



## August 2022



Welcome back, teacher leaders! I am Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, District Support, and I am excited to kick off this school year with you. As a former teacher and teacher leader, I know how much work each of you are doing in preparation for the first day of school. There is no better feeling than opening to a fresh school year of new possibilities!

Starting a new school year is always exciting, but this year it is a little extra special. Earlier this summer we held the [10th Annual Teacher Leader Summit](#), where we celebrated Louisiana Making a Comeback. This was a great opportunity for us to celebrate the phenomenal teacher leaders and to gain additional knowledge that we are bringing into this school year.

We have experienced many challenges these past few years as we've navigated through a global pandemic and multiple hurricanes. One thing that has remained constant is our dedication to our students and their pursuit of excellence.

We are listening to classroom teachers to better understand the current conditions in which they work and explore concrete ways to improve those conditions. Louisiana believes in its teachers, working collaboratively to facilitate the needs of students, classrooms and schools across this great state. Because of you, Louisiana is making a Comeback and we are so excited to share resources with you all including our new [LIFT \(Literacy Interventions Foundational Toolkit\)](#) designed to identify student needs in foundational skills with explicit instruction in these skills and [Accelerate Math](#) resources which are designed to provide teachers with materials to ensure students' readiness for grade-level instruction.

Thank you for all that you do to serve the children of our state. I can't think of more noble work, and it is an honor to be in service alongside each of you who inspire me each and every day.

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## ACADEMICS

### **2022 Teacher Leader Summit Materials**

Session materials for the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit have been added to the [2022 Teacher Leader Summit Materials](#) page. Slides and materials from the sessions presented at Teacher Leader Summit are available; however, any materials included for a session will be listed in a separate link.

## LITERACY

### **Foundational Literacy Modules for Grades 4-8 Educators Registration Open**

The Department has partnered with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to offer five free asynchronous science of reading modules for grades 4 - 8 educators. The Professional Development Modules are focused on content that is teacher-friendly and provides the knowledge and skills necessary for intermediate and middle school classroom instruction by applying age-appropriate science of reading strategies. Modules will be available throughout the 2022 - 2023 school year. [Registration](#) is open and module release will be announced in future editions of the Teacher Leader Newsletter.

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

### **Content Literacy Support for Middle and High School Release**

The Literacy Division has released a set of activities and resources to support **middle and high school teachers** in providing targeted literacy support in all content areas. These documents can be found in the [Literacy Library](#) under Instruction, Intervention, and Extension. The Content Literacy Support documents **provide guidance for teachers in all content areas around annotating text, independent reading, partner reading, using rubrics, using student exemplars, and whole class read alouds**. Additional documents are being developed and will be released soon. The [recording](#) of the [session](#) presented at Teacher Leader Summit on these resources and building literacy in secondary classrooms walks teachers through how to effectively implement these practices.

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

### Louisiana Literacy Intervention and Foundational Tools (LIFT) Kit Release

The Literacy Division has released a set of activities and resources to support teachers in **providing targeted literacy support to struggling readers**. These tools can be found in the [Literacy Library](#) under Instruction, Intervention, and Extension. The first six guidance documents are available and provide teachers in all content areas with support in annotating text, independent reading, partner reading, using rubrics, using student exemplars, and whole class read alouds. Additional documents to support content literacy are being developed and will be added to the Library by the end of summer. The [recording](#) of the [LIFT: Literacy Interventions Foundational Toolkit Session](#) presented at Teacher Leader Summit walks teachers and interventionists through the tool, how it should be used, and what resources are available to support teachers in providing targeted instruction and intervention.

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

### Teacher Leader Summit Session Recordings Added to the Literacy Library

Sessions presented by the Literacy Division at the recent Teacher Leader Summit have been recorded and added to the [Literacy Library](#). Slide decks of the sessions are included for redelivery purposes.

Session Title	Videos	Slides
Foundational Skills Don't Stop in 2nd Grade! LIFT Kit Overview	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a>
Behavior Management and Trauma Informed Literacy Strategies	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a>
Instructional Literacy Implementation and Practices	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a>
Supporting Reading Foundations in Upper Elementary	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a>
Building Content Area Literacy in the Secondary Classroom	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a>

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## ELA RESOURCES

### ELA Guidebooks: Grade 8

The grade 8 ELA Guidebooks unit, The Tell-Tale Heart, will no longer include the independent read novel *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers. This text will be removed from all ELA Guidebooks and Imagine Learning (formerly LearnZillion) materials by the end of August. The text is no longer available for purchase through American Reading Company, and it will no longer be included in future student handout purchases from XanEdu.

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

## **ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022)**

In Spring 2022, the Department offered systems the opportunity to participate in an implementation pilot and a materials review of three ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units; *Because of Winn-Dixie*, *The Whipping Boy*, and *The Birchbark House*. The systems who participated in the pilot and materials review were surveyed and the results from the pilot and materials review can be found in the [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Feedback report](#). Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, the Department will be in the process of applying the feedback to revisions of ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022).

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

## **Resources for School Librarians**

LASL (Louisiana Association of School Librarians) would like to congratulate Kelsye Baudoin of Lafayette Parish on being named the 2022 Louisiana School Librarian of the Year.

The [Back to School Newsletter](#) is now available. Please join the [LASL mailing list](#) to receive resources and information on additional professional development opportunities and to celebrate with Louisiana school librarians. Information is also located on the [LASL Website](#), on [Facebook](#), and on [Twitter](#).

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

# **SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES**

## **Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education: Judges in the Classroom**

Teachers have the opportunity to have a judge visit their classroom to speak on a selected topic. If interested in this opportunity, complete and return the request [form](#) and the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education will make the arrangements.

Please contact Peggy Cotogno at 504-566-1600 ext. 34 or [peggy.cotogno@lsba.org](mailto:peggy.cotogno@lsba.org) with questions.

## **2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies Standards Implementation Information**

The [2022 K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#) (LSSSS) will be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year. The [K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies FAQ](#) document is posted to the [K-12 Social Studies Resources page](#) and [Grades 9-12 Social Studies Teacher Library](#). The Department will continue hosting [webinars](#) this fall to support district leaders, school leaders, and teachers as they prepare to transition to the 2022 K-12 LSSSS. The information for the upcoming webinar is below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** October 13 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97047352000?pwd=dVNWTTJlEVm1iM2VBcUNxek15ZWl3QT09>
- **Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID #:** 97047352000
- **Passcode:** 529847

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## MATH RESOURCES

### **Accelerating Learning in Mathematics**

The Department has developed resources to support school systems committed to using the statewide tutoring strategy, [Accelerate](#), to provide additional learning time for students through high-dosage tutoring during the school day at CIR/UIR-Academics schools. The [Accelerate Math](#) resources provide proactive support to upcoming classroom content to ensure students' readiness for grade level mathematics. Math tutoring resources are designed to provide support on the most essential prerequisite knowledge and skills to support success in upcoming lessons. Materials include small scale formative tools to identify unfinished learning in relation to upcoming instruction, correlations to grade level lessons, links to Google Slides presentations, and exit tickets designed specifically for each set of tutoring sessions.

Teachers and leaders who want to learn more about accelerating math learning should view the [Acceleration in Math Self-Paced Learning Modules](#).

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

## SCIENCE RESOURCES

### **New Resource: Grade 7 Louisiana Guide to Implementing Amplify Science**

To support systems, schools, and teachers in implementation of high quality instructional materials, the Department has released the [Louisiana Guide to Implementing Amplify Grade 7](#) which provides guidance regarding how high quality Amplify Science Louisiana Grade 7 units correlate with the [Louisiana Student Standards for Science](#) (LSSS). While the curriculum provides ample instructional guidance for teachers, the Louisiana Guide goes a step further to point out places in which Louisiana teachers may need to make strategic decisions concerning student needs, companion lesson guidance, and alignment to Eagle items.

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

### **Coming soon: Science Teacher Leader Advisor Application Re-opening**

The Department is seeking high school science teachers to join the 2022-2023 [Teacher Leader Advisor](#) cohort. Teachers of all high school science courses are needed to develop resources for use by Louisiana educators. Additional information and an updated application will appear on the Department's [Teacher Leader page](#) by August 23 and will close on **September 16**.

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

## EDTECH

### Google Sheets Updates

Back to school is such an exciting time, but it can be overwhelming with multiple lists of class rosters, classes, and assessment data. Google Sheets has a few updates that can save teachers and leaders precious time with organization and data analysis. The [Google Sheets Updates to Save Time](#) document includes information on three Sheets features, along with additional tutorials.

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

### Chromebook Updates

There are some exciting new updates that will automatically be added to the Chromebook operating system!

Screen Capture, a built-in screen capture tool on Chromebooks, has been updated. Now teachers or students can record the Chromebook screen and also include voice-over and video without having to use any additional extensions or software. This is perfect for student created presentations and demonstrations as well as teacher created resources!

Figma is a new tool meant to facilitate dynamic collaboration in the classroom and beyond. Google has partnered with Figma to bring the collaboration tool directly to Chromebooks. Schools and educators can [apply](#) to participate in the beta testing for this program with the ability to manage student accounts through the Google Admin Console. Educators can get verified for their free Education plan using any device by [creating an educator account](#). This account will allow for unlimited creation and the ability to share with anyone in the same domain.

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

## EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

### Quality Science and Math (QSM) Grant Program

The [Quality Science and Math Grant Program](#) awards grants of up to \$2,000 to Louisiana Pre-K-12 public school teachers for the purchase of non-consumable materials and equipment to be used in science, math, and STEM courses. The [application portal](#) is now open and will close on **September 11**. [Grant writing resources](#) and full program details are available on the [QSM website](#).

Please contact [qsminfo@lsu.edu](mailto:qsminfo@lsu.edu) with questions.

### Teacher Leader Lagniappe Podcast: Season 2 Episode 3 Released

[Teacher Leader Lagniappe](#) released a new episode, Leading the Review. Eric Hirsch, Founding Executive of EdReports, talks about all things dealing with the instructional review process, the curriculum landscape across the country, and why educators should implement high-quality materials into their teachings. Concordia Parish is highlighted for their summer learning program activities.

Educators can subscribe to the [podcast](#) and listen to the latest episode.

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

Please contact [em.cooper@la.gov](mailto:em.cooper@la.gov) with questions.

## EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

### **2022 Presidential Awards for Mathematics and Science Teaching Finalists Announced**

The [Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#) is the highest and most prestigious honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. The Department is pleased to announce the finalists representing Louisiana for this award. These teachers are recognized not only for their deep content knowledge in the subjects they teach, but also for their ability to motivate and enable students to be successful.

Louisiana finalists in math are

- Krissy Allen, East Ouachita Middle School, Ouachita Parish;
- Mandy Fourrier, LSU Laboratory School; and
- Caroline Landon, University Elementary School, Caddo Parish.

Louisiana finalists in science are

- Regena Landry, Copper Mill Elementary, Zachary Community Schools; and
- Rebecca Svensson, LSU Laboratory School.

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