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EAGLE

EAGLE Item Bank

As a reminder, the EAGLE platform is being phased out and all items from the EAGLE system will be exported and made available on the [Department's website](#) no later than **July 1**. These items may be used by Louisiana educators for educational purposes. To access items, a password key will be required to open the file. Please [share these instructions](#) with all educators.

Note: Teacher-created tests will not be exported. Teachers are encouraged to download a hard copy of all personal tests created in the system before **June 30**.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ELA RESOURCES

Strong Start: ELA Guidebook Text Access to Support Distance Learning

The Department has released [Strong Start guidance](#) for implementing Louisiana’s ELA Guidebooks in high- and low- tech environments. In order for school systems to implement distance learning in any environment, access for [ELA Guidebook unit texts](#) and unit materials must be secured.

Consult the timeline chart in the American Reading Company [purchasing portal](#) to make decisions about the order of units for the 2020-2021 academic year and receive unit texts before instruction begins.

For school systems that require a low-tech, analog, print-only solution, Distance Learning Guidebook Companion documents will be developed for two units per grade level in grades 3-8 and one unit per grade level will be developed in grades 9-12. A release schedule for Distance Learning Guidebook Companions is [available](#).

Updates to the [guidance](#) have been made to include:

- a list of digital text access availability for ELA Guidebook required trade books;
- guidance for supporting diverse learners during distance learning, including accessibility options to support students with disabilities; and
- sample Distance Learning Guidebook Companions.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

MATH RESOURCES

Strong Start: July 2020 Math Lesson Broadcasting

The Department, in partnership with Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB), Great Minds, Illustrative Math (IM), and SchoolKit, will broadcast Eureka (K-5) and Illustrative Math (6-Algebra I) lessons. These lessons will air on LPB from **Monday, July 6** through **Friday, July 31** on a regular daily schedule. They will also be available on-demand at the [Great Minds](#) and [Illustrative Mathematics](#) websites.

To ensure accessibility for students with disabilities, live broadcasts will have closed captioning and on-demand videos will be available with closed captioning and audio description.

To support school systems as they plan for summer learning and ensure students are prepared for on grade level learning by **August 1**, [this guidance document](#) contains information about the following:

- Purchasing student materials
- Watching live broadcasts
- Watching on-demand
- Lesson details

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Strong Start: Instructional Support

To support teachers in addressing the unfinished math learning as a result of school closures , curriculum-specific guidance, containing unit-by-unit diagnostic availability and a mapping of LEAP 360 diagnostic items in math to specific units of every [high-quality curricula](#), will be released by **July 1** on the [K-12 math planning page](#). Guidance will include implementation guidance that embeds missed skills or background knowledge from the 2019-2020 school year into the next grade level, connected to the on-grade-level lessons.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

SCIENCE RESOURCES

New K-2 PhD Science Curriculum to be Open Educational Resource

Grades K–2 of the PhD Science curriculum from Great Minds, which received a [Tier I](#) rating for grades 3-5 in the [Louisiana Instructional Materials Review](#) process, will be an open educational resource (OER), giving students in the earliest grades a high-quality science curriculum for free. The K-2 curriculum will be available to pilot in the fall of the 2020–2021 school year and will be available online from Great Minds as an OER starting in the 2021–2022 school year.

Please contact phdscience@greatminds.org with questions.

Tools and Resources: Louisiana Guides to Piloting OpenSciEd (Updated)

To support middle school science educators in effective implementation of the OpenSciEd curriculum, the Department updated the Louisiana Guides to Piloting OpenSciEd for grades [6](#), [7](#), and [8](#) and released the [OpenSciEd Purchasing and Professional Development Pricing](#) guidance. Each piloting guide offers instructional guidance such as a sample scope and sequence and a chart of EAGLE items associated with each unit of instruction.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

Continuous Learning Support

In an effort to provide standards-aligned content experiences, and enable continuous learning in the event of school facility closures at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, distance learning packets will be developed for each course in grades 3-8, US History, and Civics, for unit 1. The packets will not cover the entire content of the unit, but will focus on a key topic. Teachers can use the packets as a cornerstone to build materials for additional content coverage. The materials will be designed to be low tech, but can be adapted for schools using an online learning platform. The Department will evaluate the need for more distance learning support throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Schools can expect unit 1 packets to be released in July.

Please contact ClassroomSupportToolbox@la.gov with questions.

EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

New: Applications for Teacher Leader Advisor in ELA, math, and/or special education: Developing resources for students with significant cognitive disabilities

The Department is seeking excellent English language arts, math, and/or special education teachers to become Teacher Leader Advisors (TLAs) for the 2020-2021 school year. TLAs will build resources in both math and English language arts, grades K-12, for students with significant cognitive disabilities. While teachers with expertise in a content area (e.g., math or ELA) **and** experience working with students with the most complex needs are ideal, those with expertise in a content area (e.g., ELA or math) will be given full consideration. TLAs will either pilot the design and implementation of lessons from the ELA Guidebook Companion Resources (grades 3-8) or will develop additional supports aligned to the mathematics and ELA Connector standards (grades K-12).

The [application](#) for TLAs for students with significant cognitive disabilities is open until **June 5**. Please share this opportunity broadly with ELA, mathematics, and/or special education teachers.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit Session Broadcasted Live

The 2020 Teacher Leader Summit: The Virtual Series will take place from **May 28 to June 5**. It will bring together a host of educators and content experts who are focused on creating meaningful growth for every student, every day. Educators will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

Unfortunately, due to limitations with the size of Zoom rooms, additional seats cannot be added at this time. However, the Department is diligently working to accommodate as many Louisiana educators as possible and has provided a few options to ensure access to the content.

The Department has released a [list of sessions](#) that will be broadcasted live on YouTube. Anyone interested can view these live broadcasts, including those on the waitlists. The YouTube broadcast will not be moderated and will be view-only. Those that have questions after the simulcast are encouraged to reach out the presenters directly.

All sessions are also being recorded. Look for the recordings to be posted a week after the session concludes in the [Teacher Leader Library](#).

Once registration is confirmed, participants have been granted access to Sched to select preferred sessions. The evening before each session, participants will be sent a message detailing how to connect to the session via Zoom.

The Department is looking forward to delivering seven days of high-quality professional development.

Please contact LDOEEvents@la.gov with questions.

Apply for Mentor Provisional Certificate by June 1

Beginning in September, every teacher who serves as the mentor of an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate candidate must hold the Mentor Ancillary Certificate or the Provisional Mentor Ancillary Certificate. In light of COVID-19 school facility closures, BESE has extended the validity of the Provisional Mentor certificate from 12 months to 18 months for individuals who hold this certificate in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Use [this application](#) to apply for the Provisional Mentor certificate by **June 1**.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Join a Mentor Support Group

For Mentor candidates still working on their assessments, the Department has hired part-time Regional Talent Coaches, who are certified Mentors, to provide feedback to a group of teachers in your region. If you are interested in receiving feedback from a certified Mentor on your assessments, [sign up](#) to participate in a support group.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

World Languages Webinar Series

Join the Department and Avant Assessment's Alicia Dawn Samples in the three part webinar series, "Assessing Student Proficiency Levels in the World Language Classroom." In this series, attendees will learn how to accurately rate student proficiency levels, interact with other world language educators, and explore the ADVANCE Assessment Tool. Webinar dates are **June 2, 9, and 16**, at 1:00 PM CDT. Participants are required to attend the complete series.

Space is limited; registration is available through [Eventbrite](#).

Please contact Language.Acquisition@la.gov with any questions.

NAEP Short-Term Job Opportunity: Assessment Administrators

Westat will soon be staffing for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Would you like to work with a team to proctor digitally based assessments on tablets with fourth- and eighth-grade students in schools? You must be available for online and in-person training during the month of January 2021 and able to proctor between January 25 and March 12, 2021, when work is available. NAEP offers paid training, hourly wages paid weekly, and mileage reimbursement for local driving. This is a part-time, temporary position.

If you are interested in applying, visit <http://www.WorkNAEP.com> and provide your contact information. We will send you a link to our online application in July. For more information about this opportunity, email NAEPRecruit@westat.com or call 1-888-237-8036.

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Please contact rebecca.frederick@la.gov with questions.

AfterCLASS Resource for educators

AfterCLASS welcomes you- now online and eventually in our new space! AfterCLASS offers teachers professional, emotional, and social support. Our goal is to nurture and connect teachers in New Orleans to help them grow, remain healthy, and support their students. Housed in the Taylor Education Center, just a few blocks from the Convention Center, AfterCLASS is a space where teachers can meet to engage with each other. Teachers are often siloed and in need of professional community. Our suite is an inviting canvas upon which teachers can paint a living, vibrant community. We have two professional lending libraries, a teacher supply room, and a teachers' lounge. We also offer weekly yoga sessions, Social and Emotional Learning resources, and teacher-led and teacher-focused professional development.

Until we can meet again in our beautiful space, AfterCLASS offers several online workshops and resources, featuring topics such as Special Education and Teacher-Student Relationships, all in light of our current circumstances.

For more information, visit afterclass.tulane.edu.

2020-2021 High School Planning Guidebook

The Louisiana Department of Education has published the [Louisiana High School Planning Guidebook](#) each year since 2014. This condensed resource consolidates the policies and programs that are most relevant to high school educators as they plan for the upcoming academic year and prepare all students for college and career success.

The 2020-2021 guidebook includes resources to help school leaders plan for student success, focus on core academics, and develop students' advanced college and workplace skills. It also includes assessment and accountability guidance, a side-by-side comparison of diploma pathways, and a newly updated Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) template.

Please visit the [Louisiana Believes website](#) for all of [Louisiana's Guidebooks](#); contact HighSchoolAcademics@la.gov with questions.

Super Summer Institute Digital Training Opportunities

In lieu of face-to-face training opportunities, trainings are being transitioned to a digital training model. The dynamic [2020 Jump Start Super Summer Institute Digital Training Opportunities](#) guide provides a list of professional development and training opportunities. This list is not comprehensive and will continue to be updated as additional training options are confirmed.

The Super Summer Institute registration costs for the summer 2020 sessions are paid directly to the provider and not to the Department. Carl Perkins and Career Development Funds are eligible funding sources for registration.

Please email jumpstart@la.gov for more information.

Course Choice/SCA Reporting

The window for SCA/Course Choice providers to submit final grades for Spring and Full Year is open and will close on **June 30**. The date was extended to allow additional time for students to complete courses.

SCA MFP allocation for the 2019-2020 school year will not be redistributed. If school systems have unspent funds, the remaining balance will carry over for the next school year to be available for additional SCA/Course Choice enrollments.

Registration for Course Choice 2020-2021 will open on **July 1**. The preliminary [2020-2021 Preliminary Course Choice Catalog](#) is now available.

Please contact sca@la.gov for more information.

EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

Department Names the 2021 Teacher and Principal of the Year Semi-finalists

The Department is proud to announce the [2021 Teacher and Principal of the Year Semi-finalists](#). These educators are making exceptional gains with students. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov for more information.

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