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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [June 6 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [June 6 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 15 at 10 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Elevate Teacher Engagement through Upbeat interest forms](#) due: June 2
- 2022-2023 Mentor Waiver [applications](#) due: June 9
- [2023 Louisiana School Safety Summit](#): June 15
- Registration for [School Support Institutes 2023-2024](#): May 8 - June 8

Operations

Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Please share with parent and family engagement coordinators and federal program directors.

The Louisiana Department of Education released its Annual Statewide Parent and Family Engagement Survey on May 22. All parent and family engagement coordinators are encouraged to send the survey to families. The deadline for responses is **extended to June 16** to allow for maximum participation. LEAs will receive individual results in the fall to aid in developing an effective and responsive plan of action to increase engagement.

LDOE Parent and Family Engagement Surveys:

- [English](#)

- [Spanish](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Arabic](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

Please contact antiqua.hunter@la.gov with questions.

Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

DRC Online Student Corrections Cleanup

Please share with district test coordinators and accountability contacts.

DRC will host a student corrections cleanup June 12 until June 19 in DRC INSIGHT for school and district test coordinators. This process provides the second of three opportunities for schools and systems to apply accountability codes for applicable students with supporting documentation and for students with demographic corrections.

District test coordinators and accountability contacts are encouraged to join the DRC Online Student Correction and Impending Zero webinar for additional information. The webinar deck will be posted to the Department website.

- Webinar Date and Time: June 7 at 2 p.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/99314469048>
- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID: 99314469048

Please contact jennifer.baird@la.gov with questions.

LEAP 2025 High School Summer Administration

Please share with test coordinators.

Important Dates:

- June: Test coordinator and administrator manuals available in DRC INSIGHT
- June 15 Test setup opens for test coordinators
- June 15: Schedules due to assessment@la.gov
- June 26-30: Testing window
- July 3: All irregularities and void forms due

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

School System Relations

Department Names 2024 Teacher and Principal of the Year Finalists

Please share with teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders.

The Department announced the [2024 Teacher and Principal of the Year Finalists](#) during the opening session of the Teacher Leader Summit. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, and their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

Other honorees celebrated during the opening session included [New Teacher of the Year Finalists](#), [Early Childhood Teacher and Leader Finalists](#), and [Milken Educator Award recipients](#). All of these excellent

educators will be honored at the 17th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala to be held at the World War II Museum July 22. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). Information about these award programs can be found on the Department's [Awards page](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators! Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

Louisiana Special Education Playbook for System Leaders Launch

Please share with school system leaders, academic leaders, and special education directors.

The Department is excited to launch a [Special Education Playbook for System Leaders](#) that includes three best instructional practices aimed at accelerating learning and improving outcomes for students with disabilities. This guidance is intended to promote the widespread adoption of these best practices and is focused on teaching and learning strategies for students with disabilities; leadership of cross-departmental teams are required to implement these best practices. **Students with disabilities need 1) access to high quality core instruction, 2) extra time to learn built into their schedule, and 3) content strong educators to support them.** System leaders and Special Education directors are learning more about the Playbook at the Teacher Leader Summit; additional implementation support and professional development will continue through next school year.

General and special education teachers and leaders, central office staff, school-based leaders, school system and school-based instructional leadership teams, Individualized Education Program team members, paraprofessionals, and pupil appraisal staff are encouraged to review the playbook.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

AEM Center FREE Summer Professional Development

Please share with special education directors and educators supporting students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The Department's partnership with the Louisiana Accessible Education Materials Center (AEM) includes free professional development for leaders and educators across Louisiana. This summer AEM is offering free sessions on ensuring high quality curriculum access for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Register for [June 6](#) (Baton Rouge), [June 13](#) (Bossier), [August 7](#) (Baton Rouge), or [August 15](#) (Ruston).

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Department is hosting monthly chats for leaders and educators to collaborate on supporting students with significant cognitive disabilities. [Register](#) and join the first Tuesday every month starting in September.

Please contact robin.king@la.gov with questions.