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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [July 17 at 2 p.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [July 17 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [July 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- College and Career Readiness Monthly Call: [July 18 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Monthly Practicing Principal Webinar: [July 29 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Apprenticeship Quarterly Call: [July 30 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [July 31 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [August 2 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [August 6 at 1 p.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [August 12 at 9 a.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [August 14 at 9 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [High School Numeracy Summer Webinar](#): July 17
- [Getting Students Started with Kami Webinar](#): July 18
- [Kami for Teacher Leaders Webinar](#): July 18
- SRP/SEM Train the Trainer Workshop: July 18, Lake Charles
- BTAM Prevention Training: July 18-19, [St. John the Baptist Parish](#)
- BTAM Prevention Training: July 22-23, [Jefferson Davis Parish](#)
- Math Teacher Collaboration and Strategic Planning Webinar: [July 22 at 9 a.m.](#)
- [New International Associate Teacher Orientation](#): July 22-25, Baton Rouge
- [Summer Kick Off The New Teacher Experience](#): July 24, Baton Rouge
- BTAM Prevention Training: July 25-26, [Terrebonne Parish](#)
- [SPED Fellow Academy](#) Application Deadline: July 31
- FY 2024-2025 Annual Operating Budget Due: August 1
- Accountability Preview Webinar, Central Office Employees: [August 26 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Accountability Preview Webinar, High School Principals: [August 27 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Accountability Preview Webinar, Teachers Option 1: [August 27 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Accountability Preview Webinar, Middle School Principals: [August 28 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Accountability Preview Webinar, Elementary School Principals: [August 29 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Accountability Preview Webinar, Teachers Option 2: [August 29 at 4 p.m.](#)
- Accountability Preview Webinar, Counselors: [August 30 at 10 a.m.](#)
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): September 7, Shreveport

- Teacher Exit Survey Submission Deadline: September 13
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): October 5, Baton Rouge

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

SPED Fellow Academy Cohort 5

Please share with coordinators, principals, school system leaders, and special education directors.

SPED Fellow Academy is a year-long, comprehensive development program for novice special education leaders across the state. The fellowship will provide in-person training, coaching, and a community of practice that will instill the knowledge and skills the next generation of leaders need to lead and sustain change to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. Throughout the program, fellows will engage in an Executive Learning Project which is a framework for leading systems-level change to improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities. At the conclusion of the program, fellows will present their Executive Learning Projects to a panel of experts during the final colloquium. Mentor-coaches will provide expert coaching to fellows in the development and implementation of their Executive Learning Projects. Upon successful completion of SPED Fellow Academy, fellows will obtain a SPED Fellow Distinction on their EDL (education leader) certificate.

The application to apply to [SPED Fellow Academy](#) is available and will close on July 31.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

The New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off

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

The LDOE will host a Summer Kick-Off for the New Teacher Experience on July 24 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 500 new teachers. The goals of the event are to:

- Welcome new teachers to the profession
- Understand the components of Louisiana's New Teacher Experience
- Engage in professional learning around topics relevant to new teachers
- Provide statewide networking opportunities for new teachers

The Summer Kick-Off will take place at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge, located at 3838 W. Lakeshore Drive. [Registration](#) remains open and will close when capacity is reached. School systems may register their new teachers or send the registration link to new teachers for them to self-register. School systems should share details about the event with their new teachers and ensure that they are able to attend prior to registering. This event is provided at no cost to systems; however, any travel costs may be covered by the school system. Registration includes lunch and a tote bag with lots of start-of-the-year goodies.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Exit Survey 2023-2024

Please share with data managers, human resource directors, and system leaders.

The Teacher Exit Survey data collection period is now open. HR Managers can access the annual Teacher Exit Survey and instructions on how to complete the process through [TeachLouisiana.net](https://teachlouisiana.net) for the 2023-2024 school year. This survey collects district-level data on reasons for teacher departure over the last school year and is open until September 13.

Please contact donna.baudoin@la.gov with questions.

Tutoring

Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring Update

Please share with content supervisors, literacy coaches, and school leaders.

The Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring Initiative results from Act 771 of the 2024 legislative session. This bill provides high-dosage tutoring for certain low-performing students in grades kindergarten through five that is school-day embedded.

The following resources/updates are now available to support High Dosage Tutoring:

- [Accelerate High Dosage Tutoring FAQ document](#)
- [Accelerate High Dosage Tutoring Vendor Guide](#)
- Allocation funding notices will be sent to superintendents the week of July 15.

To find more information on Accelerate High Dosage Tutoring, visit the statewide tutoring [landing page](#) or sign up for the Louisiana Tutoring Initiative [newsletter](#).

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Update: Attorney General Opinion & Act No. 216 2024 Legislative Session

Please share with school leaders, superintendents, and system leaders.

Please be advised to immediately review the newly issued [Attorney General Opinion](#) & [Act No. 216](#) of the 2024 Legislative Session with your legal counsel. This Act became effective on May 25th, 2024 and amends and reenacts provisions of the Children's Code relative to mandatory reporting procedures and expands the definition of Teaching and Child Care Provider to include school resource officers. The Act also contains a new provision applicable to employment policies or manuals prohibiting mandatory reporters from immediate filing of a report of child abuse or neglect as required by law and provides for sanctions of the employer for violation.

Please contact Tony.Ligi@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

English Language Proficiency Screener (ELPS)

Please share with EL supervisors and testing coordinators.

Federal law requires that students who indicate a need for English language support be screened within their first 30 days of enrollment. The English Language Proficiency Screener (ELPS) is used in Louisiana to conduct this screening. The ELPT will not be available from July 15-31 to allow for updates in the TIDE system. It will reopen on August 1. TIDE access is granted in each school system by the district test coordinator.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ACT

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

ACT state testing reports are now available in the ACT online reporting portal. To access reports via online reporting go to success.act.org, ACT's interactive reporting system. State testing data, including aggregate reports, is available under the ACT State Contract Program drop-down.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Grow. Achieve. Thrive. Accountability Preview Webinars

Please share with accountability contacts, counselors, school leaders, and teachers.

The LDOE will host informational webinars to provide an overview and implementation guidance for Louisiana's new accountability system, Grow. Achieve. Thrive. LDOE leaders will share resources and guidance for their particular area of implementation and participants will receive a clear understanding of the accountability system, as well as definitive next steps relative to their role. Please join the webinar(s) that best reflect your role and share with those that you think may benefit from this content.

Central Office Employees

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 26 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97625100877>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 381 2552
- **Meeting ID#:** 976 2510 0877

High School Principals

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 27 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96268404045>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 962 6840 4045

Teachers: Option 1

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 27 at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96678724391>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 250 9358
- **Meeting ID#:** 966 7872 4391

Middle School Principals

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 28 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99050442228>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 990 5044 2228

Elementary School Principals

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 29 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98207425019>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 250 9358
- **Meeting ID#:** 982 0742 5019

Teachers: Option 2

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 29 at 4 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95873133658>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470 381 2552
- **Meeting ID#:** 958 7313 3658

Counselors

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 30 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91946495814>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 919 4649 5814

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

Apprenticeship Quarterly Call

Please share with counselors, CTE supervisors, principals, and secondary supervisors.

The postsecondary readiness team will host an apprenticeship call quarterly. The call will address apprenticeship opportunities and updates related to enrollment reporting, funding, and program development.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** July 30 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92183263782?>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID:** 921 8326 3782
- **Passcode:** 936910

Please contact caronda.bean@la.gov with questions.

Dual Enrollment Requirements Update

Please share with counselors, principals, and system supervisors.

The Louisiana Board of Regents updated the [dual enrollment policy](#) effective beginning in the Fall of 2023. The revisions introduce new eligibility criteria, delivery formats, and instructor requirements to enhance access and maintain rigor in dual enrollment courses. The updates include changes around eligibility requirements and modality.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with any questions.

Early Childhood

Reminder: Early Childhood Conference (ECC) 2024 Registration

Please share with early childhood administrators, school leaders, and system leaders.

Registration is now open for the 2024 [Early Childhood Conference](#). Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will close on July 17 or at sellout. The conference will take place in [Shreveport](#) and [Baton Rouge](#), and will be held on Saturday to make it easier for providers from across the state to be able to attend.

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions.

School Choice

Nonpublic Schools

Monthly Support Calls

Please share with nonpublic school leaders and data managers.

Monthly Nonpublic School support calls are held the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. Attendance is required for all participating LSP or SCP scholarship schools.

Please contact studentscholarships@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2024-2025 Annual Operating Budget

Please forward to Type 2 and Type 5 charter school business officials.

The FY 2024-2025 Annual Operating Budget is due August 1. If the Annual Operating Budget submitted by August 1st is not adopted in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, submittal of the budget adopted in

accordance with the Budget Act is required no later than September 30th. Each school must submit the Annual Operating Budget forms via email to CharterFinanceHelpdesk@la.gov. Resources pertinent to the Annual Operating Budget submission are available in The Business Manager Support Library.

Please submit responses or questions to CharterFinanceHelpdesk@la.gov.