

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: July 9, 2024

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [July 10 at 9 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charters Monthly Call: [July 12 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [June 12 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [July 15 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [July 16 at 3:45](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [July 17 at 2 p.m.](#)
- College and Career Readiness Monthly Call: [July 18 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [June 26 at 10 a.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [July 10 at 9 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charters Monthly Call: [July 12 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [July 15 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [July 17, 2:00 p.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services: [July 17 at 2 p.m.](#)
- College and Career Readiness Monthly Call: [July 18 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [July 31 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Summer EBT Weekly Call: [July 11 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [July 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [August 6 at 1 p.m.](#)
- EdLink Workforce Dashboard Office Hours: [August 12 at 9 a.m. and August 14 at 9 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Louisiana Literacy Regional Summer Tour](#): July 11, Alexandria
- [2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit](#): July 10-11, **VIRTUAL EVENT**
- [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#): please register by July 12
- Deadline to submit public comment for the [ESSER ARP ConAdmin Waiver Request](#): July 12
- Deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs: July 15
- [New International Associate Teacher Orientation](#): July 22-25, Baton Rouge

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

ESSER ARP ConAdmin Waiver

Please share with business managers, federal program directors, and superintendents.

Due to Louisiana's 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 ESSER ARP Consolidated Administration waiver. This waiver will allow the LDOE to ensure the selected programs can continue to advance student academic achievement by allowing the LDOE to use funds reserved for administration to address ongoing administrative costs (i.e. ESSER monitoring, ESSER data reporting, etc.) and avoid diverting funds away from critical services for LEAs, schools, students, teachers, and other educational staff.

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 July 12.

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

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

Revised Accountability System Resources

Please share with system leaders and school leaders

The LDOE has launched a [landing page](#) on its website that will be regularly updated with resources and information on Louisiana's revised accountability system, Grow. Achieve. Thrive. This revised system goes into effect for the 2025-2026 school year. Below are some of the resources now available.

- [Video preview of the revised system](#)
- [General FAQ](#)
- [Accountability Model FAQ](#)
- [Grow. Achieve. Thrive. newsletter sign-up](#)

Please continue to check the website for updates. We will soon announce dates for special webinars previewing the revised system with system leaders, school leaders, and teachers.

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.

English Language Proficiency Screener (ELPS)

Please share with testing coordinators and EL supervisors.

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 testing coordinators and school leaders.

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.

Career and College Readiness

2024-2025 Pupil Progression Plan

Please share with school system administrators.

The **UPDATED** 2024-2025 PPP template is available in the LDOE [School Policy](#) library.

The purpose of this document is to assist school systems in developing their required Pupil Progression Plan in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and to codify school system policies and procedures related to K-12 student placement, promotion and retention. **The signed PPP should be submitted as a PDF to ppp@la.gov by October 31.**

Please contact ppp@la.gov with questions.

Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and Standard Reunification Method (SRM) Train the Trainer Workshop

Please share system administrator, school principals, emergency preparedness and safety personnel.

[Registration](#) is open for this full day Train the Trainer Workshop that will introduce participants to the history, concepts and functionality of the SRP and SRM and how to train the programs internally.

Participants will walk away from the workshop with an understanding of how the SRP provides a proven, action-based enhancement to all-hazards school safety planning. After learning about the five actions of the SRP, and their associated directives, participants will be able to implement the program and enhance the safety plans of the school system..

Additionally, participants will gain an understanding of the proven methods for planning, practicing and achieving a successful reunification using the SRM. Participants will leave the workshop with the ability to organize a reunification team in their school system and create an effective reunification plan.

- **Date and Time:** July 18, 2024, 8:00a.m - 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Calcasieu Parish School Board Convocation Center
Curriculum and Instruction Building
600 Shattuck Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Please contact michael.comeaux@la.gov with questions.

K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Prevention Training Please share with mental health professionals, school administrators, and school resource officers.

The Louisiana State Police, in partnership with the Louisiana Association of Principals, is providing statewide district and regional BTAM training. The purpose of these sessions is to provide BTAM training to school administrators/personnel, mental health professionals, school resource officers/law enforcement, and other stakeholders and partners that may support school and district BTAM teams. This is a two-day training event.

[St. John the Baptist Parish](#)

- **Date:** July 18-19
- **Location:** Lake Pontchartrain Elementary School
3328 Highway 51, LaPlace, LA

[Jefferson Davis Parish](#)

- **Date:** July 22-23
- **Location:** Jennings Elementary School
1603 South Lake Arthur Ave., Jennings LA

[Terrebonne Parish](#)

- **Date:** July 25-26
- **Location:** H.L Bourgeois High School
1 Reservation Court, Gray, LA

Please contact michael.comeaux@la.gov with questions.

School Choice

2024-2025 Comprehensive Reporting Calendar

Please share with BESE authorized charter school leaders.

The 2024-2025 Comprehensive Reporting Calendar was released by email on July 1. This calendar will be updated in September to reflect deadlines that are still being determined. This item along with other forms will be located in the [Charter School Library](#).

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

Monthly Support Calls

Please share with BESE authorized charter school leaders, and local authorizers.

The Local Authorizer Call and BESE Authorized Charters monthly calls have been moved to July 12 to accommodate leaders attending charter and school safety events. Please note that the [school system support calendar](#) is being updated to reflect the new date. Times are to remain the same.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

Nonpublic Schools

Monthly Support Calls

Please share with nonpublic school leaders and data managers.

The Monthly Nonpublic School monthly calls are held every third Wednesday of each month at 2:00p.m.. Attendance is required for all participating LSP or SCP scholarship schools.

Please contact studentscholarships@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

MFP Forward Funding

Please share with charter school business managers and charter school financial officials.

Charter schools may request MFP forward funding for significant increases in student enrollment that may occur from February 1 to October 1. Schools must demonstrate that the financial health of the school will be impacted if the student enrollment increase is not recognized with an adjustment in the MFP monthly payment sooner than the March 2025 Mid-Year adjustments.

To apply for increased monthly payments for documented growth prior to the October 1 count, please refer to the [Charter School Library](#).

Please contact charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

2024-2025 MFP Formula Allocation

Please share with business managers and school system financial officials.

The statewide MFP formula allocation for FY 2024-2025 and the associated guidance was released on June 30. The formula documents are in the MFP Library under the 2024-2025 MFP Budget Letter section. Specific New Type 2 Charter School MFP allocations may be viewed in the school's secured edfin ftp sites.

Please contact LDOEMFPhelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

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

The LDOE conducts ongoing reviews of instructional materials to support school systems in adopting curricula in all core subjects. Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below. All tiered reviews can be found on the [annotated reviews](#) web page. The status of all instructional materials submissions can be found in the [weekly report](#).

- Open Up Resources - EL Education, ELA Grade 3 (©2017)
- Gallopade International Inc. - Gallopade Curriculum Social Studies, Grades 4-5 (©2023)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

ELA and Social Studies Professional Learning

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

The ELA and Social Studies content teams are hosting a summer professional learning opportunity in North Louisiana on July 29. The [registration](#) deadline has been extended to July 22 and spots are still available for all ELA and Social Studies sessions. The capacity of each Social Studies session has increased to accommodate up to 70 participants.

ELA session topics will include supporting student fluency using the newly released FUEL resources, planning for implementation of the ELA Guidebooks 6-8 (2024) units, and assisting instructional leaders in implementing strategies to best support high-quality instruction in their ELA classrooms. Participants will learn best practices for planning and supporting the learning for all students.

Social Studies sessions will be divided by grade band and designed to support the implementation of the Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Curriculum. Participants will learn best practices for lesson internalization, planning, and pacing.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov or classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum Updates

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

All 51 units of Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Curriculum are now complete and published for teacher and student use. [Core Knowledge](#) is available to provide quotes and receive orders for printed materials for all grades. To ensure delivery at the earliest possible date, please submit your requests for print materials as soon as possible to LABayouBridges@coreknowledge.org.

In your e-mail, include the following details:

- What grade(s) you are interested in
- The number of students and teachers for each grade
- Billing and shipping addresses
- Student and teacher quantities that belong to each shipping address
- Any other key information, such as recipient's name

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

The New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick Off – REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

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

The Louisiana Department of Education will host a Summer Kick-off for the New Teacher Experience on **July 24, 2024**, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Baton Rouge, LA, 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 (3838 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802). [Registration](#) is now 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 systems leaders, human resource directors, and data managers.

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 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, 2024**.

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

Diverse Learners

SPED Fellow Academy Cohort 5

Please share with principals, coordinators, 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.