



LOUISIANA BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ACADEMIC GOALS AND INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

**Claiborne Building
Room 1-100, Louisiana Purchase Room
1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

(Notice: This meeting may be convened up to 30 minutes prior to the posted schedule to facilitate the orderly conduct of business)

Chair, Mr. Conrad Appel
Student Representative, Ms. Beija Lopes-Morgan

LDOE Liaisons

Dr. Cade Brumley, State Superintendent of Education

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

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1. Opening
 - 1.1. Call to Order
 - 1.2. Roll Call
2. Recognition of Guests
 - 2.1. Consideration of a presentation from the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS) regarding the Louisiana Statewide Threat Assessment Outreach Initiative
3. Consent Agenda – Administrative Actions
 - 3.1. Consideration of an update report regarding BESE and LDOE advisory group rosters
 - 3.2. Consideration of requests from Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for waivers of policy contained in Bulletins, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education

a. *Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §2313. Foreign Language*

- Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Bogalusa City, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Catahoula, Central Community, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, Winn, and Zachary Community

b. *Bulletin 1530—Louisiana’s IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities: §127. Three-Year Age Span*

1. Pointe Coupee Parish

c. *Bulletin 1706—Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act: §1904. Definitions. Resource Room*

1. East Baton Rouge Parish

4. Standing Items – Initiatives to Improve Academic Performance and Close the Achievement Gap

4.1. Consideration of an update report regarding literacy and key performance indicators (KPIs)

5. Standing Items – Special Schools and Nonpublic Schools Management Issues

- * 5.1. Consideration of the approval of course offerings for the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA) beginning with the 2025-2026 school year

6. Standing Items - Commission(s)/Task Force(s)/Council(s)

- * 6.1. Consideration of an update report regarding the Accountability Council

- * 6.2. Consideration of an update report regarding the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council

- * 6.3. Consideration of an update report regarding the Nonpublic School Council (NPSC)

- * 6.4. Consideration of an update report regarding the Superintendents' Advisory Council (SAC)
- * 6.5. Consideration of an update report regarding the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

7. Standing Items - Bulletin(s)

7.1. Consideration of revisions to Bulletins in response to Act 409 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session

- a. *Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*
- b. *Bulletin 139—Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*

7.2. Consideration of revisions to Bulletins in response to Act 479 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session

- a. *Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
- b. *Bulletin 1706—Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*

7.3. Consideration of revisions to Bulletins in response to legislation of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session

- a. *Bulletin 111—The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*
- b. *Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*
- c. *Bulletin 119—Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures*
- d. *Bulletin 134—Tuition Donation Rebate Program*
- e. *Bulletin 135—Health and Safety*
- f. *Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
- g. *Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic)—Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*

- 7.4. Consideration of revisions to *Bulletin 1508—Pupil Appraisal Handbook*, regarding screening and evaluation of students for special education and related services
- 8. Referrals - Unfinished Business
 - 8.1. Consideration of a report regarding Algebra I LEAP 2025 scores in the accountability system
- 9. Referrals - New Business
 - 9.1. Consideration of requests from nonpublic schools for waivers of policy contained in *Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*, regarding ratio requirements for four year olds
- 10. Public Comments Regarding Notices of Intent (submitted in accordance with LA R.S 49:953)
 - 10.1. Consideration of the Summary of Public Comment(s) and Agency Response (SPCAR) concerning public comment received in reference to the May 20, 2025, Notice of Intent regarding *Bulletin 1508—Pupil Appraisal Handbook*