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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [November 2 at 8 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [November 3 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [November 7 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [November 7 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- April Dunn Act Training: [November 7 at 4:30 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [November 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Monthly Call: [November 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [November 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- April Dunn Act Training: [November 9 at 4:30 p.m.](#)
- Zearn Support for Middle School Leaders: [November 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [November 15 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [November 15 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [November 16 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [November 16 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Monthly Practicing Principal Webinar – Principal of the Year Spotlight: [November 27 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 PPP](#): October 31
- Deadline to complete Interests and Opportunities Survey: November 3
- Deadline to submit High-Cost Services Round 1 application: November 6
- Deadline to submit [U.S. Presidential Scholars Award](#) nominations: November 6 by 4 p.m.
- Deadline to submit [Automated External Defibrillators \(AEDs\) Survey](#): November 9
- Deadline to submit [application](#) for New Teacher Experience funding: November 14
- Deadline to submit application for [Immersion Site Certification](#): November 15
- Deadline to [order AP Exams](#): November 15
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 Title I, Part A - Annual Comparability Report](#): November 17
- [SCA Portal](#) re-opens for spring reporting: November 20
- Deadline to submit system-level Outstanding School System Support Employee of the Year Award [application](#): November 30
- Deadline to submit [Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program](#) recommendations: December 15
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 Dyslexia Reporting Form](#): December 15

Assessment, Accountability, and Analytics

Gifted Evaluation Report

Please share with special education directors and testing coordinators.

Per state law, school systems must report the number of students who were referred for gifted evaluation as a result of their literacy screening score. Each school system must complete and submit the [K-3 Literacy Screener form](#) by **November 17**. The data captured will include the following for grades K-3:

- Number of students who have a gifted classification
- Number of students who do not have a gifted classification and have been referred for additional gifted screening
- Number of students who do not have a gifted classification and have been referred for gifted evaluation

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ACT Grade 12 Best Score Results

Please share with school leaders and test coordinators.

ACT Grade 12 Best Score Results summary files will be posted to the FTP no later than **November 3**. Please note that there may be some differences in what is reported by ACT with their release of the *ACT 2023 Graduating Class Report* due to methodology differences. The [ACT Profile Report](#) is solely the property of ACT.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2022-2023 Fiscal Risk Assessment

Please forward to business managers and financial officials.

The FY 2022-2023 Fiscal Risk Assessment has been prepared for each school system. Data based on FY 2021-2022 information is included in the assessment, which is available on each school system's "edfin" FTP site. These results will be presented to BESE during the December meeting.

Please review the report and email any comments or questions to schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov no later than **November 6**.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

Please share with content supervisors, literacy coaches, and school leaders.

The LDOE conducts reviews of instructional materials to support school systems in adopting curricula in all core subjects. Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below. All tiered reviews can be found on the [annotated reviews](#) web page. The status of all instructional materials submissions can be found in the [weekly report](#).

- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - HMH Into Math, Grades 6-8 (©2020)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

High School Science Resources for Learning Recovery

Please share with school and system leaders and science curriculum supervisors.

The LDOE is supplying resources aimed at supporting learning loss recovery in high school biology, chemistry, and physics to all public high schools. To support the implementation of these materials, teachers of any of the three courses will have access to regional, in-person training at no cost to systems. The deadline to complete the [Science Learning Recovery Interest form](#) to receive future communication regarding materials delivery and professional learning registration has been extended to **November 17**.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Computer Science Week Resources

Please share with school and school system leaders.

Computer Science Education Week ([CSEd Week](#)) is December 4-10. CSEd Week is a great opportunity for students in grades K-12 to experience computer science while learning the basics of coding. Students may experience CSEd week in classrooms and with community partners. Career opportunities in the computing industry will be highlighted. On November 6, the LDOE will release a list of free computer science resources for schools and systems that wish to participate. Resources will be available on the [STEM web page](#).

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

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

Please share with content supervisors, school leaders, and social studies teachers..

All grade 5 Bayou Bridges units are now available. Please visit the [Bayou Bridges Resource page](#) to access. Units are aligned to meet the [2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#). All grade 3 units will be published by December 8.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

2023-2024 Dyslexia Reporting

Please share with special education leaders.

Act 419 (2021) requires school systems to annually report the number of students with dyslexia currently enrolled in their systems or the number of students newly identified with dyslexia in the prior school year. Act 622 (2022) updated the reporting deadline requirement from October 31 to December 15 annually. All school systems should submit the [Dyslexia Reporting form](#) by 5 p.m. **December 15**. [Guidance](#) on dyslexia reporting is available in the [Students with Disabilities](#) library.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

April Dunn Act Training

Please share with special education leaders and teachers.

The LDOE will continue its series of virtual trainings on the effective implementation of the April Dunn Act. Training on Section Three of the April Dunn Act Self-Assessment Guide will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed below. Webinar dates will only cover Section Three of the Self-Assessment Guide. Participants are welcome to attend multiple sessions.

- **Webinar Dates:**
 - November 7 and November 9
 - December 4 and December 6
 - December 11 and December 13
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94046334008>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 940 4633 4008

Please contact ashley.augustine@la.gov with questions.

Educator Development

New Teacher Experience Funding Available

Please share with school and system leaders.

The LDOE has limited funding available to support teachers in The New Teacher Experience. This funding is specifically for travel costs for teachers to attend in-person professional learning labs, substitute fees, and/or completion stipends for teachers.

The deadline to complete and submit the [Application for New Teacher Experience Funding](#) is **November 14**; enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Systems must have teachers enrolled in The New Teacher Experience to be eligible for funding.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.