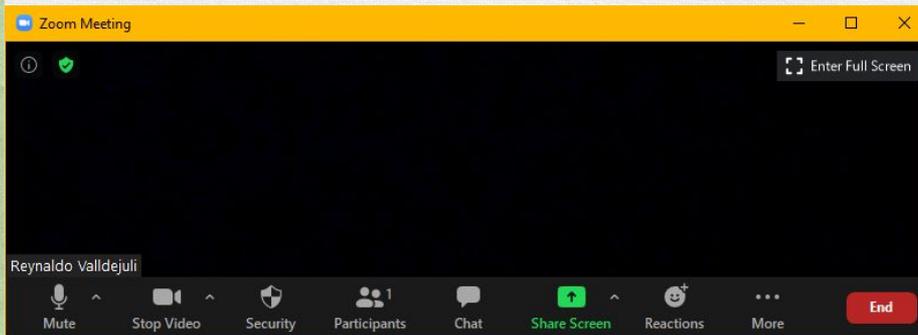


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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Office of Career and College
Readiness Office Hours
March 4, 2021**

Office Hours Norms

Participants may submit questions **via the online chat feature**.

Submitting questions via the chat allows CCR the opportunity to not only answer your question while on the call but to also add your question and the answer to our publicly disseminated FAQ document(s).

This will be time for participants to ask questions about any program in the 4 work streams of the Office of Career and College Readiness. Those items are listed in the agenda.

Career and College Readiness

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Pathway Initiatives and Readiness Support



Phase 3 Guidelines

- **Group size** is limited to no more than 50 individuals within an indoor space.
- **Transportation** capacity is limited to 75% of maximum occupancy.
- **Facial coverings** are required during the instructional day for all staff members and grades 3-12 students.
- **Physical distancing** of a minimum of 6 feet is to be maintained to the maximum extent possible.
- **Temperature checks** are required upon entry to a K12 campus.
- All events occurring outside of the instructional school day should follow the guidelines established by the governor and the State Fire Marshal's office.

Updated School Reopening Resources

[School Reopening Guidelines](#) have been updated with current CDC links to resources for school systems.

[School Reopening FAQ document](#) has been updated to include information about vaccination availability and updated Phase 3 guidance surrounding events held on a K12 campus after the instructional day.

Louisiana Educator & Staff Vaccine Access

On February 18, Governor John Bel Edwards announced that the state of Louisiana would move to Phase 1B, Tier 2 of COVID-19 vaccinations. This new phase allows for K-12 and early childhood education staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

In order to ensure that all school systems have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and information about the vaccine, the Department worked with the Louisiana Department of Health to recommend that school systems develop a partnership with local clinics, hospitals or pharmacies to orchestrate logistics in administering the vaccine. We also asked that systems determine the number of employees who wish to receive the voluntary vaccine. Educators and support staff also have the option to schedule their vaccinations independently with their local providers.

- Eligible employees include those who are housed on site at a center or school.
- It also includes system employees whose work takes them to centers or school sites routinely.
- Employees will most likely be asked to present a badge, paystub or some form of school system identification to receive a vaccine.

Louisiana Department of Health COVID Vaccine Update for School Systems

.At this time, each school system should have devised a vaccine distribution plan in order to ensure that all school systems have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and information about the vaccine.

In order to be ready when the state reaching Phase 1B, Tier 2 school systems could:

- 1) Coordinate with a vaccination partner such as a hospital, clinic, pharmacy, Public Health Office, or other entity.
- 2) Identify the total number of vaccinations that will be needed for your school system.
- 3) Regional Medical Health Office

As a courtesy, LDOE will pass your information along to LDH when you have secured a partner and a number of vaccines needed. This information can be shared at LDOECOVID19support@la.gov.

Believe to Achieve: Louisiana ACT[®] NOW

The [Louisiana ACT[®] NOW](#) program provides funding to purchase pre-billed ACT test vouchers for eligible students in grades 12 and 10. To receive reimbursement for vouchers, school systems shall submit a [completed application](#) that includes specific programmatic, physical and accountability assurances no later than **April 17**. Vouchers purchased from ACT must be used for one of three administrations as outlined below.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 17	March 12
June 12	May 7
July 17	June 18

The cost of vouchers for ACT without writing is \$55 per student, and there will be no refund for unused vouchers. Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

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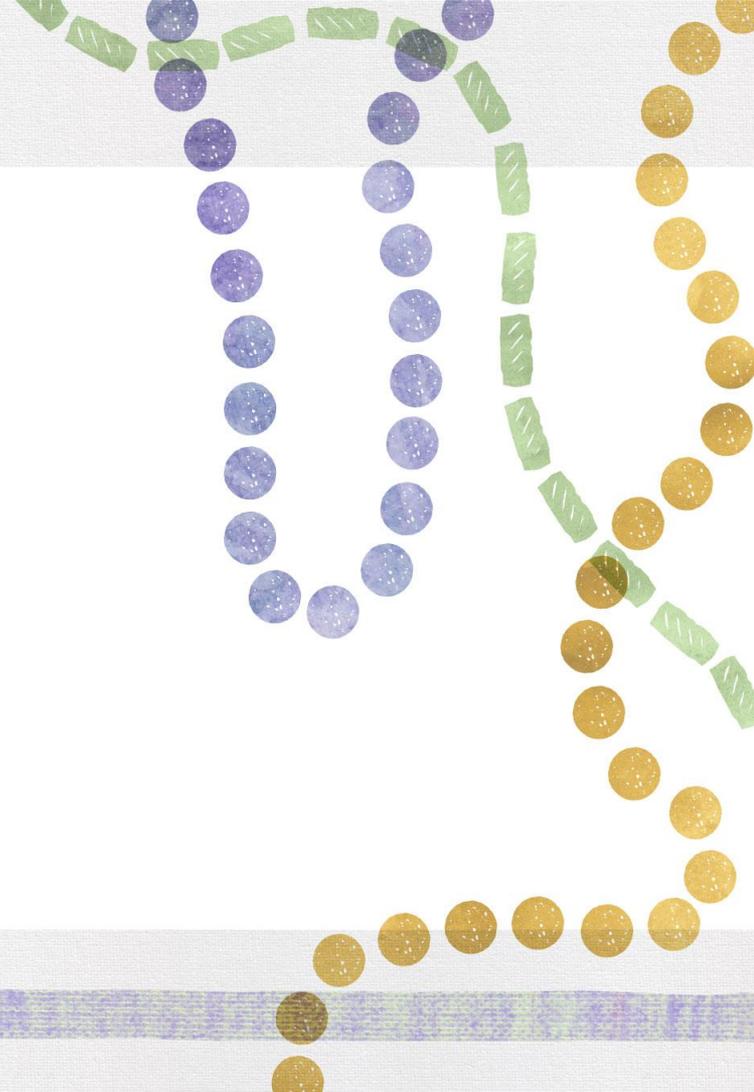
Students in grade 12 are eligible for an ACT[®] voucher if all of these apply:

- The student has not earned an ACT[®] score that qualifies them for college admissions or TOPS, or who are seeking an opportunity to enhance their current level of TOPS Tech, TOPS Opportunity, TOPS Performance, TOPS Honors, or to seek other merit-based scholarship opportunities.
- The student is on target to complete all coursework necessary to graduate no later than August 31, 2021.
- The student is on target to meet all state assessment graduation requirements no later than August 31, 2021.

Students in grade 10 are eligible for an ACT[®] voucher if:

- The student requires an ACT[®] score to qualify for enrollment in a Dual Enrollment program or other academic program(s) that require an ACT[®] score.

Postsecondary Readiness



Financial Aid Planning

The FAFSA is the form for state and federal financial aid for postsecondary endeavors. As a requirement of the IGP planning process throughout high school, every senior, as a requirement for graduation, must complete a FAFSA or have a waiver in place.

Waivers will be checked during the verification process and must be present for students to count in the cohort graduation rate.

For assistance with financial aid planning, please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov.

Jump Start Construction Scholars Program

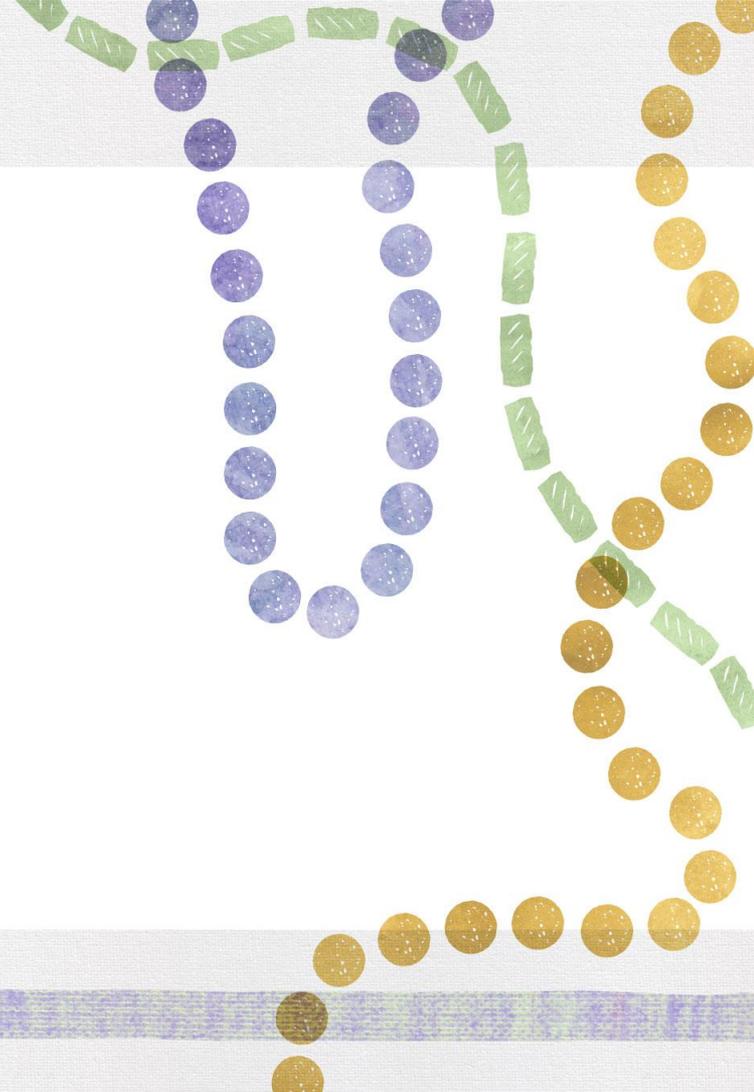
The Louisiana Construction Education Foundation, Louisiana's Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and the Louisiana Department of Education are collecting [2020-2021 Jump Start Construction Connect Scholars Program Applications](#).

Scholarship Award

The Jump Start Construction Scholars program will provide up to 40 one-time scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to students graduating from high school with a Jump Start Diploma and NCCER Credential planning to enroll in an LCTCS program or an Associated Builders and Contractors training program. The application deadline has been extended to April 12.

For more information, please contact megan.thompson2@la.gov.

Quality Diplomas



Jump Start Summers

The [Jump Start Summers](#) program will be available to launch summer training sessions for students to earn Carnegie credit aligned to [Fast Forward pathways](#), Jump Start 2.0 coursework, statewide basic or advanced credentials, participate in work-based learning, and earn a student stipend for participation. The application to submit as a prospective or returning Jump Start Summers provider is now open.

The [application](#) will close on March 5 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact jumpstart@la.gov.

Super Summer Institute

The Department is building a Super Summer Institute catalogue. The catalogue will be released this month.

If you are providing Career and Technical Education Professional Development this summer, please email jumpstart@la.gov to request inclusion in the catalogue.

For more information, please contact jumpstart@la.gov.

Moderated Question and Answer

Please submit any questions related to the following in the chat box:

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Helpful Information

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#).

Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:



highschoolacademics@la.gov	General questions about the office and about graduation requirements
ldefinancialaid@la.gov	Questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion
SCA@la.gov	Questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice
jumpstart@la.gov	Questions related to Jump Start
PPP@la.gov	Questions related to pupil progression
collegereadiness@la.gov	Questions related to dual enrollment or Advanced Placement