

# COUNSELOR CONNECT

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## Student Opportunities

### **FBI/Tulane Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy information**

**Please share with school counselors.**

For the first time, the FBI New Orleans Field Office and Tulane University's Police Department will host a Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA) for eligible high school students. Please see the [Community Outreach section](#) of the FBI website. They are attempting to recruit students from across the state. They are reaching out to counselors/school systems as you would be familiar with students who may be perfect for this program.

The impact on students can be seen in this [brief video](#) of the program offered by Yale University and the Field Office in New Haven, Connecticut. The FBI New Orleans Field Office will be just the second office to offer this week-long opportunity. The student must provide their own transportation to and from the event, but all costs for the week in between are covered.

Email Lesley Hill at [lhil3@fbi.gov](mailto:lhil3@fbi.gov) with questions.

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## **ACT Match/No Match Lists**

**Please share with testing coordinators, school counselors and accountability contacts.**

ACT Match/No Match Lists were released the week of January 16. These important lists should be reviewed to ensure all students are scheduled to test appropriately

- The **ACT Match List** provides the highest current score for students in grade 12. Students on the match list may participate in the spring administration to improve their score; however, school systems will be required to pay for the administration.
- The **ACT No Match List** provides a list of students who have no ACT score on file with the Department and will need to test during the spring administration. Students on the ACT No Match list should participate in ACT testing.
  - o All grade 12 students, regardless of expected graduation year, must have an ACT score on file unless they participated in LEAP Connect at the high school level.
  - o Students in grade 12 who do not have an ACT score will receive a zero in the ACT index portion of the school performance score.
  - o WorkKeys certification can only be used for a student in accountability if there is also an ACT score on file. This includes students who are taking LEAP Connect and who have a WorkKeys certificate that qualifies for points in the index.

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

## Professional Opportunities\Monthly Calls

### **Spring 2023 Counselor Institutes**

**Please share with professional school counselors, assistant principals, CTE supervisors and secondary supervisors.**

Spring Counselor Institute sessions will begin next week. The schedule is listed below including links to Eventbrite for registration. **Each participant must register individually through the Eventbrite links below;** and registration is on a first come, first served basis. The presentation will be released via the Counselor Connect after all sessions have been held.

Date	8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 p.m. - 4p.m.
February 28	<a href="#">Bossier Parish</a>	<a href="#">Ouachita Parish</a>
March 1	<a href="#">Rapides Parish</a>	<a href="#">Lafayette</a>
March 2	<a href="#">Walker</a> - SOLD OUT	<a href="#">St Tammany Parish</a>

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## **Teacher Leader Summit Registration**

**Please share with professional school counselors, assistant principals, CTE supervisors and secondary supervisors.**

[Teacher Leader Summit](#) early bird registration opened February 3 and is available on a first come, first served basis. The Teacher Leader Summit is an annual professional development conference which brings together Louisiana birth to grade 12 educators and content experts. Educators participating in the event will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. This year's Teacher Leader Summit will focus on our ability to accelerate for success, every single day. Sessions will be available for school counselors to attend.

The Teacher Leader Summit will take place from May 30 - June 1 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (NOENMCC).

Please contact [events@emergentmethod.com](mailto:events@emergentmethod.com) with questions

## **Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call**

**Please share with secondary supervisors, CTE supervisors, and secondary principals, assistant principals, and school counselors.**

A monthly webinar hosted by the Office of Career and College Readiness is held the 4th Thursday of the month, and focuses on sharing updates around the various work streams within the office. Slide decks from previous calls may be found in the [Monthly Call Library](#).

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Thursday, March 23; 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92416711073>
- **Webinar ID:** 913 5622 9413
- **Passcode:** 768040

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



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## **Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call**

**Please share with Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) directors, supervisors, and all attendance stakeholders**

CWAs are provided with relevant professional development, resources, and tools to support students and families within their systems. As members of the Louisiana Attendance Alliance, CWAs are afforded evidence-based, best-practices to address chronic absence and encourage family engagement during these meetings.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 8, 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98929998429>
- **Webinar ID:** 989 2999 8429
- **Passcode:** 292522

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

## **Alternative Education Leaders**

**Please share with Alternative Education Supervisors, Site Leaders and all AE stakeholders**

A webinar for Alternative Education Supervisors and Site Leaders is held the first Wednesday of each month and focuses on supporting AE sites leaders with the delivery of criteria outlined in Bulletin 131.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95978637476>
- **Webinar ID:** 959 7863 7476
- **Passcode:** 775578

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

## **Well-Being Community of Practice Call**

**Please share with system leaders, school leaders, counselors, mental health professionals and behaviorists.**

A webinar for system and school leaders is held the third Wednesday of each month and focuses on supporting well-being initiatives for students and staff. School systems from across the state share best practices that have been proven to support the mental health of students.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93424398640>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 934 2439 8640

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

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## Resources

### **Counselor Support Library**

The Counselor [Support Library](#) provides professional school counselors with resources and information that supports providing guidance to students and parents regarding graduation, pathways and career goals.

### **STS**

2022-2023 STS is now open. New 2022-2023 STS documents have been posted to the [STS Support Page](#) under the Useful Documents section.

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

### **Individual Graduation Plans**

[Individual Graduation Plan \(IGP\) Fillable Form](#)

[Individual Graduation Plan for students assessed on LEAP Connect](#)

[Individual Graduation Plan - Arabic](#)

[Individual Graduation Plan - Spanish](#)

[Individual Graduation Plan - Vietnamese](#)

### **LEADS Portal Access**

In order to access LEADS, please use the following links:

- LEADS Portal: <https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl>
- LEADS Password Reset System (PRS): <https://password.doe.louisiana.gov/>
- Student Transcript System (STS): <https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/sts>

### **Useful Documents:**

[2022-2023 STS Master Course Code List](#)

[2022-2023 STS IBC Matrix](#)

[2022-2023 Jump Start Pathway IBCs](#)

[2022-2023 Jump Start Pathway Course Sets](#)

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## STS Graduation Date Removal Codes (from the STS User Guide)

Graduation dates may be removed (**in red and scratched out**) from a student STS transcript due to the following reasons:

Code	Problem	Solution
2	23 credits	<b>Not having 23 credits</b> Student does not have at least 23 credits. Check transcripts and course part numbers.
3	Core Progress	<b>Core not met</b> Student is missing at least 1 category in his/her diploma path. Run student diploma calculation and see which category is not met.
4	Pass GEE/EOC	<b>GEE/EOC flag</b> Student does not have a Y in the GEE/EOC flag field.
5	CDV	<b>Career Option code not CDV for path CD</b> Student on CD diploma pathway requires a CDV in career option code drop down.
6	IBC	<b>No IBC for path CA</b> CA student does not have an IBC loaded correctly into eScholar and therefore is missing the required IBC in STS.

## Ask CoCo

### Q & A With COounselor COnnect!

Q: What can I do to help prepare for 2021-2022 Graduation Cohort cleanup opening in March?  
- The "I Wanna Do My Part" Counselor





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## A:

- Check for a graduation date on the official transcript in the 2021-2022 STS. No students will be counted as a graduate without a complete and dated transcript. School systems will be required to correct the transcript in STS during data certification before any changes are approved.
- Check to make sure all students who earned a diploma through the Jump Start Career Diploma Alternate Pathway have taken all three LEAP Connect subject tests at the high school level. Students are not eligible for this pathway without full participation in LEAP Connect.
- Check for Jump Start credentials earned by cohort members. To earn points for credentials in the strength of diploma index, credentials must be correctly recorded on the STS transcripts. During data certification, school systems will be required to correct the transcripts in STS before any changes are approved.
- Organize a process for collecting documentation for **exit code 10** (out of state), **exit code 14** (transfer to approved nonpublic school) and **exit code 16** (BESE-approved home study). Students who were exited with one of these codes and who do not have documentation will be changed to nongraduates.

## Scholarships

### [Big Future Scholarships](#)

### **Jump Start Construction Scholarship Application**

The Jump Start Construction Connect Scholars Program is accepting applications for up to forty one-time \$1,000 scholarships. [Jump Start Construction Connect Scholarship Applications](#) are due April 28.

Applicants must:

- Have a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma.
- Have a National Center for Construction Education and Research credential.
- Have a plan to enroll in an LCTCS campus on a construction pathway or in an Associated Builders and Contractors training program.

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

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## Reminders

### **LDOE Virtual Therapy through Ochsner for Educators**

Share with all educators and school system employees.

Ochsner Anywhere Care is a secure virtual visit tool offering appointments with licensed psychologists or therapists through your smartphone, tablet or personal computer—so you can get care where and when you need it! Schedule an appointment with the provider of your choice.

What can we treat? Addiction, Adolescent Counseling, Anxiety and Panic Attacks, Attention Deficit, Disorder (ADD/ADHD), Depression and Mood Disorders, Eating Disorders, Grief and Loss Counseling, Insomnia, Marriage and Family Counseling, Postpartum Depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Work-related Stress Convenient virtual therapy appointments are available Monday – Friday until 8 p.m., with additional appointment times on Saturdays.

Sign up at [ldoe.ochsneranywherecare.com](https://ldoe.ochsneranywherecare.com) and enter Service Key: **LDOE**

When the system asks for payment, enter Coupon Code: **TEACH**

Please email [anywherecare@ochsner.org](mailto:anywherecare@ochsner.org) or for 24/7 technical support, call 855-667-9711.

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

### **Office of Career and College Readiness Contact Information**

<a href="mailto:highschoolacademics@la.gov">highschoolacademics@la.gov</a>	General questions about the office and about graduation requirements
<a href="mailto:ldefinancialaid@la.gov">ldefinancialaid@la.gov</a>	Questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion
<a href="mailto:SCA@la.gov">SCA@la.gov</a>	Questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice
<a href="mailto:jumpstart@la.gov">jumpstart@la.gov</a>	Questions related to Jump Start
<a href="mailto:PPP@la.gov">PPP@la.gov</a>	Questions related to pupil progression
<a href="mailto:collegereadiness@la.gov">collegereadiness@la.gov</a>	Questions related to dual enrollment or Advanced Placement
<a href="mailto:studentwellbeing@la.gov">studentwellbeing@la.gov</a>	Questions related to well-being and healthy communities.