESSER II Incentive funds for **any allowable ESSER expenditure**
  - Such as: High-quality curriculum, instructional materials/supplies, literacy foundations training completion stipends, etc.

Please contact [ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov) with questions.



# Competitive Foods Compliance

Competitive foods are foods that are sold to students on school campus during the school day and outside of the federally reimbursable meal programs.

- Competitive foods must be [smart snack compliant](#).

Risks of non-compliance with competitive food standards:

- Students lose out on nutritious school meals;
- Lowers participation in school meals programs;
- Smart Snack standards are a federal requirement for all foods sold outside of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs;
- Potential to lose reimbursement for all meals sold on day of violation (non-federal funds from outside of the School Food Authority would be responsible for paying for all lost reimbursement).

Please contact [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov) with questions.



# Seeking Outstanding School Support Employees Award

[Nominations](#) open for Outstanding School Support Employees through October 12.

- Teacher aides
- Paraprofessionals
- School bus drivers
- Food service workers
- Clerical workers
- Custodial/maintenance workers
- Any other non-certified support employees

Nomination information will be shared with school systems for their consideration. More information about the award may be found in the [awards overview](#).

Please contact [dana.dauzat@la.gov](mailto:dana.dauzat@la.gov) with questions.





## Operations Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Nutrition Support Monthly Call	<a href="#">September 5 at 1 p.m.</a>
Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call	<a href="#">September 21 at 10 a.m.</a>



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## Teaching and Learning

# Bulletin 746: Certification

[ACT 63](#) of the 2023 legislative session provides for the following updates to certification/evaluation regulations:

- Allows for the use of successful evaluations in a variety of settings:
  - Out-of-state (OS)
  - In-state nonpublic
  - Contracted or third party educators
  - Allows for 'mixing' of evaluation types
  - BESE to define rules and process for these approvals and evaluations



# Bulletin 746: Certification

[ACT 371](#) (2023) amends regulations regarding military families. Certification policy will include:

- Five year certification to active military or military Spouses serving in LA, and
- Eligibility determination made within 20 days of receipt of complete application.

[ACT 392](#) (2023) amends certification law to:

- Redesignate and restructure the law;
- Allow for conditional acceptance into a teacher preparation program with GPA flexibility;
- Update literacy requirements;
- Update Out-of-state reciprocity;
- Update TCAC membership; and
- Expand the Temporary Employment Permit (TEP) pathway.



# Math Refresh Regional Tour

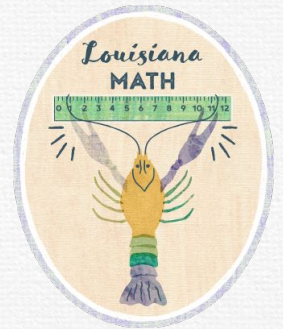
The [Math Refresh Regional Tour](#) begins with dates this fall. Half-day sessions include:

- Supporting Zearn Implementation;
- Leveraging Math Refresh Resources; and
- Foundational Lessons for Accelerating Math Education (FLAME) resources.

Save the date for your regional sessions. [Registration](#) is now open.

- East Baton Rouge, October 24
- Calcasieu Parish, October 25
- Caddo Parish, November 14
- Jefferson Parish, November 15

Please contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.

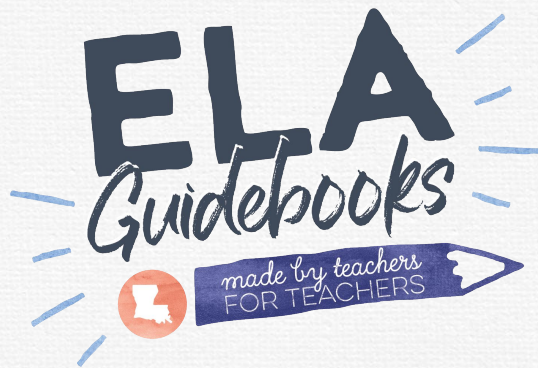


# ELA Professional Learning

## [ELA Back to School Professional Learning Series](#)

- Interactive supports now available on [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#)
- ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2020) mentor sentence and vocabulary activity updates
- ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) *Let's Set the Context* videos and resources
- Accelerating ELA

Please contact [elaguidebooks@la.gov](mailto:elaguidebooks@la.gov) with questions.



# School Improvement

- Foundational training in ILT and teacher collaboration, delivered by NIET, are offered both virtually and on-site at regional locations from August through October. Please visit the [NIET Best Practices Training](#) site for session schedules and to register.
- [School Support Institutes](#) Session #1 will held in cohort locations September 11 - 14. Registered participants will receive an email reminder with all session information. Please see the [SSI logistics page](#) for detailed venue, parking and pre-work information.

Please contact [schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov](mailto:schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov) with questions.



# Educator Development

- The 12th annual [Teacher Leader Summit](#) will be held May 28-30, 2024 in New Orleans at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Please email [events@emergent.com](mailto:events@emergent.com) with questions.
- [Summit Extensions registration](#) is open. Please email [events@emergent.com](mailto:events@emergent.com) with questions.





# Early Childhood Updates

The Department is launching a new “Ready Start Network: Get Ready!” cohort this fall:

- This cohort will provide Early Childhood Community Network Lead Agencies with information about becoming a Ready Start Network and support to begin strategic planning and goal setting.
- Ready Start Networks focus on increasing access to high-quality early childhood care and education at the local level, as part of kindergarten-readiness efforts.
- The Department provides Ready Start Networks with ongoing support for strategic planning, achieving Blueprint goals, building stronger coalitions around kindergarten readiness, and developing support for local funding.
- Community Network Lead Agencies that are interested in participating in the next Get Ready! cohort are encouraged to complete the [registration form](#) by August 31.

Contact [EarlyChildhood@la.gov](mailto:EarlyChildhood@la.gov) with any questions.



# Special Education Upcoming Events

- The Department is hosting a regional tour for implementation support of the [Special Education Playbook for System Leaders](#). Superintendents, chief academic officers and special education directors can [register](#) now.

<b>Rapides</b>	September 25
<b>Ouachita</b>	September 26
<b>St. Tammany</b>	September 27
<b>Lafayette</b>	September 28
<b>East Baton Rouge</b>	October 3

- Special education directors should also [register](#) for fall collaborative Oct. 17 in Baton Rouge. Contact [diverselearnersupport@la.gov](mailto:diverselearnersupport@la.gov) with any questions.



## Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Monthly Principal Webinar: Math and Literacy	<a href="#"><u>September 5 at 1 p.m.</u></a>
Diverse Learners Office Hours	<a href="#"><u>September 26 at 2 p.m.</u></a>
Early Childhood Office Hours	<a href="#"><u>September 12 at 3 p.m.</u></a> <a href="#"><u>September 19 at 3 p.m.</u></a> <a href="#"><u>September 26 at 3 p.m.</u></a> <a href="#"><u>October 3 at 3 p.m.</u></a>
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 27 at 1 p.m.</u></a>
Certification Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 18 at 10:30 a.m.</u></a>



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## Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

# Upcoming Data Collections

Action	Timeline
IAP Window #1 (Volunteer/Selected Districts; Grades 5-8)	Snapshot: 9/15/2023
Fall LEAP 2025 HS Assessments	Snapshot: 9/29/2023
2022-2023 STS (LEADS Portal)	Closing: 9/30/2023
K3 ASSESSMENTS (Beginning of Year (BOY) Literacy Assessments	Snapshot: 10/13/2023
Oct 1 MFP/IDEA	Snapshot: 10/20/2023
Mentor & Resident Teacher Collection	Snapshot: 10/27/2023



## Assessments, Accountability and Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Data Coordinator's Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 14 at 1 p.m.</u></a>
Assessment/Accountability Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 19 at 3:45 p.m.</u></a>
Interests and Opportunities Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 28 at 10 a.m.</u></a> <a href="#"><u>October 19 at 10 a.m.</u></a> <a href="#"><u>November 1 at 10 a.m.</u></a>  Passcode: 202324



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## Career and College Readiness

# Fast Forward Pathway Submissions

In order to ensure Fast Forward pathways are ready for the upcoming school year, the approval process will take place at the January BESE meeting.

- New pathways should follow the [Fast Forward Template Instructions](#) and be turned in on the [Fast Forward Template](#).
- Due via email to [caronda.bean@la.gov](mailto:caronda.bean@la.gov) by **September 15**.

Please contact [caronda.bean@la.gov](mailto:caronda.bean@la.gov) with questions.





# Registered Apprenticeship Funding 2023-24

- Funding based on the number of students enrolled in either fall or spring semester in an eligible registered apprenticeship course
- \$3,500 per student - school system identified as rural by the United States Census Bureau
- \$2,500 per student - school system identified as non-rural

Funding can be utilized to support all of the costs associated with delivery of the apprenticeship services to the students.

Please contact [caronda.bean@la.gov](mailto:caronda.bean@la.gov) with questions.



## Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
<a href="#"><u>CWA &amp; Louisiana Attendance Alliance Monthly Call</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>September 7 at 8 a.m.</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Alternative Education Community of Practice</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>September 14 at 10 a.m.</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>September 21 at 3 p.m.</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Healthy Schools Community of Practice</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>September 28 at 2 p.m.</u></a>



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**School Choice**

# Home Study - Important Withdrawal Information

- No required documentation to withdraw a child from school.
- School System Guidance:
  - Schools cannot submit applications for students on behalf of the parents.
  - Schools cannot refuse to let a parent or guardian withdraw their child.
- Parents may withdraw their student from their current school prior to enrolling in a nonpublic school-not seeking state approval.
- Please contact [nonpublicschools@la.gov](mailto:nonpublicschools@la.gov) with questions.



## School Choice Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Local Authorizer Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 13 at 11 a.m.</u></a>
BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 14 at 9 a.m.</u></a>
Nonpublic Monthly Call	<a href="#"><u>September 20 at 2 p.m.</u></a>



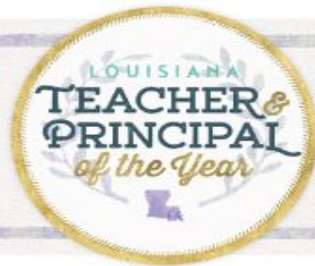
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## School System Relations

# Seeking Nominations For Excellent Educators

- [Nominations portal](#) will be open until September 22.
- Nomination information will be shared with school systems for consideration.
- Please contact [excellenteducators@la.gov](mailto:excellenteducators@la.gov) with questions.



# Louisiana Award Initiatives

- Spotlighting Louisiana's exemplary education stakeholders
  - [Award Initiatives Overview](#)
- Please contact [excellenteducators@la.gov](mailto:excellenteducators@la.gov) with questions.





## School System Relations Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Exemplary Educator Informational Webinar 1	<a href="#"><u>September 6 at 9 a.m.</u></a>
Exemplary Educator Informational Webinar 2	<a href="#"><u>September 6 at 4 p.m.</u></a>
Exemplary Educator Informational Webinar 3	<a href="#"><u>September 7 at 1:30 p.m.</u></a>



Questions?



# Thank you for joining today's call.

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

## Helpful Links

- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

## Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)

