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Important Dates for School Systems

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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- Computer Science Teacher Leader Advisor Application Deadline: [August 30](#)
- [Early Childhood Conference](#): September 7, Shreveport
- [School Support Institutes](#) Session 1: September 10-17
- [System Leader Regional Collaboration](#) Session 1: September 10-17
- Excellence in Authorizing Consortium: September 12-30
- Teacher Exit Survey Submission Deadline: September 13
- Developing Strong Literacy Skills in Grades 4 - 8 Webinar: [September 18 at 2 p.m.](#)

Teaching and Learning

Charter Schools

Excellence in Authorizing September Consortium

Please share with LEA Charter Authorizers and school system leaders.

The Excellence in Authorizing Consortium was developed to build the individual and collective capacities of school systems in Louisiana to authorize charters using best practices. In conjunction with the LDOE, The National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) will provide participants with resources, professional development, and collaboration opportunities targeting charter school authorizing. Throughout the month-long session, LEA Charter Authorizers will attend a full-day in-person training and two virtual courses aimed to enhance the expertise of local authorizers and offer ongoing development in the best practices of charter school authorization. The Excellence in Authorizing Consortium will begin on September 12 and end on September 30.

Please contact megan.thompson2@la.gov with questions.

Charter Authorizing Contact Information Survey

Please share with LEA Charter Authorizers and school system leaders.

Please complete the [Charter Authorizing Contact Information Survey](#) to ensure the Office of School Choice has the most up-to-date point of contact information for LEA Charter Authorization.

Please contact megan.thompson2@lagov with questions.

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](#).

- Great Minds PBC - Wit & Wisdom, ELA Grades K-2 (without Foundational Skills) (©2023)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Computer Science Teacher Leader Advisor Applications Now Open

Please share with teachers and teacher leaders.

The LDOE's Computer Science [Teacher Leader Advisors](#) (TLAs) are highly motivated educators who work alongside the Division of Academic Content to support Louisiana's education priorities. Computer Science TLAs will serve an essential role in supporting the implementation of the Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science by creating resources, engaging in work that develops an understanding of high-quality curricula, and providing training for teachers. Educators who are interested should [submit their applications](#) by August 30.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

The New Teacher Experience: Professional Learning Modules

Please share with all school and system leaders, and new teachers.

The LDOE, in partnership with A+PEL, has developed monthly professional learning modules on topics that are critical for new teacher success. These modules include online asynchronous content followed by an in-person

learning lab where participants practice and apply these concepts. These five modules are designed to build learning throughout the year. Teachers are expected to complete the entire series of Professional Learning Modules.

- **Module 1: Classroom Management/Classroom Environment**
- **Module 2: Standards and Curriculum**
- **Module 3: Data Literacy**
- **Module 4: Literacy for 21st-Century Learners**
- **Module 5: Parent and Community Engagement**

This year, we are offering 245 complimentary seats. We are reserving half for the northern location (Monroe) and half for the southern location (Port Allen). Once those seats are exhausted, teachers may still attend but there will be a cost of \$1,272.00 per teacher to complete the series of modules.

Teachers will be asked to receive approval to attend from their school leader. [Registration](#) is now open. Once teachers complete the registration, participants will receive details on selected training locations and an invitation to access the online asynchronous modules.

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

Mentor and Resident Funding Overview Call

Please share with data managers, finance managers, and system leaders.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the data collection for Mentor compensation will take place using a similar process to what was used in 2023-2024. Join the Fall 2024 Mentor and Resident Funding call to review the funding eligibility and process.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 26 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99959245938?pwd=sAyAlJkkPns4ffbqUpXqksRIQhQamb.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 999 5924 5938
- **Passcode:** 697159
- **Phone:** 312 626 6799

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

LEADS Implementation Monthly Webinars

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

The Division of Educator Talent and Workforce Development will host [LEADS Implementation Monthly Webinars](#) to build the capacity of system and school leaders by providing focused, high-quality professional learning opportunities that can be replicated at the school and system level. These learning opportunities will build a deeper understanding of LEADS components and processes and advance implementation. Learning will focus on the key evaluation components and will allow time for systems to network during breakout sessions. System and school leaders are encouraged to join calls that are most relevant to meeting specific needs. The first calls will be held in September.

School Observation Schedules

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 11 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99470752162?pwd=2qbpIT7zf8vmXspltbUSrdavhNJOQf.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 994 7075 2162

The BOY Conference Goal-Setting Process for Leaders

- **Webinar Date and Time:** September 12 at 12 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91654213527?pwd=PFXWoLlzR9Qrx8ECjmaTsaBvXIm2Y7.1>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1 312 626 6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 916 5421 3527

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Exit Survey 2023-2024

Please share with data managers, human resources directors, and systems leaders.

The Teacher Exit Survey data collection period is currently open. HR Managers can access the annual Teacher Exit Survey and instructions on how to complete the process through [TeachLouisiana.net](https://teach.louisiana.gov) 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.

Louisiana Evaluation System (LES)

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

All 2024-2025 evaluation data will be entered directly into LES; data will be entered directly into the Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) data system throughout the year (no spreadsheet uploads) by both the evaluatee and the evaluator.

Rosters will be pre populated in LES based on information entered into eScholar; therefore, it is recommended that data managers begin updating 2024-2025 staff lists. Following pilot testing, LES will be opened later this month. Please use the [contact form](#) to update LES contact information. LES contacts will be notified once the system is open and links will also be published in the newsletter.

Please contact leads@la.gov with questions.

School Improvement

School Support Institutes /System Leader Regional Collaborations Session 1

Please share with school leaders and system leaders.

The LDOE is looking forward to our [School Support Institutes](#) and [System Leader Regional Collaboration](#) learning for 2024-2025. In preparation for our first session in September, SSI CIR Integrated Pathway participants are asked to bring some beginning-of-the-year informal classroom observation data to the session. This data will be utilized during our internalization and practice portions of the learning. Guidance for collecting the data, along with some general SSI overview information, can be found at this [link](#).

Literacy Pathway participants should bring their school's literacy plan if available. Additionally, the team should bring or have access to any relevant data needed to create literacy goals, such as LEAP scores, DIBELS scores, and intervention data.

CIR Integrated Pathway and Literacy Pathway will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and System Leader Regional Collaborations will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. System leaders are asked to register and attend together in the same cohort. Following the sessions on System Coherence, Instructional Coherence, and Leadership Capacity Building, system-level leadership teams will have an opportunity to collaborate in planning.

- **Sept 10: Monroe ULM Campus Bayou Pointe, 1 Warhawk Way**
- **Sept 11: Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo Street**
- **Sept 12: Lafayette ULL Student Union, 620 McKinley Street**
- **Sept 13: New Orleans Pontchartrain Convention Center, 4545 Williams Blvd.**
- **Sept 17: Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza, 4728 Constitution Avenue**

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.

Tutoring

Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring

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

EGMS is currently open and school systems are encouraged to begin submitting their Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring plans. Plans will be reviewed and either approved or returned with feedback. Plans may be submitted until the deadline of **September 15**.

The LDOE is offering Tutoring Office Hours for school systems seeking assistance with their plans, as well as one-on-one assistance for those in need of customized support. Additional information and resources can be found at the LDOE website, [Tutor.La.Gov](https://www.la.gov).

Tutoring Office Hours

- **Date and Time:** August 22, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92605269177?pwd=efD1kvt5xs5U2Oy1GSw6PAB7FBbheD.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 926 0526 9177
- **Passcode:** 446936

Tutoring Office Hours

- **Date and Time:** September 5, 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92605269177?pwd=efD1kvt5xs5U2Oy1GSw6PAB7FBbheD.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 926 0526 9177
- **Passcode:** 446936

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Foster Care Coordinator Webinar

Please share with foster care coordinators.

The LDOE will host a webinar for foster care coordinators on August 26 and August 30 at 9 a.m. or 2 p.m. Attendees are required to [register](#) for the webinar of their choice in advance. General information will be shared on policies regarding foster care students, maintenance of current and accurate health and educational records, timely transfer of student records, resolution of transportation and delivery issues, and most appropriate educational placement of foster care children; and transportation of children in foster care.

Please contact terri.byrd@la.gov with questions.

SUN Bucks Application Period

Please share with parents, schools, and system leaders.

The SUN Bucks application period opened on August 19. Most eligible children were automatically enrolled, but some will need to apply. Families can apply online at sunbucks.la.gov.

Children who should apply during Phase 3 include students at CEP schools who were not automatically eligible in Phase 1 (SNAP recipients), or Phase 2 (Medicaid, FITAP, KCSP & NSLP benefits), children experiencing homelessness, and migrant children.

Children who should already be enrolled include children ages 5-18 (born between August 15, 2005, and July 1, 2018) who received SNAP, income-based Medicaid, FITAP, or KCSP benefits during the 2023-2024 school year and students at NSLP schools who applied and qualified for free or reduced-price meals.

Children who do not attend NSLP/CEP schools are not eligible for SUN Bucks unless they received SNAP, income-based Medicaid, FITAP, or KCSP benefits and they were born between August 15, 2005, and July 1, 2018.

Children who were streamline certified in Phase 1 or Phase 2 were automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks, and many have already received their one-time \$120 benefit. The SUN Bucks program will start issuing EBT cards to eligible NSLP students in late August.

To learn more, visit sunbucks.la.gov, email sunbucks@la.gov, or call the SUN Bucks helpline at 833-323-7482.

Please contact sunbucks@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.

Cardiac Health Information for Student Athletes

Please share with system leaders, principals, athletic directors and coaching staff.

Act 421 from the 2024 Legislative Session requires that the LDOE provide [information about cardiac health](#) to public school governing authorities. School systems are required to then provide this information to student-athletes and their parents/guardians and to also [collect parent signatures](#) to confirm receipt and understanding.

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

Data Certification of ACT and DCAI

Please share with accountability contacts and school leaders.

Accountability contacts were notified of the opening of La Data Review to review ACT and DCAI data that will be used to calculate fall 2024 school and district performance scores. Please notify [Jennifer Baird](#) if there has been a recent change in the accountability contact. Assessment data certification will open at the end of August.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Interests and Opportunities

Please share with accountability contacts and school leaders.

Preliminary I&O scores and rosters were dropped in FTP for 2023-2024. Please review and email accountability@la.gov with any questions or concerns by August 21.

The I&O Jotform Survey for the 2024-2025 school year will open on August 26th. On that day, informational letters with the Jotform link and unique access codes will be emailed to principals and accountability contacts. Completed surveys are due November 6. The menu and guidance are available in the Accountability Library.

Please contact accountability@la.gov with questions.

K-3 Literacy Screening

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

The Louisiana mCLASS system is now open for DIBELS screening of all students in grades K-3. State law requires that this screening be completed in the first 30 days of school. Custom windows have been set based on each school system's calendar. At the end of 30 days, the system will no longer be accessible for screening.

New to 2024-2025 is the ability to enter alternate assessment screening for students who meet criteria directly into the system. All testing coordinators have been provided with the directions for entering the score from LAAR, which is used as the alternate assessment for this screening. Scores for all students in K-3 must be entered into mCLASS. It is not possible to submit scores to the department with a file upload.

Please ensure that the district test coordinator for each school system sends all communications to the LDOE related to K-3 screening. This includes requests for grade changes, permissions, and testing irregularities. We appreciate your cooperation with this protocol.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.