



News for Louisiana



CHARTER SCHOOLS

August 3, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

As educators, our top priority is improving student outcomes. Every action we take is done through the lens of “is this best for children?” As educators, we also take on a great responsibility - student safety. Families send their children to us with the sacred trust that, above all else, their kids will return home safe. For today’s educators, enhancing school safety has become an unfortunate reality.

This Thursday, we’re hosting the inaugural [Louisiana Student Safety Summit](#) at the Raising Cane’s River Center in Baton Rouge. We’ve partnered with Louisiana State Police to help school systems across the state keep students, educators, and families safe. This free event brings together school system leaders, local and state law enforcement, governmental agencies, and mental health providers for an opportunity to share and learn best practices around school safety and emergency preparedness.

I hope you or someone from your system has made plans to join us this week. [You can find more information on our website](#). The day includes breakout sessions with practical guidance from trained school safety professionals.

We’re making a comeback for Louisiana’s children. Thanks to the continued dedication of our education community, our students are progressing in classrooms that are engaging, welcoming, and safe.

Dr. Cade Brumley

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours	
Office Hours Title	Zoom Link
P-EBT Data Managers Office Hours	August 9 at 10 a.m.
Early Childhood Lead Agencies Office Hours	August 9 at 3 p.m.
K-2 Learning Year: Phase I Office Hours	August 10 at 12 p.m.
Louisiana Models of Excellence Office Hours	August 17 at 9 a.m.
Monthly Calls*	
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
System Leaders Monthly Call	August 5 at 9 a.m.
Charter Authorizers Monthly Call	August 10 at 11 a.m.
BESE Authorized Charter School Monthly Call	August 11 at 9 a.m.
Education Technology Monthly Call	August 11 at 9 a.m.
Data Coordinator Monthly Call	August 11 at 1 p.m.
School-Based Medicaid Provider Monthly Call	August 16 at 2:30 p.m.
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	August 16 at 3:45 p.m.
Student Well-Being Monthly Call	August 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Nonpublic Monthly Call	August 17 at 2 p.m.
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	August 24 at 1 p.m.
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	August 25 at 10 a.m.
<p><i>*Monthly call presentations are available in the School Improvement Library. View the School System Support Calendar to access a complete schedule of events.</i></p>	
Upcoming Events	
Louisiana School Safety Summit	August 4, 2022
KEA and K-3 Administration and Reporting Webinar	August 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Office of School Choice

Charter Accountability

2022 – 2023 School Year Material & Non-Material Amendment Submission Deadlines

Please share this reminder with school and system leaders, Charter Board Point of Contact, Charter Board President, and Primary Charter Contact for LDOE.

Material Amendment requests may be submitted at any time. Please note that material amendments that require BESE approval may take several months to process depending on the complexity of the request.

Material Amendments are considered at the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee (SIT) meetings and then ratified by the full BESE Board following approval or denial of the request. For an item to be considered at the SIT Committee in the months outlined below, it is imperative that items are received by the Charter Accountability team by the dates listed below.

Failure to submit items by the dates listed in the table below may result in delays in consideration and/or the inability to agendaize the material amendment request at the desired BESE meeting.

BESE SIT Committee Meeting Dates	Material Amendment Requests & Supporting Documentation Due to Charter Accountability Team
October 11, 2022	August 8, 2022
December 13, 2022	October 17, 2022
January 17, 2023	November 7, 2022
March 7, 2023	January 16, 2023
April 18, 2023	February 20, 2023
June 13, 2023	April 17, 2023
August 22, 2023	June 26, 2023
October 10, 2023	August 14, 2023
December 12, 2023	October 16, 2023

Important Dates & Submissions for Charter Schools and Leaders

July and August At-a-Glance	
Submission Title	Submission Date
Forward Funding Request	July 31, 2022
FY 2022 – 2023 Annual Operating Budget	July 31, 2022
Transportation Plan	July 31, 2022
Super Contact Spreadsheet	July 31, 2022
BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Monthly Call	August 11, 2022 at 9:00 am
Compass Information System Information Entered for New School Year	August 15, 2022
Student Handbook	August 15, 2022
BESE Board Meeting	August 23, 2022
<p><i>*The Charter School Library has updated documents and resources to assist charter schools and leaders for the 2022 – 2023 school year. View the 2022 – 2023 BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Comprehensive Reporting Calendar to access a complete list of submissions and deadlines.</i></p>	

Operations

2022–23 Louisiana Comeback 2.0: Academic Recovery and Acceleration Plan

Please share with school system leaders and federal program directors.

During the School System Leaders Monthly Call this Friday, August 5, the Department will launch Louisiana Comeback 2.0, the statewide campaign to continue planning for the improvements students need and deserve. Please join the call for information about making necessary investments in these key areas:

1. Attendance and Well-Being
2. Recovery and Acceleration
3. Professional Development and Learning

Following the launch, the Department will host the following office hours:

- **Office Hours, Option 1:** Aug 8 at 11 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96670032214?pwd=eFR5cVFpUkJMVGNJY2xBVmRNNHRxQT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 966 7003 2214
- **Phone Number:** 470-381-2552

- **Office Hours, Option 2:** Aug 9 at 11 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94840015536?pwd=ZFYSTlrS0Q1V3JnaDU0cHBwOFQ5dz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 948 4001 5536
- **Phone Number:** 470-250-9358

- **Office Hours, Option 3:** Aug 10 at 11 a.m.
- **Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96570977774?pwd=Mm9VeEV4eIVZR0h6NzZ6cm0yNIY0UT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 965 7097 7774
- **Phone Number:** 470-250-9358

Along with the tremendous efforts underway to start the 2022- 20223 school year, please make room for data disaggregation and thoughtful planning in response. We are making a Louisiana Comeback.

Certification of Critical Shortage Areas

Please share with school system leaders.

Critical shortage areas must be certified to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) and to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) using [Form 15-CS](#). Return completed forms to BESE by emailing abigail.petit@la.gov and to TRSL by emailing web.master@trsl.org or via postal service. [Further information](#) is available within the TRSL Procedures Manual.

Please contact educationpolicy@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability and Analytics

LEAP 2025 Summary Data Release

Please share this information with school and system leaders and test coordinators.

On August 3, the Department will release statewide, school system, and school-level LEAP 2025 data to the public. **All data will be embargoed until 10 a.m. on August 3.**

- **August 2:** System leaders will receive **embargoed** statewide results via email from Assistant Superintendent Lambert.
- **August 3:** School system and school-level unsuppressed summary files will be available on the secure FTP.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions about these data.

LEAP 2025 Post-Window File Update

Please share this information with district test coordinators.

The post-window data files for the LEAP 2025 spring high school administration now have updated demographic data for students. These files can be accessed in DRC INSIGHT by selecting My Applications/Report Delivery/Pregenerated (Summative)/LEAP 2025 High School Spring 2022.

Cohort Graduation Rosters

Please share this information with accountability contacts and school leaders.

Post-data certification cohort graduation rosters are now available on the ftp. The rosters include approved changes requested in the data certification process and are final.

ACT and WorkKeys

Please share this information with school and district test coordinators.

- 2022-2023 ACT Estimation Worksheets, MOUs and Information Sheet are now posted in the [Assessment Library](#) under the ACT and WorkKeys section. Signed MOUs are due by September 23rd.
- ACT issued a recommendation that schools do not include ACT scores on school transcripts in effort to avoid student privacy concerns or inconsistent score report data. Students can send scores to colleges from their MyACT account which is accessed at myact.org.

Updating Contact Information

Please share this information with school system leaders, district test coordinators and accountability contacts.

The District Test Coordinator and Accountability Contact Update form is located in the [Assessment Library](#) under *Resources + Forms*. Please update any changes to these contacts and send an email with the updates to patricia.newman@la.gov or assessment@la.gov.

KEA and K-3 Screening

Please share this information with early grade coordinators and test coordinators.

The department will host a KEA and K-3 Administration and Reporting webinar on August 10, 2022 to provide guidance for schools that must administer kindergarten readiness screenings and K3 Literacy screening the first 30 days of school as required by state law and BESE policy. The webinar will also provide information about reporting due on October 31. Please see information below to join this webinar.

KEA and K-3 Administration and Reporting Webinar

Webinar Date and Time: August 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92548541404>

Webinar Phone Number: +1 470 381 2552 or +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID#: 925 4854 1404

PAST DUE: Course Requirements for Interests and Opportunities

Please share this information with system leaders and accountability contacts.

To better measure the interests nurtured and opportunities provided by our schools, the Department has identified minimum requirements for non-Carnegie credit courses to receive credit in the Interests & Opportunities index. This sets clear minimum expectations and ensures substantial exposure to these enriching experiences. For accountability scores, this course information will come from the different collections outlined in the Interests and Opportunities guidance published in June 2022. Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, all non-Carnegie credit courses will be required to meet the parameters set below.

- Meet the requirements for awarding a Carnegie Unit; or
- Meet the following requirements for non-Carnegie Unit bearing courses:
- Be part of the normal school schedule and included on the master schedule so instructional minutes are documented and preserved.
- Courses should meet for at least 60 minutes each week over the course of an entire school year.
- Courses include graded course work and are content-rich in design.
- Courses are well-articulated and demonstrate a natural progression of learning over the years studied (i.e., students should not learn the same material from year to year).

Schools and school systems should follow these requirements when reporting arts, world languages and STEM courses for the Interests and Opportunities Index. Please return a copy of the [Interests and Opportunities Course Requirements Superintendent Verification Form](#) with a signature from the superintendent to accountability@la.gov as soon as possible.

Career and College Readiness

Louisiana School Safety Summit Update

Please share with system leaders, safety/emergency preparedness personnel, school leaders, and mental health providers.

In less than 2 days, Louisiana's school system leaders, law enforcement officers, mental health providers, and emergency preparedness personnel will come together at the [Louisiana School Safety Summit](#) in Baton Rouge. Registered attendees will have the opportunity to hear from our keynote speaker [Sean Burke](#), President of the School Safety Advocacy Council.

All registered participants should reserve a seat to attend sessions during the School Safety Summit within the Whova app. Session capacity is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. For details on how to reserve a seat, as well as prepare for arrival, attendees should use [these recommendations](#).

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.

Fast Forward Pathway Library

Please share with secondary supervisors, principals, counselors, and testing coordinators.

The approved [Fast Forward Pathways](#), outlined by region, are now available in the [Fast Forward Library](#). These pathways prepare students for current and emerging professions that expose students to high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand jobs. High School students participating in a Fast Forward Pathway will graduate high school with college credit (academic and/or technical), a postsecondary credential of value or both.

Please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov with questions.

U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Opportunity

Please share with social studies supervisors, secondary administrators, counselors and student council advisors.

The Louisiana Department of Education and the [William Randolph Hearst Foundation](#) are pleased to announce the launch of the 2023 United States Senate Youth Program. The Department requests your assistance selecting these students.

Please encourage juniors or seniors who hold elected or appointed offices in school or community groups listed in the [national program brochure](#) to submit a Louisiana [application packet](#).

The names of the students selected by each high school and their application portfolios should be e-mailed to the program coordinator, Marian Johnson, at marian.johnson@la.gov no later than October 4, 2022.

Please contact marian.johnson@la.gov with questions.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean School Bus Program
Please share with system leaders and transportation supervisors.

With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's new [Clean School Bus Program](#) provides \$5 billion over the next five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models.

EPA is offering \$500 million through the [2022 Clean School Bus Rebates](#) for zero-emission and low-emission school bus rebates as the first funding opportunity.

Please contact michael.comeaux@la.gov with questions.

School System Relations

Department Names the 2023 State-Level Winners for Awards Programs

Please share with teachers, school and school system leaders.

Last week, the Department — in partnership with [Dream Teachers](#) — celebrated excellence in education at the *16th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Awards Gala*, which was held at the World War II Museum in New Orleans. During the event, the Department introduced the [2023 State Elementary, Middle and High School Teacher and Principal of the Year winners](#), the [2023 New Teacher of the Year](#), the [2023 Early Childhood Leader of the Year](#) and the [2023 Early Childhood Teacher of the Year](#).

In addition, the [New Teacher of the Year Finalists](#), [Early Childhood Teacher and Leader Finalists](#), [Milken Educator Award](#) recipients, Louisiana's [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#) honorees, and the [Teacher and Principal of the Year Semifinalists and Finalists](#) were honored.

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.

Seeking Nominations for Louisiana Models of Excellence

Please share with school system leaders.

The [Louisiana Models of Excellence](#) initiative was created in an effort to acknowledge, honor, and spotlight schools and school systems serving as exemplary models for implementing the Department's [Believe to Achieve](#) educational priorities that leads to the advancement of student success. This initiative has three main goals.

- To celebrate excellence in Louisiana schools
- To share stories of success and provide models for others to see
- To create high-impact partnerships across school system

The Department is now accepting nominations for the 2022-2023 Louisiana Models of Excellence. School systems may submit nominations for a school or a system-wide initiative through the [online portal](#). To learn more about the Louisiana Models of Excellence program and nomination process, school systems are invited to review the 2022-2023 [Louisiana Models of Excellence Overview](#) document. For school systems with further questions, you may join the Office Hour below:

- [Wednesday, August 17 at 9 a.m.](#)

Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis; however, nominations need to be submitted by **February 1, 2023** to be considered for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please contact modelsofexcellence@la.gov with questions.

Calling Louisiana's Excellent Educators

Please share with teachers, school and school system leaders.

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success. The educators that have been previously recognized as a state-level semifinalist, finalist, division-level, or overall winner for Louisiana Teacher or Principal of the Year along with those named Milken Award recipients and Louisiana Exemplary Educators exemplify Louisiana's education profession and commitment to student success. As such, these educators are considered a valuable member of the Louisiana Excellent Educator cohort and may be called upon to share expertise in various capacities.

In order to ensure the Department has the most recent information for all past state-level honorees for Louisiana Teacher and Principal of the Year, Milken Award recipients and Louisiana Exemplary Educators, please ask them to visit the [Excellent Educator Portal](#) and complete the form. The portal will be open on **August 1, 2022-October 1, 2022**.

Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Educator Development

Mentor and Resident Funding

Please share with system leaders.

During the most recent legislative session, funding for Mentor teachers was approved as part of the MFP budget. Mentors will now receive \$2000. Please attend one of the following webinars to learn more about the updated data collection process for Mentor and resident funding for the 2022-2023 school year:

- **Date/Time:** August 17 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. or August 22 from 1-2 p.m.
- **Zoom:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- **Phone:** 1-346-248-7799
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

New Teacher Experience Kick Off

Please share with system and school leaders.

On July 25, the Department hosted the first New Teacher Experience [kick-off](#), welcoming new teachers from across the state. Over 100 new teachers from over twenty-nine school systems participated in a day filled with professional development sessions and networking. New teachers were welcomed into the profession and celebrated at this day long event.

The Department will offer affinity groups and professional development modules for new teachers beginning in Fall 2022. More information about these new teacher supports is available on the New Teacher Experience [webpage](#).

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov for additional information.

Compass Information System (CIS) Updates

Please share with systems leaders, school leaders, human resource directors, and data directors.

VAM data will be released in October for the 2021-2022 school year. The release date for VAM data is later than in the past due to the later testing dates. Systems are encouraged to meet with staff to review observation and Student Learning Target (SLT) data and provide feedback prior to the release of VAM data in order to begin goal setting for the 2022-2023 school year.

The [Compass Information System \(CIS\)](#) will be open for the 2022-2023 school year following the release of VAM in October. Rosters may be updated once the system is opened for 2022-2023. Systems are encouraged to begin setting [Student Learning Targets \(SLTs\)](#) and completing observations following completion of rater reliability training which will be released later this month in the [Compass Library](#). Scores may be collected and entered into the system after rosters are complete.

Resources for [goal setting](#) and [updating rosters](#) are located in the [Compass Library](#). Please contact compass@la.gov with questions.

K-2 Learning Year: Phase I Office Hours

Please share with systems leaders and school leaders.

Systems currently participating or interested in participating in the K-2 Learning Year: Phase I may join upcoming Office Hours for more information. Upcoming topics include:

K-2 Learning Year: Phase I Logistics and Content

- Meeting Date and Time: August 10 at 12 p.m.
- Meeting Link:
<https://doe.zoom.us/j/98569851139?pwd=b0VGdTlvcThYWEIZT3VnWWQzYU1kZz09>
- Meeting ID#: 985 6985 1139
- Meeting Passcode: 578203

CLASS Crosswalk and NIET Teaching and Learning Standards Rubric Breakouts

- Meeting Date and Time: September 7 at 12 p.m.
- Meeting Link:
<https://doe.zoom.us/j/98569851139?pwd=b0VGdTlvcThYWEIZT3VnWWQzYU1kZz09>
- Meeting ID#: 985 6985 1139
- Meeting Passcode: 578203

K-2 Portal and Q&A

- Meeting Date and Time: September 21 at 12 p.m.
- Meeting Link:
<https://doe.zoom.us/j/98569851139?pwd=b0VGdTlvcThYWEIZT3VnWWQzYU1kZz09>
- Meeting ID#: 985 6985 1139
- Meeting Passcode: 578203

Please contact lori.pennison@la.gov with questions.

K-2 Learning Year: Phase I Teacher Webinar

Please share with systems leaders and school leaders.

The Office of Teaching and Learning will host a webinar for teachers participating in the K-2 Learning Year: Phase I. A representative from the University of Lafayette Picard Center will talk about the purpose, processes, and protocols regarding third-party observations.

- Date and Time: September 1 at 4 p.m.
- Link: <https://doe.zoom.us/j/99423703660?pwd=M2x3Zm90bHI1K3lXdmdSM3VHV3pMdz09>
- Meeting ID#: 994 2370 3660
- Meeting Passcode: 638154

Please contact lori.pennison@la.gov with questions.

Continuous Learning Toolkit **Please share with system leaders.**

Continuous learning should be provided to limit unfinished learning while maintaining access to instructional programming during modified operations. To be prepared for the upcoming school year, the toolkit includes a framework for systems in developing a continuous learning plan.

The Department has released the [Continuous Learning Toolkit](#) to support systems in developing a continuous learning plan for when school closures may occur that require modified operations on a short-, medium-, or long-term basis.

The [continuous learning webinar](#) provides additional information on developing continuous learning plans.

Please contact keisha.thomas2@la.gov with questions.

New Podcast Episode Released: “Leading the Review with Eric Hirsch” **Please share with school and system leaders.**

[Teacher Leader Lagniappe](#) is the podcast that offers a little something extra for Louisiana educators. In [Season 2, Episode 3](#), Founding Executive of EdReports, Eric Hirsch, discusses the instructional review process, the curriculum landscape across our country, and why educators should implement high-quality materials into their teachings. Concordia Parish is highlighted for their summer learning program activities.

Share Your Stories: Submit [pictures](#) of the great things happening in your school and system for the What’s Making Me Smile segment.

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

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Operations Reminders

Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 Operational Guidelines

Please share with school system leaders.

The Louisiana Department of Health has provided updated guidance for a safe return to in-person instruction for the 2022-2023 school year. The [Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 Operational Guidelines](#) provide recommendations for COVID mitigation measures based upon CDC COVID community-levels. Please share this information with system leaders and administration. Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 School System Operations Plan Submission

Please share with school system leaders.

A school system that receives ARP ESSER funds must make publicly available on its website a **Ready to Achieve! plan** for safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. School systems can meet this requirement for 2022-2023 by updating their Ready to Achieve 2021 plans to reflect the [Ready to Achieve 2022-2023 guidance](#).

School systems will [submit a link](#) to their plan to LDOE no later than September 12. Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

2022 Legislative Acts of Interest to System Leaders

Please share with school system leaders.

A [list of legislative Acts of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session](#) has been curated for system leaders. While this list is not inclusive of every instrument approved during the session, it will serve as a helpful starting point for LEAs seeking to prepare a response to these measures. The LDOE response to the 2022 session will be presented for BESE consideration at the August 2022 meeting of the Board. Please contact ethan.melancon@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability and Analytics Reminders

LEAP 2025

Please share this information with school and district test coordinators.

To access LEAP 2025 grade 3-8 score reports that were released the week of June 25, users should go to [DRC INSIGHT](#), My Applications/Report Delivery/Pre-generated (Summative). In the upper right-hand corner, select site and select LEAP 2025 Grade 3-8 Spring 2022. Select report type. This is a secure function in INSIGHT that is only accessible by authorized users. Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Test Security Plans

Please share this information with school leaders and school and district test coordinators.

All local education agencies that are new to state testing must submit a test security plan no later than to assessment@la.gov August 31, 2022.

ELPS

Please share this information with school leaders and test coordinators.

- English language proficiency screener were not accessible in the TIDE portal until August 1. Please plan to administer the screener within the first 30 days of applicable student enrollment.
- New district test coordinators should notify assessment@la.gov for access to the TIDE portal.

Career and College Readiness Reminders

Career Development Fund End-of-Year Reporting

Share with CTE supervisors, principals, school counselors, secondary supervisors, and testing coordinators.

The [2021-2022 Career Development Fund \(CDF\) End-of-Year Expenditure Report](#) is available for school systems to complete. The deadline to report on 2021-2022 CDF expenditures is August 31. Schools systems should refer to the [2021-2022 Guidelines for Use of CDF Allocation](#) when completing the form.

CDF funds support increased student access to high-value Career and Technical Education courses and training. CDF funds are 6% of the MFP state and local base cost per pupil (\$241) provided for each qualifying student course enrollment in grades 9 through 12. Please contact troy.borne@la.gov with questions.

School Medicaid Monthly Office Hours

Please share with school-based Medicaid coordinators, special education directors and school business managers.

The LDOE will host a Medicaid Monthly Update for school-based Medicaid program coordinators on the third Tuesday of each month beginning August 16. Each meeting will review recent updates from the Louisiana Department of Health and the components of Medicaid program requirements.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 16 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93019253034>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799 or +1-470-250-9358
- **Meeting ID:** 930 1925 3034
- **Passcode:** 201756

Please contact elizabeth.duncan@la.gov with questions.

College Board Counselor Workshops

Please share with secondary supervisors, principals, school counselors, and testing coordinators.

Join the College Board for the [2022 Counselor Workshops](#) for updates on AP programs and higher education trends as you support students for the 2022-2023 school year. All workshops are free and all attendees are eligible for CEUs or credit toward professional certification.

Louisiana school counselors have been invited to attend on the following days:

- August 30 at 8 a.m.
- September 7 at 12 p.m.

Please contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.

ACT® College and Career Readiness Workshops

Please share with secondary supervisors, principals, school counselors, testing coordinators, and teachers.

The ACT® [2022 College and Career Readiness Workshops](#) are a chance for K-12 stakeholders to learn about and collaborate on the latest trends in college and career readiness. [Registration](#) is now open for in-person workshops that offer content specific to Louisiana on the days and locations listed below.

- September 27 at University of New Orleans in New Orleans; 9 a.m.
- September 29 at Louisiana Department of Education Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge; 9 a.m.
- October 4 at University of Louisiana in Lafayette; 9 a.m.

[Registration](#) is also open for national and product-specific webinars, such as ACT® Test Prep, PreACT®, and ACT® WorkKeys. If you are unable to attend the webinar, you will receive a link to the recording after the live event by registering.

Please contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning Reminders

Quality Science and Math (QSM) Grant Opportunity for Teachers

Please share with pre-K through high school math, science, and STEM teachers.

The [QSM Grant Program](#) awards grants of up to \$2,000 to Louisiana Pre K-12 public school teachers for purchasing nonconsumable materials and equipment. The grant can be used with science, math, and STEM courses. After-school, Gifted and Talented, and Special Education programs are not eligible. The QSM [online application](#) portal is open from July 18 until September 11.

Please contact gsminfo@lsu.edu with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit Materials Available

Please share with summit attendees.

The tenth annual Teacher Leader Summit brought together educators from across the state for an energy-filled, inspiring event that closed out one school year and inspired attendees in their planning for the next.

Check out all of the great materials from the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit that are now available in the new 2022 Teacher Leader Summit Materials [library](#). Look for your photo on the [LDOE Facebook page](#). The Teacher Leader Summit [video](#) is now also available for viewing. Please contact LDOEevents@la.gov with questions.

Compass Information System (CIS) Updates

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

The [Compass Information System \(CIS\)](#) teacher evaluation upload window remains open for 2021-2022 score entry. The system will not allow final submission for VAM teacher evaluations, but scores can be entered. VAM teacher evaluations can be submitted and finalized following the release of VAM in mid-October. Please continue to do the following:

- Enter and rate both SLTs for all staff,
- Enter and submit professional practice scores [for 2021-2022 only, if the evaluated person scored “Effective: Proficient” or “Highly Effective” (2.5 and above), enter the single score twice];
- Finalize evaluations for non-VAM teachers; and
- Complete teacher evaluation uploads to CIS.

Resources for [evaluation uploads](#) are located in the [Compass Library](#).

Please contact compass@la.gov with questions.

Workforce Reporting Updates

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

Work groups for the new Workforce Dashboard will begin in late August. System leaders who would like to participate in monthly virtual work groups to help identify areas for improvement on the Workforce Dashboard should complete this [quick survey](#).

Support for EdLink workforce data reporting can be found at the [EdLink Support page](#). Sample extract sheets that detail exactly what data is collected and how to report it can also be found on that [Support Page](#).

Please contact emily.smiley@la.gov with questions.

2022-2023 Mentor Waiver Application Now Open

Please share with school and system leaders.

At the April BESE meeting, the Board approved a waiver for the Mentor policy for the 2022-2023 school year. Mentor teacher waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis through the application process established by the LDOE and at no fee to the applicant, school system, or teacher preparation provider.

The 2022-2023 Mentor Waiver [Application](#) is now open.

Mentor Waiver Applications must be created by the system leader responsible for resident placement and/or Mentor recruitment and support. Mentor waivers should be in place prior to **October 1**.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.