



## October 2021

My name is Maylis Lucas, and I come from France as a [Louisiana International Associate Teacher](#). I applied to be a French [Dual Language Immersion](#) teacher in Louisiana with the [CODOFIL program](#), and I was selected to teach at Glen View Elementary School in Lincoln Parish. I've learned that living in a small town helps one to get close to and understand the people. I was very welcomed by the locals, and I have amazing teacher colleagues.



I teach second grade math, science, and social studies in French. Every day, I am amazed by their progress, by their ability to understand French, and by their willingness to take chances with the language.

Learning another language at a very young age is crucial. It develops students' knowledge, is stimulating, and improves their academic results. But most importantly, it is natural for them to learn a second language. My students interact in French daily. **If I had one piece of advice it would be to encourage your students to learn another language. I can assure you won't have any regrets!**

My name is Estefania Barrabi, and I am a Louisiana International Associate Teacher teaching Kindergarten Spanish Dual Language Immersion at Terrytown Elementary in Jefferson Parish. I have been a bilingual teacher for the past 13 years in Mexico and in Louisiana. The first time I had the opportunity to participate in this exchange as a Louisiana International Associate Teacher was in northeast Louisiana from 2008-2011. That was when I discovered that I loved dual language teaching. In 2018, I decided to return to Louisiana because I wanted to again help build the educational foundation for Louisiana's children. As someone who believes in the power of languages, I make sure to provide my students with a positive environment and experiences, exposure to different cultures, and knowledge of the world of languages.



Witnessing the skills and competencies that children develop while participating in a bilingual educational program has motivated me to do my best every day.

**I've learned from every coworker that I've worked with, made new friends, and discovered that the people in Louisiana are kind and friendly! I love living this Louisiana experience alongside amazing Louisiana educators.**

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## ELA RESOURCES

### Text Analyses

The updated text analysis documents for selected ELA Guidebook units for grades 3-5 and 9-12 were released on September 30. These resources include additional text complexity analyses as well as the addition of text ratings for the 9-12 ELA Guidebook units which provide indicators for sensitive topics that may be found in the texts. These updated documents can be accessed in the bulk downloader for grades 3-5 and through the text tab within each unit on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#) for grades 9-12 which is accessible to educators, students, and their families.

Additionally, the Department is developing text analysis for grades 6-8 to be released later this school year.

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

### Resources for School Librarians

The Louisiana Association of School Librarians is collecting reports on libraries of all types damaged by Hurricane Ida. To report a library in need, please complete the [Hurricane Ida Damage Form](#).

Additionally, please join the LASL [mailing list](#) to receive resources and information on professional development and to celebrate with Louisiana school librarians. Additional information can be located on the [LASL Website](#) or follow LASL on [Facebook](#).

Additional Resources:

- Helpful Links for School Libraries Affected by Hurricane Ida:
  - [ALA Disaster Reliefs](#)
  - [Dollar General Disaster Relief Grant](#)
- Free 5 Minute Webinar from LASL:
  - [Using Professional Reviews to Guide Collection Development](#)

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## SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

### **K-12 Social Studies Standards Review Public Comment Period Now Open**

Louisiana’s social studies standards are currently under review. A copy of the revised draft standards as well as an online public comment form are posted in the [Standards Review Committee Library](#). All stakeholders have the opportunity to comment on individual standards using [this online form](#) throughout the month of October.

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

### **Professional Development Offered by the National World War II Museum**

The National World War II Museum and the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) have partnered together to offer two free online asynchronous online teacher training courses for any K-12 teacher at an accredited public, charter, private, or parochial school during the 2021-2022 school year. The two courses are *War in Europe* and *Liberation and Legacy*.

More information on professional development offered by the World War II Museum and the ABMC can be found on the [Online Teacher Professional Development](#) page of the National World War II Museum’s website.

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## MATH RESOURCES

### **Accelerate Math Updates**

[Accelerate Math](#) resources are built for teachers and tutors as proactive support for upcoming classroom content in order to ensure students’ readiness for grade level mathematics. Resources were updated in July and will continue to be released through this winter.

[Accelerate Math](#) resources include

- Acceleration Tools, which function as screeners to diagnose unfinished learning ahead of a topic of instruction;
- Google Slides for teachers and/or tutors to plan for and deliver individualized supports; and
- Tutoring Exit Tickets to monitor student understanding.

Content-strong math educators interested in contributing to this work should [apply](#) today.

Complete the [Accelerate Math feedback form](#) to help shape future updates and improvements.

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

### **Acceleration in Math Asynchronous Learning Modules**

Throughout the fall and winter, the Department will release a series of five asynchronous video-based modules to support best practices for using acceleration to address unfinished math learning.

Modules will include recorded presentations and handouts and will be designed so that each can be explored collaboratively, such as during common planning, or completed individually.

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## **SCIENCE RESOURCES**

### **New and Updated Science Resources**

To assist teachers, schools, and systems with science planning, the Department has released several new science resources and updated existing resources. All of these resources appear on the [K-12 Science Planning Page](#).

New and updated resources include

- LSSS/NGSS Crosswalks for [Grade 5](#), [Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#), and [Grade 8](#);
- Louisiana Guides to Piloting OpenSciEd ([Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#)) updated with pacing suggestions for the 2nd unit in each grade level; and
- [Grade 7](#) and [Grade 8](#) EAGLE Items updated with new sample items (password is Educate2020).

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### **Science Instruction Learning Modules Coming Soon**

To assist teachers, schools, and systems with implementation of high-quality science curricula, the Department will release three self-paced learning modules around the topics below on a rolling schedule starting in October.

- Science Instructional Model and Planning Guide
- Leveraging Student Resources in Science
- Productive Science Talk and Planning for Discussion

The modules will include a webinar-style recording and printable resources including the slide decks and handouts.

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

## **WORLD LANGUAGES + IMMERSION RESOURCES**

### **New Math Immersion Resources**

To assist French and Spanish immersion educators in interpreting and implementing Louisiana's mathematics standards, French and Spanish translations of Louisiana Student Standards: Companion Documents for Teachers have been released. They contain descriptions of each grade level math standard to answer questions about the

standard's meaning and how it applies to student knowledge and performance. They also include information from the Department's Remediation and Rigor documents.

- Teacher Companion Document-French Math [Grade 1](#), [Grade 2](#), [Grade 3](#), [Grade 4](#), [Grade 5](#)
- Teacher Companion Document-Spanish Math [Grade 1](#), [Grade 2](#), [Grade 3](#), [Grade 4](#), [Grade 5](#)

Please contact [language.acquisition@la.gov](mailto:language.acquisition@la.gov) for questions.

### **Registration for the 2021 LaTESOL (Louisiana Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Annual Conference Now Open**

**Please share with world language teachers.**

Registration for the 2021 [LaTESOL](#) Conference is open. This virtual conference will be held October 29. This year's conference theme is "Listening for Understanding" and will host plenary speakers Anneliese Singh, Lindsay Weixler, and Veronica Boix-Mansilla. Interested teachers should [register](#) online.

Please contact [louisianatesol@gmail.com](mailto:louisianatesol@gmail.com) with questions.

### **Registration for the 2022 Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association (LFLTA) Annual Conference Now Open** **Please share with world language teachers.**

Registration for the 2022 [LFLTA](#) Conference has opened. The conference will be held in Baton Rouge at the Hilton Hotel Capitol Center January 14-15, 2022. This year's theme is "Level Up with Languages" and will host a variety of lecture and round-table presentations led by Louisiana World Language teachers, as well conference workshops and keynote address led by nationally recognized presenter Ryan Smith. Interested teachers should [register](#) online.

Please contact [lftaboard@gmail.com](mailto:lftaboard@gmail.com) with questions.

## **EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Deadline for Quality Science and Math (QSM) Grants Extended**

The [QSM Grant Program](#) was established for the purpose of providing Louisiana public school teachers with non-consumable instructional materials and equipment in math, science, and STEM.

- Full-time classroom teachers assigned to teach math, science, or STEM courses in a PreK-12 public regular education program including public charter schools are invited to apply.
- Interested teachers can apply on the [grant portal](#).
- The application deadline has been extended to **Monday, November 15**.

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

### **STEM Professional Development and Resources Now Available**

STEM professional development and resources are now available through an in-person learning opportunity being offered by the Louisiana Transportation Research Center. The [TRAC and RIDES programs](#) are used to introduce

students in grades K-12 to the work world of transportation and civil engineering and inspire them to consider careers in those fields. This workshop offers teachers hands-on training through standards based activities used to facilitate problem solving skills and higher order thinking. The TRAC (TRANsportation and Civil Engineering) program is intended for use in grades 7-12, and RIDES (Roadways Into Developing Elementary Students) is intended for grades K-6. Each attendee will receive a manual that consists of over 100 activities, and each school will leave with one “trunk” of materials to use in classrooms. Interested teachers should [register](#) now for sessions being offered in December.

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### **BESE Tuition Program for Teachers-Applications for Spring 2022 Open Now!**

The [BESE Tuition Program for Teachers](#) provides tuition funding for selected classroom teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana. Online applications for coursework funding for the summer and fall 2021 semesters are open now through November 12. Program details, as well as a link to the application, can be found on the [Continuing Opportunities for Educators page](#).

For questions about the BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov).

### **Louisiana’s Teacher and Principal of the Year Application Process Opening Soon**

On Tuesday, October 12, the Teacher and Principal of the Year application process for the 2021-2022 school year will open. At that time, the application materials and timeline will be available in the [Library](#) on the [Awards](#) page.

All school systems are encouraged to select up to three teachers and three principals, one per division (elementary, middle, and high), as their local-level honorees and submit these selections to the state process. School systems without a formal selection process in place may elect to send their candidates directly to the state-level process.

State-level applications are due by **January 12** and must be submitted via an online application portal which will open in late 2021.

The Department will host two optional informational Zoom calls to share details regarding this year’s Teacher and Principal of the Year process. Interested stakeholders may join one of the informational webinars.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** October 12 at 11 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94712213809>
  
- **Webinar Date and Time:** October 13 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97451104993>

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

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **AATSP National Spanish Exams**

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, AATSP, administers the National Spanish Exams, a motivational contest to recognize student achievement in the study of Spanish and to stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish by offering awards and scholarships to students annually. Registration for the 2021-22 National Spanish Exams opens November 1 and will run through **January 31**.

Please contact Director Lisa Greeman [lgreenman@nationalspanishexam.org](mailto:lgreenman@nationalspanishexam.org) with any questions.

### **Center of the Francophonie of the Americas Contest**

French teachers of students aged 10 to 18 are encouraged to take part in the brand new international [comic book competition](#) presented by the Center de la francophonie des Amériques and the superhero [Capitaine Acadie](#). The contest ends on November 15.

Please contact [codofil@crt.la.gov](mailto:codofil@crt.la.gov) for more information.

### **New STEM Resource from LASTEM and Boeing**

Schools can now sign up for their free account to Learning Blade®, a system of interactive online lessons, teacher lesson plans, and printable at-home activities for fifth to ninth graders. Students can learn about high-demand STEM, CTE and computer science careers through learning modules.

Students can explore over 400 online STEM and computer science lessons through human-centered "Missions" exposing them to exciting careers and technologies. Teachers can access 100+ hours of materials that support project-based learning and classroom activities using common materials.

Additional information can be obtained by accessing the [brochure](#) or by signing up on the Learning Blade [website](#). Informational webinars are available on the following dates and times.

[Tuesday, October 19, 4 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, October 20, 10 a.m.](#)

[Thursday, October 21, 8 a.m.](#)

Please contact [info@learningblade.com](mailto:info@learningblade.com) with questions.

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