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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [October 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [October 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [October 19 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [October 19 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Monthly Practicing Principal Webinar – Accountability Updates: [October 23 at 1 p.m.](#)
- School System Planning Office Hours: [October 24 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Division of Diverse Learners Office Hours: [October 24 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [October 24 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [October 25 at 1 p.m.](#)
- New Teacher Experience Office Hours: [October 26 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Healthy Schools Community of Practice: [October 26 at 2 p.m.](#)
- School System Planning Office Hours: [October 30 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [November 2 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [November 7 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [November 9 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [November 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Zearn Support for Middle School Leaders: [November 14 at 9 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Exemplary Educator Recognition Program Information Call: [October 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- **Extended** deadline to submit the Education Excellence Fund application: October 20
- [School Support Institutes](#): Session 2 Virtual: October 17-20
- School System Planning Guide/Super App launch: October 19
- [Fall 2023 Counselor Institutes](#): October 24-26
- Outstanding School System Support Employee of the Year Call: [October 25 at 11:30 a.m.](#)
- Deadline to complete enrollment verification and select paper testing for grade 3 in DRC INSIGHT: October 27
- [Mentor and Resident data](#) snapshot taken in Edlink: October 27
- Deadline to submit [2023-2024 PPP](#): October 31
- 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 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
- Deadline to submit system-level Outstanding School System Support Employee of the Year Award [application](#): November 30

Assessment, Accountability, and Analytics

ACT

Please share with testing coordinators.

October 18-30: Administer ACT WorkKeys on paper with accommodations and/or supports. Non-test information may also be completed on test day, before the start of test 1 (Workplace Documents).

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Assessment Committee Applications

Please share with educators, school leaders, and test coordinators.

The Division of Assessment Content is preparing to convene educator committees in January for the following assessments:

- LEAP 2025 Science Grades 4-7 and Biology Stimuli Reviews
- LEAP Connect Item Reviews

Interested educators can access the [Assessment Content Educator Review Committees document](#) for committee details and links to apply. The deadline to complete the applications is November 5.

Please email michelle.mcadams@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Approved List

Please share with business managers and finance officials.

The FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Approval (R.S. 17:88) listing for school systems is now available for reference in the [Budget Library](#).

Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

School System Relations

Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program

Please share with school and system leaders.

The [Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program](#) was created to honor and elevate exceptional early- to mid-career teachers, teacher specialists, assistant principals, and principals who exemplify Louisiana's education profession. This program provides an opportunity to honor those educators who offer robust, long-range potential for professional and policy leadership.

The [recommendation portal](#) for the 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program is open; recommendation resources may be found in the [Awards Resource Library](#). Recommendations are confidential and should not be shared with the candidate. School systems will have the opportunity to review recommendations and indicate approval to move the candidate forward for consideration. School systems will also have an opportunity to submit additional educator recommendations. Exemplary Educators are recognized in a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and may be considered to participate on advisory boards and task forces. They may also be considered for other state and national recognition programs.

Please join the Zoom session tomorrow, October 18, to learn more about this exciting opportunity for educators and school systems.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** October 18 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91504575965>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 915 0457 5965

Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.

Models of Excellence Recognition

Please share with school and system leaders.

On October 12, Dr. Cade Brumley and the Louisiana Department of Education held a special ceremony honoring the Central Community School system as a Louisiana Models of Excellence recipient. The [Louisiana Models of Excellence](#) is a statewide award that recognizes schools and school systems that serve as state models in meeting one of the LDOE [Believe to Achieve](#) educational priorities.

The [Central Community School System](#) was selected for this award for its innovative initiative to ensure every student is on track to a professional career, college degree, or service through the Wildcats W.I.N. program. W.I.N. is a system-wide plan for implementing and refining the Response to Intervention/Multi-Tiered System of Supports (RTI/MTSS) Academic Recovery and Acceleration model of What I Need (W.I.N.) and FLEX time based on individual student needs.

To learn more about the Models of Excellence program and past recipients, please visit the [Awards](#) page; contact modelsofexcellence@la.gov with questions.

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](#).

- McGraw Hill - Study Sync - English II-IV (©2021)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Early Childhood

2023 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll Opens Tomorrow

Please share with educators and school and system leaders.

The Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, is administering its annual survey to help further understand the childcare needs of Louisiana families with children under the age of five.

Please share the [2023 Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll](#) with pre-K families. This survey is for **any parent, guardian, or caregiver with children under age 5** in their home. The survey will open October 18 and will be available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#) so that the LDOE can hear as many parent and caregiver voices as possible. It will close November 1. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete, and all responses will be confidential.

Printable flyers are available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to post in schools to promote the survey.

- [Survey Flier in English](#)
- [Survey Flier in Spanish](#)
- [Survey Flier in Vietnamese](#)

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

Alternate Assessment Participation Data Available

Please share with special education leaders.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), any school system with more than 1.0 percent of students participating in the ELA, math or science alternate assessment must take certain actions. Alternate assessment participation data from the Spring 2021 administration will be available the week of October 16, and all school systems should review their data. If the participation rate for any subject is more than 1.0 percent, the school system must submit the Alternate Assessment Participation Justification form by **November 1**. School systems should contact their FTP Coordinators to retrieve their

alternate assessment participation data and justification forms. Alternate assessment participation data from the Spring 2022 administration will be available later this year.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Development

Compass Information System (CIS) Updates

Please share with data directors, human resources directors, school leaders, and system leaders.

VAM scores have been released into the Compass Information System (CIS). All 2022-2023 teacher, counselor, and other evaluation types should be finalized. The final deadline to enter manually, [upload](#), or edit 2022-2023 evaluation data is **October 27**.

The [CIS](#) will open for the 2023-2024 school year November 3. Following this rollover, systems may begin [updating rosters](#) and entering observation and [Student Learning Target \(SLT\)](#) data.

Please contact compass@la.gov with questions.

Professional Learning Partner Guide Now Available

Please share with school and system leaders.

The LDOE has released a single, comprehensive, digital guide of professional learning partners for school systems. The new, updated [Professional Learning Partner Guide](#) (PLPG) is more accessible and user-friendly for our school system leaders.

School systems will use the PLPG to search for approved professional learning vendors in the following categories:

- Content Leader and Mentor Teacher Training
- Education Preparation Providers
- High School Planning
- Instructional Materials
- Jump Start Training
- Literacy
- Support for Diverse Learners

The PLPG is also linked within the School System Planning Guide for reference as system leaders select the professional learning partners that best meet their needs for Super App.

Please contact em.cooper@la.gov with any questions.

Re-Release of Mentor and Principal Surveys

Please share with mentors and school leaders.

Last spring the LDOE released a mentor and principal survey to gather feedback on the mentor and content leader programs. Response rates on these surveys were low due to the timing of the release, so the Department is re-releasing these surveys to ensure it receives adequate feedback from the field.

Please review the description of each survey below and share it with the principals and mentors in your schools.

2023 Believe and Prepare: Principal Survey

This [survey](#) is to be completed by all principals who have had teachers complete mentor or content leader training in the past six school years, have mentors who served on their campus as a mentor to an

undergraduate or post-baccalaureate resident last school year (2022-2023) or have content leaders who served in the role last school year (2022-2023).

2023 Believe and Prepare: Mentor Survey

This [survey](#) is to be completed by all mentors who have completed training within the past six school years or served as a mentor to an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate resident last school year (2022-2023). Please share the [survey link](#) with the mentors on your campus.

All survey responses will be kept confidential and neither your name nor your school will be identified. Please ensure all surveys are completed by **November 10**.

Please email believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

School Improvement

School Support Institutes Session 2

Please share with school and system leaders.

School Support Institutes virtual session 2 is this week. Virtual sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Registered participants will receive an email with the Zoom links for their sessions. The Zoom links will also be available on the [SSI logistics page](#). Attendees are reminded to have the information from their session 1 deliverable on hand for this session.

SSI Session 2 (Virtual) Cohort Dates

- Monroe Cohort: October 17
- Shreveport Cohort: October 18
- Lafayette Cohort: October 19
- Baton Rouge Cohort: October 20

Please see the [SSI logistics page](#) for Zoom links and pre-work information; contact ldoessisupportteam@tntp.org with questions.