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Professional Opportunities

**AP Teacher and AP Coordinator Resources**

Please share with counselors, teachers, and testing coordinators.

AP teachers can find resources to support their use of AP Classroom at [AP Classroom Instructional Resources](#). Teachers can find the AP Classroom User Guide for Teachers and the AP Classroom Guide for Students or link to the [AP Educators YouTube Channel](#) for AP Classroom support from AP Teacher Week 2022: Providing Instructional Support.

AP coordinators can find resources to support AP Registration and Ordering at [Learning Opportunities for AP Coordinators](#). Coordinators will find information about webinars, coordinator chat sessions, and the Coordinated podcast. AP coordinators should also make sure to join the [AP Coordinator Community](#) where they can post questions, get answers, and interact with thousands of other AP coordinators.

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

**AP Exam Ordering**

Please share with counselors, teachers, and testing coordinators.

As a reminder, **November 15, 11:59 p.m. ET is the final ordering deadline for all full-year and first-semester AP courses and all exam only sections.** Exams orders submitted after this date will incur an additional $40 per exam late order fee, with some exceptions. For details, go to [Ordering Exam Materials](#) and download the 2022-23 AP Coordinator’s Manual, Part 1 from the [AP Coordinator Resource Library](#).

Please contact [charmaine.cureton@la.gov](mailto:charmaine.cureton@la.gov) with questions.
**Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA)**

Please share with child welfare and attendance directors, supervisors, and all attendance stakeholders.

Participants are provided with relevant professional development, resources, and tools to support students and families within their systems. As members of the Louisiana Attendance Alliance, stakeholders are afforded evidence-based, best-practices to address student attendance, chronic absence and family engagement during these meetings.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** [https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98929998429](https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98929998429)
- **Webinar ID:** 989 2999 8429
- **Passcode:** CWALAA
- **Phone Number:** 312-626-6799

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

**Financial Aid Support**

Reminder: The 2023-2024 FAFSA for the 2022-2023 high school year opened on October 1, 2022, and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), the Louisiana Education Loan Authority (LELA) and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) are available to lend support.

Please email any or all of these offices to discuss your needs.

- **LDOE:** [ldefinancialaid@la.gov](mailto:ldefinancialaid@la.gov)
- **LELA:** [carmichael@lpfa.com](mailto:carmichael@lpfa.com)
- **LOSFA:** [breanna.paul@la.gov](mailto:breanna.paul@la.gov)

Please contact [ldefinancialaid@la.gov](mailto:ldefinancialaid@la.gov) with any questions.
Ask CoCo

Q & A With COunselor COnnect!

Q: Why does Bulletin 741 require the IGP be reviewed and signed every year in grades 8 - 12?

- The Curious Counselor

A: The Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) will assist the student in exploring educational and career opportunities and in making appropriate secondary and postsecondary education decisions as part of an overall postsecondary plan. Meeting annually with parent/legal guardian and student is an opportunity to discuss options, choose courses, select a graduation pathway, as well as review / update goals, and secure signatures.

- CoCo

Do you have any questions and you’re not sure who to ask? CoCo is here to support her fellow counselors! Send all your counseling related (or unrelated) questions to CoCo and she will respond in this section. Questions will be reposted anonymously then answered. Some answers may require research, so they may not always be answered in the order in which they are received. All questions will be acknowledged; here or directly to your inbox!

Please email shelneka.adams@la.gov CoCo’s assistant, all questions. The subject line should read: ASK COCO!

A Message from LSCA!

Information from the Louisiana School Counselor Association.

If you are not a member, join LASCA today! There are two types of membership:

Professional Membership: A professional must be employed as a school counselor, hold a Masters' Degree in Counseling or related areas and have State Certification. Associate Membership: One who formerly served as a school counselor or one who is a school counselor but does not meet the professional membership requirements. Persons working in a school counseling program may become an Associate Member upon the recommendation of a Professional Member.
Reminders
Information from past Counselor Connects that you may have missed.

LDOE Virtual Therapy through Ochsner for Educators
Share with Counselors, Administrators, all educators

Ochsner Anywhere Care is a secure virtual visit tool offering appointments with licensed psychologists or therapists through your smartphone, tablet or personal computer—so you can get care where and when you need it! Schedule an appointment with the provider of your choice.

What can we treat? Addiction, Adolescent Counseling, Anxiety and Panic Attacks, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD/ADHD), Depression and Mood Disorders, Eating Disorders, Grief and Loss Counseling, Insomnia, Marriage and Family Counseling, Postpartum Depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Work-related Stress Convenient virtual therapy appointments are available Monday – Friday until 8 p.m., with additional appointment times on Saturdays.

Sign up at ldoe.ochsneranywherecare.com and enter Service Key: LDOE Coupon Code: TEACH (When asking for payment)

Please email anywherecare@ochsner.org or for 24/7 technical support, call 855-667-9711.

Please contact rachel.bunch@la.gov with questions.

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