



LDOE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- EdLink Dashboard Office Hours: [July 12 at 10 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Support (SSFS) Monthly Call: [July 19 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [July 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [August 1 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds: June 30
- 2023-24 Super App Amendment 1 submission deadline: June 30
- Deadline to register for [New Teacher Experience Kick Off](#): July 6
- Deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs: July 15
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 PPP](#): October 31

Operations

New Education Progress and Investment Charts

Please share with all stakeholders in your school system.

The Department is excited to share a new, innovative dashboard that builds on previous reporting from the fiscal dashboard and Louisiana Comeback website.

The [Education Progress and Investment Charts](#) (EPIC) is a dynamic tool that allows stakeholders to view financial data and academic progress in the following categories:

- **Six Critical Goals:** View data at the state or school system level based on the LDOE's six critical goals.
- **Priority Objectives and Indicators:** View information and data that monitor the LDOE's progress in meeting its key objectives and indicators.
- **ESSER Investments and Outcomes:** View an investment summary on the type of purchases made by school systems with pandemic relief funds and a comparison to school system recovery rates.

EPIC reflects three of the LDOE's major commitments: that planning be strategic and outcome and priorities based; that investments have a collective impact locally and statewide; and that the LDOE is transparent and accountable for the ways resources are used.

Please contact danielle.mitchell@la.gov with questions.

Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

LEAP 360 and Practice Test Access

Please share with test coordinators and school leaders.

- **June 30:** The 2022-2023 test administration year will end for LEAP 2025 Practice Tests, LEAP Connect Practice Tests, and LEAP 360 Diagnostic and Interim Assessments. School systems can continue to access prior administration reports and related documents but will not be able to set up new test sessions.
- **July 18:** Test coordinators can create new test sessions in DRC INSIGHT for 2023-2024 administrations of the LEAP 2025 Practice Test, LEAP Connect Practice Test, and LEAP 360 Diagnostic and Interim Assessments.
- **July 1:** The remote administration guidance for LEAP 360 Diagnostic and Interim Assessments will be updated. The link used in 2022-2023 will no longer provide remote access to the assessments. Remote access is not available for any LEAP practice tests.
- **July:** The state placement test will remain available throughout the month of July without interruption.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ACT/WorkKeys Invoice for 2022-2023 Administrations

Please share with school system leaders and testing coordinators.

June 30: School systems receive final invoices for ACT and WorkKeys administrations for

- grade 12 students retesting for ACT; and
- all students who participated in WorkKeys testing with the exception of grade 11 students who are on the Jump Start diploma pathway and are taking WorkKeys for the first time.

Student rosters will be placed on the ftp to confirm the students included in the invoice.

July 15: Deadline for ACT/WorkKeys invoice payment. Payment should be made to the Louisiana Department of Education and submitted to the following address.

Louisiana Department of Education
Office of Appropriation Control
PO Box 94064
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

July 30: Deadline for school systems to receive refunds from ACT/WorkKeys prepayments.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

MFP Budget Letter June 2023

Please share with business managers.

The final MFP Budget Letter for June 2023 is posted in the [MFP Library](#) under the 2022-2023 MFP Budget Letter section. Please contact LDOEmfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

2023-2024 MFP Formula Allocation

Please share with business managers.

The MFP formula allocation for FY 2023-2024 will be released June 30 via the LDOE website. The formula documents will be located in the [MFP Library](#) under the 2023-2024 MFP Budget Letter section. Please contact LDOEmfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Approved List

Please share with business managers and finance officials.

The FY 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Approval (R.S. 17:88) [listing](#) for school systems is now available for reference in the [Budgets Library](#). Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Workshops for ELA Guidebooks 3 - 5 (2022) Implementation

Please share with ELA supervisors and administrators.

The Writing Revolution[®] has updated their [Professional Learner Partner Guide](#) entry to include ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) workshops. Two options for delivery include a remote [synchronous](#) option August

2 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and an [asynchronous](#) option, which will take approximately 7.5 hours to complete. These workshops will prepare ELA teachers, school leaders, and instructional coaches to implement ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022). Once registration is complete, participants will be given access to the [asynchronous](#) workshop within one day. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of each workshop.

Custom training options for TWR's ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) workshops are also available for school systems upon request. Please contact guidebooks@thewritingrevolution.org with questions.

Diverse Learners

The April Dunn Act: What Parents Need to Know Now

Please share with special education teachers and families of students with disabilities.

Families Helping Families is hosting a webinar that discusses the April Dunn Act and explains who is eligible to receive a diploma through this graduation pathway. [The April Dunn Act: What Parents Need to Know Now](#) will take place July 20 from 10 until 11 a.m. Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Conference

Please share with special education directors, special education teachers, related service providers, and families of students with disabilities.

In celebration of the 33rd Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the [Governor's Office of Disability Affairs \(GODA\)](#) will host its annual virtual conference July 24 through July 27 from 9 a.m. until 3:50 p.m. Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

School Improvement

Beginning-of-the-Year Support Conversations

Please share with school system leaders.

School Improvement Support Specialists (SISS) from the Division of School Improvement will soon be reaching out to school systems participating in best practices support to schedule important beginning-of-the-year conversations. For those systems currently engaged in this support, these conversations are aimed at planning and coordinating the support for the upcoming school year. A strong partnership between SSIS and system leaders can be instrumental in creating a successful learning environment for all students.

The Department will also extend an invitation to those school systems that have not yet participated in best practices support for their labeled schools. Support and coaching services are individualized to the specific needs of each system. A specialist from the School Improvement team will work closely with a designated system leader to identify strengths and opportunities, develop targeted strategies, and provide ongoing coaching and thought partnership throughout the year. The Department is committed to ensuring a meaningful collaboration that results in positive transformation for educators and students alike.

Please contact schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov with questions.