



Dear Families,

In an effort to provide families with additional opportunities to advance your child's literacy development, the Louisiana Department of Education will launch a new literacy tutoring program for eligible public school students in grades K-5 in late November. The Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Program, part of the Louisiana Tutoring Initiative, provides \$1,000 digital tutoring vouchers to eligible students for literacy tutoring.

Through this initiative, the state has developed an online platform by which families may log in, enter their student's information, and, if eligible, receive a digital voucher for literacy tutoring. Families may then select from a list of state-approved tutoring providers for their child to receive online or in person literacy tutoring. Tutoring providers are approved through the Louisiana Department of Education and are certified teachers in literacy. If you have received this communication, your student may be eligible to enroll in free literacy tutoring services.

Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Eligibility Criteria

- Public school student
- K-3 students are eligible if they scored below proficient on their beginning of the year screener.
- Students in grades 4-5 are eligible if they scored below Mastery in ELA on the spring 2022 LEAP assessment.

Applying for the digital voucher and tutoring services is easy and will take less than 5 minutes. Visit louisianatutoringinitiative.com to learn more about the Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Program and sign up to be alerted when the application is live. Once the application opens, you will be required to:

- Enter your email address to receive a temporary pin.
- Provide your child's unique student ID number, school district and name, grade level, and date of birth in the system. If eligible for the program, you will receive a message on the website in real-time noting their eligibility. Once eligibility is approved and verified, you can access available funds online, which can be used only through the platform to schedule tutoring.
- Enter your zip code to find a nearby certified tutor or a virtual tutor.

Students Name: _____ Student I.D.: _____