



**Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula
Career Development Fund (CDF)
Allocation and Guidance**

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This document provides answers to questions regarding the Career Development Fund (CDF) allocation in FY2023-24.

For further information on the pay raises, send inquiries to ldoeMFPHelpdesk@la.gov or call the Office of School System Financial Services at 225.342.3617.

What is the purpose of the CDF Allocation?

CDF funds are intended to support increased student access to high-value CTE courses and training. BESE and the Legislature realized that it costs schools more to offer CTE courses in high-wage employment sectors (e.g., welding, information technology, manufacturing, etc.). As a result, dedicated CDF funds were provided in the MFP for the exclusive purpose of making high-value CTE courses and training available to more students across Louisiana.

Where are CDF funds located in the MFP formula?

The CDF allocation is part of Level 4, Supplementary Allocations.

Are the CDF funds released all at once?

No, the funds are released through two allocations, an Initial and a Final allocation.

What is the methodology for the CDF Initial allocation?

The initial CDF payments are based on the greater of:

- a. 75% of the previous year's CDF allocation, or
- b. A minimum of \$25,000/\$10,000

How are the funds released for the Initial allocation?

The CDF process provides an initial, single payment to school systems, charter schools, and state schools in July. This process allows funds to be available to support CDF programs early in the school year.

Are CDF funds included in the monthly MFP payments?

No, a separate payment is released just for the CDF Initial allocation.

When are the payments released for the Initial allocation?

The Final MFP CDF payments for FY 2023-2024 will be released *on or before April 4, 2024*.

When may recipients expect to receive the funds once released by the department?

Funds should appear in bank accounts within one to three business days depending on the banking institution with which a school system, charter school, or state school conducts business.

How is the CDF Final Allocation calculated?

In February/March 2024 the Initial CDF allocation will be trued up based on actual student enrollments in CDF-qualifying courses. Increases or decreases in the CDF allocation and payments may occur depending on the actual data.

How does a school system, charter school, or state school qualify for CDF funds?

Student enrollments in CDF-qualifying courses must be reported through the 2023-24 Jump Start Technical Course Grid, 2023-24 Class Schedule Data Collection.

Where can the CDF-qualifying course list be accessed?

The most recent CDF-qualifying courses are listed on the [All Things Jump Start](#) webpage.

What is the allocation methodology for the CDF Final allocation?

A 6% MFP adder (\$241 in FY 2023-2024) is provided for each student course enrollment in a CDF-qualifying course. A minimum allocation is provided as follows:

- City and Parish school systems receive the greater of:
 - a) \$25,000; or
 - b) the sum of 6% adders for all their students' CDF-qualifying courses;

- Charter and special schools (with grades 9-12) receive the greater of:
 - a) \$10,000; or
 - b) the sum of 6% adders for all their students' CDF-qualifying courses;

How are CDF Final allocation payments released?

Any additional CDF allocation due will be in a separate, single payment in February/March 2024.

How are reductions resulting from the CDF Final allocation handled?

For any overpayment of the CDF allocation, a reduction will be applied in an equivalent amount against the June 2024 MFP payment.

What are allowable expenses for CDF funds?

Allowable CDF funds are those that increase student access to high-value CTE courses/training. Specific uses include:

- Facilities, materials, equipment, and transportation expenditures related to student's identified on a Fast Forward pathway who are enrolled in a required Fast Forward pathway course.

- Teacher training towards attainment of Jump Start statewide credentials, which can include Super Summer Institute training and externship stipends for externships in regional or statewide high-demand industry sectors.

- Facilities, materials and equipment expenditures related to student attainment of Jump Start statewide credentials and IBCs that are a part of a statewide bundle. This type of expenditure may include:
 - the cost of student statewide industry-based credentials;
 - the cost to license software related to statewide credentials;
 - the cost to license software systems that provide students with access to experts in high-demand industry sectors;
 - career counseling services and software that help students learn about how they can pursue the courses and industry credential for high-demand industry sectors;
 - facilities, materials and equipment expenditures related to obtaining statewide credentials (i.e., welding shops, computers for approved credentialing courses, medical uniforms, food for ProStart, supplies for construction crafts, etc.).

- Transportation of students and teachers to sites where high-value CTE courses and training are available. Qualifying sites such as community and technical colleges, school facilities, and industry training organizations. Transportation costs include all the costs schools incur for transportation, such as driver costs and benefits. Bus tokens are also allowable expenses.

- Expenses incurred by having a JAG-Specialist on staff, including salary and benefits.

- Expenses incurred by having CTE staff provide instruction or IBC testing outside of the school day.

- Expenses for the new Career Readiness Quest for Success course.

- Expenses related to student internships not covered by partner business.

- Student tuition

What are non-allowable expenses for CDF funds?

- Non-allowable Expenses
 - Salaries or benefits for teachers, except for externship stipends in high-demand industry sectors and JAG specialist.
 - Teacher training for credentials other than Jump Start statewide credentials.

Where should programmatic questions including allowable expenses and reporting requirements for CDF funds be directed?

Questions may be sent to jumpstart@la.gov

**Final CDF Allocation
MFP Formula - Level 4**

School Systems and Schools		Final CDF Payment FY2023-24
		1
1	Acadia	\$59,768
2	Allen	\$25,787
3	Ascension	\$319,204
4	Assumption	\$21,268
5	Avoyelles	\$80,855
6	Beauregard	\$24,100
7	Bienville	\$34,041
8	Bossier	\$351,378
9	Caddo	\$209,188
10	Calcasieu	\$315,288
11	Caldwell	\$37,054
12	Cameron	\$2,474
13	Catahoula	\$0
14	Claiborne	\$15,966
15	Concordia	\$35,969
16	DeSoto	\$74,830
17	East Baton Rouge	\$896,279
18	East Carroll	\$12,652
19	East Feliciana	\$6,868
20	Evangeline	\$66,335
21	Franklin	\$32,957
22	Grant	\$0
23	Iberia	\$0
24	Iberville	\$18,918
25	Jackson	\$0
26	Jefferson	\$654,917
27	Jefferson Davis	\$60,250
28	Lafayette	\$361,861
29	Lafourche	\$122,548
30	LaSalle	\$74,710
31	Lincoln	\$16,207
32	Livingston	\$325,049
33	Madison	\$1,687
34	Morehouse	\$108,209
35	Natchitoches	\$16,207
36	Orleans (R36) (Includes Independents)	\$128,090
37	Ouachita	\$43,229
38	Plaquemines	\$18,738
39	Pointe Coupee	\$39,283
40	Rapides	\$154,842
41	Red River	\$17,292
42	Richland	\$31,270
43	Sabine	\$77,843
44	St. Bernard	\$242,566
45	St. Charles	\$145,263
46	St. Helena	\$1,028
47	St. James	\$91,580
48	St. John the Baptist	\$107,727
49	St. Landry	\$225,998
50	St. Martin	\$84,290
51	St. Mary	\$219,973
52	St. Tammany	\$376,743
53	Tangipahoa	\$398,252
54	Tensas	\$0
55	Terrebonne	\$0
56	Union	\$6,386
57	Vermilion	\$93,448
58	Vernon	\$21,389
59	Washington	\$25,305
60	Webster	\$38,741
61	West Baton Rouge	\$54,526
62	West Carroll	\$2,169
63	West Feliciana	\$8,857
64	Winn	\$10,724
65	City of Monroe	\$47,597
66	City of Bogalusa	\$53,321
67	Zachary Community	\$22,714
68	City of Baker	\$4,161
69	Central Community	\$154,360
Total City/Parish		\$7,330,529

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School Systems and Schools		Final CDF Payment FY2023-24
		1
318	LSU Lab School	\$6,206
319	Southern Lab School	\$0
302006	LA School for Math, Science and the Arts	\$0
334001	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts	\$0
3C1001	Thrive	\$0
101001	Special School District	\$3,978
A02	Office of Juvenile Justice	\$6,868
Total Lab & State Approved Schools		\$17,052
321001	New Vision Learning	\$0
329001	Glencoe Charter School	\$2,832
331001	International School of LA	\$4,338
333001	Avoyelles Public Charter School	\$0
336001	Delhi Charter School	\$5,724
337001	Belle Chasse Academy	\$0
340001	The MAX Charter School	\$0
Total Legacy Type 2 Charter Schools		\$12,894
341001	D'Arbonne Woods	\$8,857
343001	Madison Prep	\$12,532
344001	Int'l High School of N. O.	\$16,269
345001	University View Academy	\$55,611
346001	Lake Charles Charter Academy	\$27,233
347001	Lycee Francois de la Nouvelle Orleans	\$0
348001	New Orleans Military/Maritime Acdmly	\$54,225
3C5001	St Landry Charter School	\$0
W18001	Noble Minds Institute	\$0
W1A001	JCFA - East	\$122
W1B001	Advantage Charter Academy	\$0
W1D001	JCFA - Lafayette	\$0
W2B001	Willow Charter Academy	\$0
W33001	Lincoln Prep School	\$4,219
W3B001	Iberville Charter Academy	\$7,471
W4A001	Delta Charter School	\$0
W4B001	Lake Charles College Prep	\$0
W5B001	Northeast Claiborne Charter	\$0
W6B001	Acadiana Renaissance	\$25,727
W7A001	Louisiana Key Academy	\$10,000
W7B001	Lafayette Renaissance	\$17,412
W8A001	Impact Charter	\$2,892
WAG001	Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	\$62,780
WAK001	Southwest LA Charter School	\$8,194
WAL001	J. S. Clark Leadership Academy	\$9,098
WAU001	GEO Prep Academy	\$17,352
WBQ001	New Harmony High School	\$26,510
WBR001	Athlos Academy	\$0
WBX001	GEO Next Generation HS	\$10,003
WBY001	Red River Charter Academy	\$602
WJ5001	Collegiate Academy (EBR)	\$12,050
WZ8001	GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater B. R.	\$15,665
WZN001	GEO Prep Baker	\$0
WZO001	Louisiana Key Academy Northshore	\$0
WZP001	Discovery Ochsner BR (New*)	\$0
WZQ001	Kenilworth Middle (New*)	\$0
WZT001	LaKey Caddo (New*)	\$0
Total New Type 2 Charter Schools		\$404,824
396211	Linwood Public Charter (RSD Operated)	\$0
WZV001	Prescott Academy (New*)	\$0
WAO001	Redesign Dalton Charter School	\$0
WAP001	Redesign Lanier Charter School	\$0
WYA001	Redesign Glen Oaks	\$0
Placeholder for Closed Schools		
Total RSD/Type 5 Charters		\$0
Total Statewide		\$7,765,299