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My name is Dana Hendrix, and I am a school system literacy coach in Richland Parish. My current role is to support students and educators through literacy training. I am honored to share the impact the dyslexia training provided by the [Dyslexia Resource Center](#) and [Louisiana Department of Education](#) has had on my educational journey.

For sixteen years, I grappled with reaching students who were diagnosed with or showing signs of dyslexia. When the opportunity to participate in a year-long training for dyslexia came about, instantly I knew how valuable this information was for empowering students and educators in my school system. As a participant in the dyslexia training cohort, it is exciting to share the new insights and strategies with supervisors, school leaders, teachers, parents, and students.

I wish I had the opportunity for this training at the beginning of my career! Understanding that students who have dyslexia must **work five times harder** in reading and language tasks has motivated me to learn how to plan and implement lessons tailored to their needs; incorporating specific lessons and strategies that include multisensory learning. The impact this has made in the lives of my students is already obvious.

I am excited to share that there is another opportunity for more teachers to learn how to best support their students with dyslexia. Registration is now open for the [Dyslexia Practitioner Training - Cohort 2](#). All teachers strive to provide the best support for their students. Your commitment will undoubtedly change the lives of many students. I urge you to apply by April 15. Let's make a difference together!

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# TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

## Teacher Leader Summit Registration Now Open

The LDOE is counting down the days until the annual [Teacher Leader Summit](#), which will take place May 28 through May 30. Please join us in New Orleans for our annual professional development conference that brings together Louisiana's birth to grade 12 educators and content experts. Educators participating in the event will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2024-2025 school year. This year's Teacher Leader Summit will focus on *Leading the Next Level* every single day.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Registration](#) closes on **March 15** or at sellout.

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

# ACADEMICS

## Assessment Literacy Initiative

The LDOE assessment content team and the Center for Assessment will host the March session of the monthly webinar series on March 7. The focus of this session is Local Assessment System Audits: How Do Teachers and Leaders Know if the Collection of Assessments They Administer is Any Good? (Part 1).

Each session in the [Effective Assessment Practices](#) series will provide opportunities for Louisiana educators (both leaders and classroom educators) to learn about and discuss the most important and practical topics related to assessment in school systems and classrooms. An optional question-and-answer session will take place immediately following the webinar. The webinar will be recorded.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** March 7 at 3:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82217294500>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646 931 3860
- **Webinar ID#:** 822 1729 4500
- **Passcode:** 959799

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

# SUPPORT FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

## Dyslexia Training Opportunity

Through a partnership between the LDOE and the Dyslexia Resource Center, a cohort of 25 educators will be selected to participate in a dyslexia practitioner training program. Certified teachers who are interested should apply to the program by completing the [Dyslexia Training Application](#) by **April 15** and attend one of the following informational webinars.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** February 29 at 5 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register>
- **Webinar ID #:** 862 9151 4793
- **Passcode:** 534682
- **Phone Number:** 646 931 3860
  
- **Webinar Date and Time:** March 19 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register>
- **Webinar ID #:** 861 5999 5540

- **Passcode:** 919998
- **Phone Number:** 309 205 3325

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

## ELA RESOURCES

### **ELA Guidebooks Text Availability Update**

Due to shifts in text permissions, a text critical to the implementation of the 2018 Grade 6 ELA Guidebooks unit Steve Jobs will no longer be accessible in the [XanEdu](#) unit readers. The [ELA Guidebooks Licensing Updates](#) document provides additional information regarding this update. School systems that have additional copies of the current unit reader may continue to implement the unit; however, new unit readers purchased from XanEdu will not contain all of the texts required for unit implementation.

The ELA Guidebooks 6-8 (2024) units will be released this spring. Additional information regarding these units, including the [overview](#), [writing progression](#), and [introduction webinar](#) is now available.

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

## SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

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

All grade 6 Bayou Bridges units are now available. Please navigate to the [Bayou Bridges Resource web page](#) to access. Units are aligned to meet the [2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#). All grade 7 units will be published by February 28.

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

## MATH RESOURCES

### **Foundational Lessons to Accelerate Math Education (FLAME)**

All units of [FLAME](#) for grades Kindergarten through 5 are now available. FLAME resources for middle school are currently in development and are expected to be released this fall. Sessions will be available at the Teacher Leader Summit for educators to learn more about FLAME.

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

## EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

### **Aspiring Principal Fellowship 2024-2025 Application Available**

The Louisiana Department of Education is expanding the Aspiring Principal Fellowship (APF) for the 2024-2025 school year. APF cohort participants will meet throughout the year to explore best practices with regional experts, participate in school visits, and reflect on leadership practices. Participants will exit this fellowship with a robust leadership portfolio, the guidance of Louisiana's most successful principals, and a strong network of lifelong colleagues.

Applicants must hold a current EDL1 certification in Louisiana. School systems are responsible for covering the cost of the \$1,000 tuition for presenters and materials, as well as travel costs. Interested candidates should

complete the [Aspiring Principal Fellowship Application](#) by **March 8**. Fellowship applicants will be notified of acceptance by March 28.

Additional information about the Aspiring Principal Fellowship can be found on the [APF overview document](#).

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

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