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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

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- Data Coordinator Office Hours: [April 4 at 1 p.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [April 5 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Human Capital Handbook Webinar Series: [April 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [April 11 at 8 a.m.](#)
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- CLNA Technical Assistance Webinar #4: [April 15 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [April 15 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- LEADS Informational Webinar-Superintendents: [April 17 at 9 a.m.](#)
- LEADS Informational Webinar School Level Leaders: [April 17 at 11:30 a.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [April 17 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [April 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [April 18 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [April 23 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [April 24 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [April 25 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Monthly Principal's Webinar: [April 29 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [May 7 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- SEAP Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Parts C and D: [April 8 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Spring 2024 Homeless Liaison and Parent and Family Engagement Conference: April 8 & 9
- [LCTCS Jump Start Construction Scholarship](#) Deadline: April 10
- [Robotics Lab Pilot Application](#) Deadline: April 10
- [Professional Learning Efficacy Evaluation](#) Survey Deadline: April 11
- Alternate Assessment Participation Justification Forms Deadline: April 12
- IDEA APR Monitoring Plans and/or Rubrics: April 15
- SFA Non-Congregate Feeding Application Deadline: April 15
- Deadline to submit [FY22 ESEA waiver](#) comments: April 16
- [Special Education Leader Collaborative](#): April 16
- LSP School Webinar on Roster Verification and Site Registration: April 22
- Final 2024-2025 LSP Roster Verification Form Available on FTP: April 22
- 2024-25 LSP Award Notifications to Families via Email and Mail: April 22

- 2024-2025 LSP Site Registration Begins: April 22
- LSP Parent Webinar on Site Registration: April 23
- [Teacher Leader Summit 2024](#): May 28-30, New Orleans
- Congregate Feeding Application Deadline: May 31

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

K-12 Accountability Engagement Survey

Please share with system leaders.

The LDOE created the [K-12 Accountability Engagement Survey](#) to gather stakeholder feedback on revisions to the current system. The survey is open to the public until April 11.

Please contact ldoecommunications@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana Elementary and Secondary Education Act Fiscal Flexibility Waiver Request

Please share with business managers, financial officials, federal program directors, and financial officials.

Due to LEAs continued focus on ensuring all ARP ESSER funding is obligated and drawn down within the period of availability, the agency is requesting the U.S. Department of Education approve its tydings waiver to receive the opportunity to access additional flexibilities for certain funds received under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

The LDOE is requesting the waiver, pursuant section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

Federal program directors, business managers, financial officials and relevant personnel of public school systems should review this [waiver request](#) and submit all questions or comments by **April 16**.

Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions and comments submissions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2024-2025 MFP Budget Letter

Please share with business managers.

The MFP Budget Letter for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is posted in the [MFP Library](#) under the 2024-2025 MFP Budget Letter section on the website.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Updates to Social Studies Course Frameworks

Please share with content supervisors, school leaders, and social studies teachers.

The updated [Social Studies Course Frameworks](#) for grades 3 through 8 will be released on May 20. The LDOE has updated these suggested resources to better support teachers in implementing the [2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#). The Social Studies Course Frameworks are aligned to the 2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies (LSSSS) for grades 3 through 8, high school civics, and high school U.S. History. These suggested resources are designed to support teachers in implementing the 2022 LSSSS by scoping and sequencing content standards over the course of the year.

Course frameworks retain resources for setting context and developing content knowledge, exploring primary and secondary sources, and developing and expressing claims. Document-based questions have been added to primary sources and possible student responses to questions to support teachers during instructional planning.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

Kindergarten Dyslexia Screening Training

Please share with kindergarten teachers, site leaders, and special education directors.

Informational webinar:

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 3 at 2 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://pearson.zoom.us/j/98824824329>
- **Passcode:** Pearson
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 974 7628 9220

The webinar will be recorded and available for asynchronous viewing.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Alternate Assessment Participation Review

Please share with special education leaders.

ESSA requires certain actions to be taken by any school system with more than 1.0 percent of students participating in the ELA, math, or science alternate assessment. Alternate assessment participation data for the Spring 2023 administration is now available in the data management FTP. The naming convention is LEA Code_LEA Name_1% CAP 2022-23 District and school roster. School systems should contact their FTP Coordinator to retrieve their data. Any school system over 1.0 percent in any subject will be required to complete the Alternate Assessment Participation Justification form by April 12.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

IDEA APR Monitoring Outreach

Please share with special education leaders.

Indicator 12 (Part C Transition) results are now available in the Indicator Outreach folder on the data management FTP. Any school system identified as non-compliant for the indicator is required to submit a plan of correction to the LDOE by April 15.

Please contact caitlyn.robinson@la.gov with questions.

Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Please share with special education leaders.

Each year, the LDOE surveys parents on their perception of the quality of their child's education and the quality of their relationship with their child's school. School systems selected were notified in the March Teaching and Learning Monthly Call and the March Diverse Learners Office Hours. These school systems will receive survey packages via the data management FTP the week of April 1. Packages will include the parent survey notification letter, the survey questions, and unique IDs parents to complete the survey.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

BESE Tuition Program for Teachers

Please share with all human resource directors, school leaders, system leaders, and teachers.

The [BESE Tuition Program for Teachers](#) provides tuition funding for selected classroom teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana. [Online applications](#) for coursework funding for the summer and fall 2024 semesters are open now through April 15.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

LEADS Informational Webinars

Please share with all school leaders, and system leaders.

The Division of Educator Talent and Workforce Development will host a series of informational webinars throughout the month of April for targeted audiences beginning April 17. These webinars will provide an overview of the Louisiana Educator Advancement and Development System (LEADS). Topics include policy updates, evaluation components, and the evaluation process. Sessions for superintendents, system-level leaders, school-level leaders, counselors and teachers will be recorded and published.

Superintendents and System-Level Leaders

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 17 at 9 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97261604042>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 972 6160 4042

School-Level Leaders

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 17 at 11:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99264390680>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 992 6439 0680

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

REACH University Pathway to Teaching Program Overview Call

Please share with system leaders.

The LDOE is hosting a [Reach University](#) program overview call for system leaders on April 9 at 10 a.m. Reach University will introduce the bachelor's degree pathways designed uniquely for school staff. Reach has active partnerships in more than 80 school systems in Louisiana, with over 700 candidates currently enrolled across the state. School system leads should join this call to learn more about this opportunity for your employees and the system's role in the partnership.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 9 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95844677654?pwd=Wk1BaUR0eC9PTk5kVzFFSnZ0dWVZdz09>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 346 248 7799
- **Meeting ID:** 958 4467 7654
- **Meeting Passcode:** 801630

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Fourth Quarter Pre-Educator Pathway System Lead Professional Learning Community

Please share with system leaders.

Offered quarterly, the Pre-Educator Pathway System Lead Professional Learning Community are virtual opportunities for Pre-Educator Pathway/Grow Your Own System Leads to share best practices related to developing and expanding access to the Pre-Educator Pathway. All school systems are encouraged to attend regardless of current pathway status.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 11 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179?omn=95104041331>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 346 248 7799
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179

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LDOE Out-of-Field Certification Support

Please share with all classroom teachers teaching on an out-of-field certificate, and school and system leaders.

The Louisiana Department of Education is making [funding available to reduce barriers for certified teachers](#) teaching out of their field. Through this funding, the LDOE will be covering both the Praxis exam costs as well as the cost associated with updating teaching certificates.

Interested system leaders should use [Edlink](#) to find and identify all teachers teaching out-of-field and send the [Out-of-Field Praxis Support Application](#) to those teachers. Educators should complete the application before July 19. Post-application emails to the teachers will explain the next steps in greater detail.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov or kevin.nanney@la.gov with questions.