

Superintendents' Advisory Council

July 24, 2025

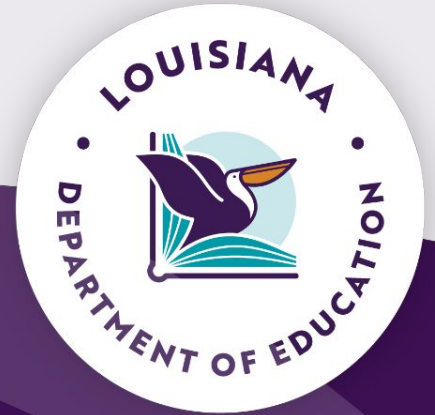


Agenda

- Approval of the minutes of the meeting held June 5, 2025
- Consideration of revisions to bulletins in response to legislation of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session
- Consideration of an update report regarding literacy and numeracy initiatives
- Consideration of an update report regarding banking scores for middle school students who score mastery or advanced on high school LEAP 2025 assessments



Approval of the minutes of the meeting held June 5, 2025



Consideration of revisions to bulletins in response to legislation of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session



Act 356: 10 point grading scale

- Act 356 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session requires schools, including nonpublic schools, to use a 10-point scale for assigning grades used to calculate the minimum cumulative GPA for TOPS awards for grades earned during the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.
- This requirement applies only to grades for TOPS core curriculum courses and does not mandate changes to a school's local grading policies for other purposes, such as report cards or class rank.
- A [support document](#) is available for data managers and registrars.

Please contact systemsupport@la.gov with questions.



2025 Regular Legislative Session

- *Bulletin 746 - Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*
 - [Act 353](#): Numeracy Professional Development or coursework for initial certification
 - [Act 479](#): Crisis intervention instruction for initial certification



2025 Regular Legislative Session

- *Bulletin 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
 - [Act 181](#) and [Act 384](#): Discipline and records
 - [Act 463](#): Nutrition
 - [Act 100](#): Military status
 - [Act 103](#): Instructional materials



2025 Regular Legislative Session

- *Bulletin 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
 - [Act 42](#): Transportation network companies (Also B119)
 - [Act 439](#): School employee bill of rights
 - [Act 449](#): Vocational/technical education
 - [Act 409](#): Mandatory reporter training and reporting



Act 463: Nutrition

- *Bulletin 741-Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
 - Prohibited ingredients pertain to all food and beverages served by the school at breakfast and lunch or at aftercare.
 - Food should be purchased from within Louisiana to the extent practicable.
 - Effective beginning with the 2028-2029 school year.

Please contact childnutritionprograms@la.gov or call 225-342-9661 with questions.



2025 Regular Legislative Session

- *Bulletin 135 - Health and Safety*
 - [Act 402](#): Diabetes information
 - [Act 469](#): Mental health screening
- *Bulletin 130 - Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel*
 - [Act 270](#): VAM and teacher evaluation
- *Bulletin 111 - The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*
 - [Act 472](#): LEAP testing



Act 409: Child Welfare

- *Bulletin 741-Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
- *Bulletin 137-Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*
 - DCFS clearance for employment
 - Mandatory reporter training and procedural updates
 - Montessori and public school prekindergarten
 - Minimum standards for prekindergarten



Consideration of an update report regarding literacy and numeracy initiatives



Ensuring Healthy Core Instruction

- Schedules should reflect adequate time to **fully implement** the selected curriculum at that grade level.
- Time should be devoted daily for explicit **teacher-led instruction**, time for **students to practice**, and opportunities for students to **receive academic feedback**.
- School-day embedded **teacher collaboration** should focus on planning for core instruction using HQIM to meet the needs of students.



Implementing Quality High Dosage Tutoring

- Time should be **scheduled intentionally** within the school day, especially to meet the parameters of Act 771 of 2024, Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring for K-5 students.
- **Tutor selection and training**, whether vendor led or through LEA staff, should be planned and implemented to connect core instruction to tutoring time.
- **Materials** that are high quality and align to core should be selected to meet the needs of students.



Menu of Services: Support for Literacy and Numeracy

- designed to enhance instructional quality
- promote continuous improvement through high quality instructional materials and professional learning structures of Instructional Leadership Teams and Teacher Collaboration

School systems should designate a single point of contact for the system to request support from the LDOE Literacy and Numeracy Teams.



Consideration of an update report regarding banking scores for middle school students who score mastery or advanced on high school LEAP 2025 assessments



Number of 8th Graders Taking Algebra I by Achievement Level

2023-2024	Total	UNS	APP	BAS	MAS	ADV
8 th graders who took Algebra 1 EOC	7,097	85	291	720	4,252	1,749
8 th graders who took Algebra 1 & were (double) tested in 8 th Grade Math	1,387	45	136	223	757	226
8 th Graders who just took 8 th grade LEAP Math	40,896	9,128	12,572	10,402	7,926	868

- 15% of Louisiana's 8th Graders took Algebra I in 2023-2024
- Of those 15%, approximately 84.6% score Mastery or Advanced



7th Grade Math Achievement Level	8th Grade Algebra I Achievement Level					Total
	ADV	MAS	BAS	APP	UNS	
ADV	944	274	1	1	0	1,220
MAS	771	3,354	231	25	7	4,388
BAS	2	524	406	142	15	1,089
APP	0	14	54	94	41	203
UNS	1	7	5	10	16	39
Total	1,718	4,173	697	272	79	6,939

85% of students in 8th Grade Algebra 1 score Advanced or Mastery.



Double Testing

ESSA Flexibilities:

A state may exempt any 8th grade student from the mathematics assessment the state administers in 8th grade, if the student takes the end-of-course mathematics assessment the state typically administers in high school for Federal accountability purposes.

8th Graders...	Total
Who took Algebra 1 EOC	7,097
Who took Algebra 1 & were (double) tested in 8 th Grade Math	1,387

20% of 8th Grade Algebra I students were double-tested.

Closing

The next meeting of the Superintendents' Advisory Council is scheduled to convene on September 18, 2025.

SAC July 2025



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EDUCATION

Part CXIII. Bulletin 119—Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures

Chapter 19. Transporting Students

§1909. Alternate Means of Transportation

A. A local public school board may contract with a transportation network company to transport students under the age of eighteen to or from a school or school related activity when the transportation network company is in compliance with R.S. 17:166.1.

B. Driver Requirements.

1. The driver is at least twenty-one years of age and possesses a valid Louisiana driver's license for a minimum of three years.
2. The driver has undergone a background check process which includes:
 - a. a national and state fingerprint-based criminal background check through the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information in the Office of State Police pursuant to R.S. 15:587.1 and R.S. 17:15; and
 - b. a clear Louisiana DCFS child abuse and neglect screen.
3. The company shall provide child safety education to the driver, to include:
 - a. safe driving practices;
 - b. first aid and CPR;
 - c. special considerations for transporting students with disabilities;
 - d. safe pick-up and drop-off procedures; and
 - e. laws on proper child restraint systems.

C. Minimum Safety and Technology Requirements.

1. The company shall implement a technology-enabled solution that:
 - a. provides end-to-end viability of the ride and GPS tracking of the ride in real-time for the company, the passenger's legal guardian, and if different from the legal guardian, the person or entity who scheduled the ride;
 - b. monitors the ride in real-time for safety-related anomalies; and
 - c. provides the passenger's legal guardian with the ability to contact the driver and the company directly.
2. The company shall implement ride-tracking technology that allows for the detection of the following driving behaviors:
 - a. device use;
 - b. speeding;
 - c. hard turning;
 - d. hard braking;
 - e. hard acceleration; and
 - f. collision detection.

D. Vehicle Minimum Standards. The company shall ensure that vehicles used to provide services are vehicles originally designed for not more than eight passengers, including the driver; no more than thirteen years old; and annually inspected by a mechanic.

1. The driver shall complete and document a daily pre-trip inspection before providing a ride pursuant to a contract.
2. The pre-trip inspection shall list any defects or deficiencies which would affect the safety of operation of the vehicle. Prior to performing services, any noted defects or deficiencies listed in the annual or pre-trip inspection shall be repaired or corrected.
3. If no defects or deficiencies are discovered by or reported to the driver, the documented inspection shall so indicate.

E. The company shall maintain commercial automotive insurance that does not contain an exclusion for the transportation of an unaccompanied minor.

F. The company shall publish an annual safety report on its website.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:166.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 51:

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXLVII. Bulletin 130—Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel

Chapter 3. Personnel Evaluation

§325. Extenuating Circumstances

A. – E.

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F. Neither the value-added model nor the measures of student growth shall include a test score or data of a student who has accrued ten or more absences, whether excused, unexcused, consecutive, or nonconsecutive, in any semester of a given school year. Credit recovery, academic credit, and attendance credit shall not be considered factors relative to such absences in an evaluation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), 17:391.10, 17:3881-3886, 17:3901-3904, 17:3997, and 17:10.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 38:1220 (May 2012), amended LR 38:2361 (September 2012), LR 39:1274 (May 2013), LR 40:761 (April 2014), LR 45:233 (February 2019), LR 51:

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CLXI. Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§103. Definitions

Early Learning Center—any child day care center, early head start center, head start center, nonpublic school prekindergarten program, or stand-alone prekindergarten program that is not attached to a school. The definition does not include Montessori schools, camps, and registered family day care homes.

License Type—the type of license applied for or held by an early learning center, which include type I, type II, and type III licenses.

Licensed Space—the indoor and outdoor space on the premises approved by the LDOE for the purpose of providing licensed child care.

Local Education Agency (LEA)—a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within the state either to provide administrative control or directions of, or perform a service function for, public elementary and secondary schools in a city, parish, school district, or other political subdivision of the state. The term includes an educational service agency and any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school, including a public charter school that is established as an LEA under state law.

State Central Registry—repository within the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) that identifies any individual reported to have a substantiated ~~justified (valid)~~ finding of abuse or neglect of a child or children by DCFS.

Student Mentor—a student who is enrolled at the school that is associated with the center and is present in the center in a mentoring role. A student mentor shall not be left alone with children outside of supervision of licensed center staff and shall not be counted in the child to staff ratio.

Student Trainee—a student who is at least age 16 and present in the center as an educational course requirement. A student trainee shall not be left alone with children and shall not be counted in the child to staff ratio.

Unlicensed Operation—the operation of any early learning center at any location, without a valid current license issued by the Louisiana Department of Education, Licensing Division.

Unlicensed Space—the indoor and outdoor space on the premises not included as licensed space by the LDOE for the purpose of providing licensed child care.

Visitor—anyone who enters an early learning center other than the parent of an enrolled child, center staff, volunteers, extracurricular personnel, therapeutic professionals and other independent contractors, and in the case of a church or school, any other routine employees, including but not limited to a pastor, principal or teacher.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.31 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:616 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2103 (October 2015), LR 43:638 (April 2017), LR 44:247 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1858 (October 2018), LR 47:1274 (September 2021), LR 49:1710 (October 2023), LR 50:967 (July 2024), LR 51:

Chapter 3. Licensure

§301. Requirement of Licensure

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C. A prekindergarten program operated by a nonpublic ~~private~~ school serving children in grades kindergarten and above, and in which all children have not reached age five ~~3~~ by September 30 of the current school year, shall be licensed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.34 and R.S. 17:24.8.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:619 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, LR 51:

§303. Exemptions from Licensure

A. A public ~~or non-public~~ day school serving children in grades kindergarten and above, including any pre-kindergarten attached thereto, except as provided in §301.B ~~and C~~, is exempt from the provisions of this bulletin. A nonpublic day school serving only children in grades kindergarten and above is exempt from the provisions of this Part.

B. – C.

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D. Nothing in this bulletin shall apply to children in programs licensed or operated by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), ~~or~~ the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or ~~and~~ the United States Department of Defense.

E. A school in which the prekindergarten program is accredited or provisionally accredited by the Louisiana Montessori Association and all children have reached age three by September 30 of the current school year is exempt from the provisions of this Part.

F. A registered family day care home is exempt from the provisions of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.35.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:619 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, LR 47:1275 (September 2021), LR 51:

§305. Operating Without a License; Registry; Penalties

A. – B.

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C. Upon receipt of a court order enjoining an individual or entity from operating an early learning center without a valid, current early learning center license, the department shall notify local law enforcement, the local superintendent, and the early childhood community network lead agency, if different, in the parish in which the unlicensed care was provided, and in the parish in which the individual resides, if known and different from the parish in which the unlicensed care was provided, of the existence of such a court order.

D. The department shall publish on its website in a statewide registry the names of individuals or entities that have an existing court order prohibiting them from operating an early learning center without a current, valid early learning center license and that do not currently operate a center with a current valid license. The registry shall at a minimum include the name of the individual, the name of the center under which the unlicensed care was provided, and the parish in which the unlicensed care was provided.

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Chapter 5. Ownership of Early Learning Centers

§501. Definitions

Juridical Entity—a corporation, partnership, limited-liability company, church, university, ~~or~~ governmental entity, or other non-natural person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.31 et seq., R.S. 17:407.41, and R.S. 17:407.42.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:620 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, LR 51:

Chapter 7. Licensing Process and Procedures

§701. Initial Application Process

A. – E.8.

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9. written documentation establishing direct or indirect ownership of the center, as defined in §501 of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.39.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:622 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2104 (October 2015), LR 44:248 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1860 (October 2018), LR 47:1275 (September 2021), LR 51:

§705. Access

A. – B.5.

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C. Each early learning center shall maintain a secured point of entry into the licensed space or school to provide for supervision of ingress and egress during operating hours or when children are present.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.43.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:623 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:248 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1860 (October 2018), LR 51:

§709. Validity of Licenses

A. – I. ...

J. A license is issued for a specific location, and all care for children under the age of five must be provided in accordance with the terms of the license, including care that is full-time, year-round, before or after care, summer, and/or holiday camps.

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§711. Renewal Applications

A. Repealed.

B. An application for renewal of a license shall be submitted using the department's online electronic system, prior to the first day of the month in which the current license expires.

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D. Repealed.

E. ~~If Failure to submit a complete renewal application in accordance with this Section, including the total annual licensure fee and all required documentation, is not received may result in nonrenewal and expiration of the license by the last day of the month in which the license expires, the license expires and shall not be renewed.~~

F. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:624 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:1861 (October 2018), LR 51:

Chapter 9. Changes Requiring a New License

§901. Change in Location

A. Change in Location. When a center changes location, it is considered a new operation, and the center must submit a change in location a new application and fee for licensure must be submitted, have verification of substantial compliance with the applicable licensing regulations, and a new license obtained, have obtained approval from LDOE of the location change application prior to opening at the new location.

B. – B.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.39 and R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40.

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Chapter 11. Operating Violations and Incidents; Fines; Appeals

§1103. Critical Incidents and Required Notifications

A. – E. ...

F. Child Safety and Minimum Standards Information. The LDOE shall provide information about child safety and minimum standards to each licensed center, no later than August first of each year. Each center shall distribute the document to the parents of all children enrolled in the center at the beginning of each school year. The document may be distributed electronically.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40.

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Chapter 13. Denial, Revocation or Non-Renewal of License

§1305. Posting of Notice of Revocation, Suspension, or Refusal to Renew

A. The LDOE shall prominently post notice of a revocation or refusal to renew action at each public entrance of the center within one business day of such action. Notice of suspension may also be posted at each public entrance of the center.

B. Such notice of revocation or refusal to renew shall remain posted and visible to parents of children at the center throughout the pendency of any appeals of the revocation. Such notice of suspension shall remain posted and visible to parents of children at the center throughout the pendency of the suspension.

C. The center shall not permit the destruction or removal of a notice of revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew action and shall ensure that the notice continues to be visible to any person entering the center throughout the pendency of any appeals or through the suspension period.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.44.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:627 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:1863 (October 2018), LR 47:1276 (September 2021), LR 51:

Chapter 15. Minimum General Requirements and Standards

§1503. General Liability Insurance Policy

A. ...

B. Documentation of commercial liability insurance shall consist of the insurance policy or current binder that includes the name of the early learning center, physical address of the center, name of the insurance company, policy number, period of coverage and explanation of the coverage. The insurance policy shall also list the LDOE as a certificate holder.

C. – D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:629 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, LR 49:1712 (October 2023), LR 51:

§1507. Daily Attendance Records

A. – C. ...

D. Student Trainees and Student Mentors. A daily attendance record shall be maintained for all student trainees and student mentors to include the student's first and last name, school affiliation, and date, and arrival and departure times.

E. – F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40.

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Chapter 17. Minimum Staffing Requirements and Standards

§1709. Director Qualifications

A. – B.1. ...

2. a national administrator credential and one year experience in teaching or care in a licensed early learning center, or comparable setting, plus 6 credit hours or 90 clock hours of training in child care, child development, early childhood, or management/administration, subject to approval by the department; ~~or~~

3. three years of experience as a director or staff in a licensed early learning center, or comparable setting, subject to approval by the department plus 6 credit hours or 90 clock hours of training in child care, child development, early childhood, or management/administration approved by the department; or

4. current or prior employment at a school as a principal, assistant principal, or headmaster and either a graduate degree in any area from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602, principalship on a valid Louisiana teaching certificate, or a valid Louisiana EDL certificate.

C. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:633 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:250 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1865 (October 2018), LR 51:

§1711. Child-to-Staff Minimum Ratios

A. – B.1. ...

2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios. The same staff members shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of children at the same time.

C. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be visibly posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity. The form shall include a phone number to file complaints regarding supervision.

D. – L.7.

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§1713. Supervision

A. ...

B. Children shall not be left alone in any room, (except the restroom as indicated in Subsection G of this Section ~~or when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, as defined in §103~~), outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present (except when being provided services by therapeutic professionals, or when the child is in custody of a parent or legal guardian as defined in §103 of this Part).

C.– G.1.

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a. a staff member is in proximity to and can see the children to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm ~~or to assist with an accident~~ while in the restroom; ~~and~~

b. individuals who are not staff members or therapeutic professionals may not enter the center restroom area while in use by any child other than their own child;

c. if a prekindergarten program or early learning center is part of a school with children in kindergarten or older, staff shall ensure that the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center are not unsupervised when in the restroom at the same time as any older children who are using the restroom; and

d. for any facility constructed after January 1, 2026, there shall be designated separate restrooms for the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center.

2. A child age five ~~four~~ and older may be permitted to go and return from the restroom without staff.

H. – J.2.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(3).

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1719. Orientation Training

A. – A.10.

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11. closing policy; ~~and~~

12. transportation policy and vehicle inspection procedures; ~~and~~;

13. notification that parents' written consent to release as required by §1515.B. of this Part shall not be applicable to staff members' personal communication devices or accounts and shall only provide for the release of information, recordings, or photographs by the center

B. – D.5.

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E. Each center shall maintain signed documentation of receipt of and agreement to comply with all policy and training requirements.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40(A)(1) and (3).

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§1727. Child Neglect and Abuse Mandatory Reporter Training

A. – B.

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C. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and not later than September thirtieth of each year thereafter and in a manner prescribed by LDOE, each owner or operator of an early learning center shall submit a list to LDOE of all teaching and child care providers employed by the entity and identify the employees who have complied with the training requirements in accordance with this Section and those employees who have not complied.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, Article 603.1, and 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 47:1278 (September 2021), LR 51:

Chapter 18. Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBC)

§1805. Persons Ineligible for Child Care Purposes

A. – A.4. ...

B. A person shall also be ineligible for child care purposes if upon the department's written request to DCFS after March 1, 2018, for information as to whether a person's name is on the state central registry within DCFS, the department receives written notice from DCFS that the person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated ~~justified~~ finding of child abuse or neglect.

1. Until the required written notice is received from DCFS indicating that a person's name is recorded on the state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated ~~justified~~ finding of child abuse or neglect, the department shall not withhold a determination that a person is eligible for child care purposes, unless the results of some other component of the CCCBC require a determination of ineligibility.

C. – D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 45 CFR 98.43 and R.S. 15:587.1, 17:6, and R.S. 17:407.42.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 44:252 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, amended LR 44:1866 (October 2018), amended LR 45:224 (February 2019), LR 47:1278 (September 2021), LR 51:523 (April 2025), LR 51:

Chapter 19. Minimum Health, Safety, and Environment Requirements and Standards

§1901. General Safety Requirements

A. – A.2. ...

3. Centers located in schools and churches shall have a staff-dedicated phone or two-way communication system within the licensed area.

4. – S.5. ...

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§1903. Physical Environment

A. – D.1. ...

a. ~~Effective June 1, 2022, a~~ A center may request approval from the Office of State Fire Marshal and the LDOE, that starting August 1 each academic year, for children who are ages four and above by September 30 of the same year, a minimum of 25 square feet of usable indoor space shall be available per child in the specified space for four year old and above use only.

b. – E.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(2).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:637 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2108 (October 2015), LR 44:256 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, effective March 1, 2018, LR 47:1278 (September 2021), LR 48:2549 (October 2022), LR 51:

§1907. Furnishings and Equipment

A. – A.2. ...

3. All toys and learning materials in classrooms shall be age and developmentally appropriate as indicated by manufacturer's recommendation.

B. – G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:638 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 41:2108 (October 2015), LR 44:256 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 47:1279 (September 2021), LR 49:1714 (October 2023), LR 51:524 (April 2025), LR 51:

§1919. Food Service and Nutrition

A. – I. ...

J. Bottled formula/breast milk for children ~~infants~~ shall be labeled with the child's name.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.40(A)(4).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:640 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 44:257 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018, LR 44:1867 (October 2018), LR 47:1279 (September 2021), LR 49:1714 (October 2023), LR 51:

Chapter 21. Minimum Transportation Requirements and Standards

§2103. Daily Transportation (Contract or Center Provided)

A. – D.1.

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2. A contracted driver shall be considered a staff member for purposes of this Subsection if the driver is in compliance with the transportation regulations in accordance with this Chapter and §1719. of this Part ~~Chapter 21 of this bulletin~~, including but not limited to maintaining a daily passenger log in compliance with §2103.F, and completing and documenting a visual passenger check of the vehicle at the end of each route in compliance with §2107.A.

3. – F.3.g.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:642 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015, amended LR 42:556 (April 2016), LR 44:257 (February 2018), effective March 1, 2018.

§2109. Non-Vehicular Excursions

A. Written parental authorization shall be obtained for all non-vehicular excursions using the form provided by the LDOE. Authorization shall include the name of the child, type and location of the activity, date and signature of the parent, and shall be updated at least annually.

B. – D.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:407.40(A)(1).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:643 (April 2015), effective July 1, 2015), LR 51:

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXLVI. Bulletin 146—Competencies and Standards for Teachers and Educational Leaders

Chapter 3. Teacher Competencies

Subchapter A. General Teacher Certification Areas and Required Competencies

§303. General Competencies

A. – E. ...

F. The teacher candidate differentiates instruction, behavior management techniques, and the learning environment in response to individual student differences in cognitive, well-being, language, and physical development, incorporating trauma-informed principles and crisis intervention strategies.

G. – H.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, 17:7(6), R.S. 17:3902, R.S. 17:24.9, and R.S. 17:8.1-8.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 51:281 (February 2025), LR 51:

Part CXXXI. Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel

Chapter 5. Teaching Credentials, Licenses and Certifications

Subchapter A. Standard Teaching Certificates

§507. Professional Level Certificates

A. – b.12. ...

13. Beginning September 1, 2028, an applicant for initial certification in prescribed areas must have received instruction in foundational numeracy skills or have satisfactorily completed foundational numeracy training approved by LDOE.

a. Certification areas include B-5, PK-K, elementary 1-5, elementary 1-5 integrated to merged, mathematics 4-8, mathematics 4-8 integrated to merged, mathematics 6-12, and mathematics integrated to merged.

14. Beginning with the 2030-2031 school year, for all certification areas, an applicant for initial certification must have earned coursework or equivalent contact hours that include instruction on teaching students computer science, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

15. Beginning September 1, 2031, an applicant for initial certification shall have earned coursework that includes instruction in crisis intervention and effective strategies for behavior management of students with disabilities, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

16. Beginning with the 2031-2032 school year, for all certification areas, an applicant for initial certification shall have earned coursework that includes instruction on teaching language acquisition strategies to support English learners, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

C. – G.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:7(6), R.S. 17:8.1-8.3, and R.S. 17:3902.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:1813 (October 2006), amended LR 35:2752 (December 2009), LR 36:2843 (December 2010), LR 38:2366 (September 2012), LR 40:1331 (July 2014), LR 46:1381 (October 2020), amended, LR 48:430 (March 2022), LR 48:1273 (May 2022), LR 48:2554 (October 2022), LR 49:37 (January 2023), LR 50:24 (January 2024), LR 50:488 (April 2024), amended LR 50:660 (May 2024), LR 51:276 (February 2025), LR 51:

Part XLV. Bulletin 996—Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs

Chapter 7. Louisiana State Standards for Educator Preparation Programs

Subchapter A. Teacher Preparation Programs

§743. Minimum Requirements for Traditional Teacher Preparation Programs

A. – A.6. ...

7. – 8. Repealed.

B. – E. ...

G. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for prescribed certification areas, the program shall include instruction on teaching foundational numeracy skills. Certification areas include B-5, PK-K, elementary 1-5, elementary 1-5 integrated to merged, mathematics 4-8, mathematics 4-8 integrated to merged, mathematics 6-12, and mathematics integrated to merged. Instruction shall include but need not be limited to the following:

1. effectively teaching foundational mathematics skills explicitly and systematically;
2. implementing effective mathematics instruction using high-quality instructional materials;
3. providing effective instruction and interventions for students who have difficulty with mathematics; and
4. understanding and using student data to make instructional decisions.

H. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for all certification areas, the program shall include instruction on teaching students computer science, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study. The coursework shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. an introduction of the Louisiana Computer Science Content Standards;
2. an overview of computational thinking and computer science content, including broad knowledge of computing systems, internet safety, and data analysis to enhance student learning; and
3. an overview of standards-based instruction based on the core concepts and practices found with the Louisiana Computer Science Framework.

I. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, for all certification areas, the program shall include instruction in crisis intervention and effective strategies for behavior management of students with disabilities, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

J. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, for all certification areas, the program shall include instruction on teaching language acquisition strategies to support English learners, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

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§745. Minimum Requirements for Alternate Teacher Preparation Programs

A. – A.6. ...

7. – 8. Repealed.

C. – D.2. ...

a. instructional goal-setting and planning, including IEP, English learner accommodation checklist, and IAP review and implementation;

b. - F.4.b. ...

G. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for prescribed certification areas, the program shall include instruction on teaching foundational numeracy skills. Certification areas include B-5, PK-K, elementary 1-5, elementary 1-5 integrated to merged, mathematics 4-8, mathematics 4-8 integrated to merged, mathematics 6-12, and mathematics integrated to merged. Instruction shall include but need not be limited to the following:

1. effectively teaching foundational mathematics skills explicitly and systematically;
2. implementing effective mathematics instruction using high-quality instructional materials;
3. providing effective instruction and interventions for students who have difficulty with mathematics; and
4. understanding and using student data to make instructional decisions.

H. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for all certification areas, the program shall include instruction on teaching students computer science, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study. The coursework shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. an introduction of the Louisiana Computer Science Content Standards;
2. an overview of computational thinking and computer science content, including broad knowledge of computing systems, internet safety, and data analysis to enhance student learning; and
3. an overview of standards-based instruction based on the core concepts and practices found with the Louisiana Computer Science Framework.

I. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, for all certification areas, the program shall include instruction in crisis intervention and effective strategies for behavior management of students with disabilities, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

J. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, for all certification areas, the program shall include instruction on teaching language acquisition strategies to support English learners, which may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

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Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CXV. Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators

Chapter 3. Operation and Administration

§301. General Authority

A. – B.

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C. Each local education agency (LEA) shall ensure that all eligible persons, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, military status, sex, or disability, have access to educational programs supported by public funds.

D. – E.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with La. Const. Art. VIII §1 and §3; R.S. 17:6; R.S. 17:7; R.S. 17:111; R.S. 17: 151; R.S. 17:172; R.S. 17:1941, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1257 (June 2005), LR 51:

§326. Child Safety and Welfare Minimum Standards

A. To ensure the safety and welfare of children, all early learning centers and all public and nonpublic prekindergarten programs shall meet minimum standards in accordance with this Chapter. As used in this Section, center includes both early learning centers and prekindergarten programs.

B. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at any facility when more than four children are present, except under an extenuating circumstance that temporarily prevents compliance w.

C. The child-to-staff ratios shall not exceed the following:

1. Infants and under one year, 5 to 1.

2. One year, 7 to 1.

3. Two years, 10 to 1.

4. Three years, 13 to 1.

5. Four years, 15 to 1.

6. Five years, 19 to 1.

D. An average of the child-to-staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children only for groups that include no children under the age of two.

E. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child-to-staff ratio for the group.

F. When the nature of a child with special healthcare needs or the number of children with special healthcare needs warrants added care, the center shall add sufficient staff as necessary.

G. Only staff members directly providing care, supervision, or guidance to children shall be counted in the child-to-staff ratios. The same staff members shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of children at the same time.

H. Sufficient staffing needed to satisfy child-to-staff ratios shall be present during rest time and available to assist as needed. Children ages one and older may be grouped together at rest time with one staff member in each room supervising the resting children.

I. Information regarding required child-to-staff ratios and a phone number to file complaints regarding supervision with LDOE shall be posted in each classroom in a location that is visible to parents.

J. Children shall be supervised at all times including on the playground, on field trips, and on non-vehicular excursions.

K. Children shall not be left alone in any room, outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.

1. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to restroom use in accordance with this Section, if a child is being provided services by therapeutic professionals, or if a child is in the custody of a parent or legal guardian.

L. A staff member shall be assigned to supervise children whose names and whereabouts that the staff person shall know and with whom the staff members shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many children are in their care at all times.

M. A child who is developmentally able may be permitted to use the restroom independently if a staff member is in proximity to and can see the child to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm or to assist with an accident while in the restroom.

1. An individual who is not a staff member shall not enter the restroom while in use by any child other than his own child.

N. A child age five and older may be permitted to go to and return from the restroom without staff.

O. If a prekindergarten program or early learning center is part of a school with children in kindergarten or older, staff shall ensure that the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center are not unsupervised in the restroom at the same time as any older children who are using the restroom. For any facility constructed after January 1, 2026, there shall be designated separate restrooms for the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center.

P. Children shall be cleaned and changed immediately following a toileting accident.

Q. By August 1 annually, the LDOE shall provide an informational document to each early learning center and prekindergarten program. The document shall be distributed to the parents and legal guardians of all children enrolled in the center or program at the beginning of each school year and may be distributed electronically.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:7, and R.S. 17:407.41.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 51:

§339. Emergency Planning and Procedures

A. – M.5.

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N. Each employee shall annually complete a mandatory reporter training course regarding the statutory requirements and responsibility of reporting child abuse and neglect.

1. A record of completion of the course shall be provided to the employee and retained by the school.

2. The school shall retain a list of all employees who have not completed the training.

3. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and not later than September thirtieth annually, each LEA shall submit a list to LDOE of all employees who have complied with the training and employees that have not complied.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, 17:154.1, R.S. 29:726.5, et seq., R.S. 40:1137.3, and 17:416.16.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1262 (June 2005), amended LR 39:3258 (December 2013), LR 41:372 (February 2015), LR 45:36 (January 2019), LR 45:1746 (December 2019), LR 50:175 (February 2024), LR 51:55 (January 2025), LR 51:

§345. Requesting Waivers of BESE Policy

A. – D.

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E. If the high school's approved mission or curriculum model does not align with providing vocational and technical education courses, the governing authority of the school may request a waiver from BESE. The waiver request shall include:

1. a letter of justification from the local superintendent; and

2. documentation of the approved mission or curriculum model.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:10.2(B)(5), R.S. 17:24.10(C)(1)(c), R.S. 17:151(B)(2), R.S. 17:192(B)(2), R.S. 17:274(D), R.S. 17:183.4 and R.S. 17:416.2(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1264 (June 2005), amended LR 39:2198 (August 2013), LR 46:1085 (August 2020), LR 51:

Chapter 5. Personnel

§501. Criminal Background Checks

A. – C.

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D. A teacher or other school employee, upon final conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal offense, excluding traffic offenses, shall report the fact of the conviction or plea to his employer within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, of the conviction or plea.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, 17:15, and 17:587.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1265 (June 2005), amended LR 33:431 (March 2007), LR 34:607 (April 2008), repromulgated LR 35:443 (March 2009), amended LR 35:1473 (August 2009), LR 39:2200 (August 2013), LR 44:2132 (December 2018), LR 50:1448 (October 2024), LR 51:

§502. Staff Misconduct

A. – E.6.a.

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F. Beginning August 1, 2025, no person whose name is recorded on the DCFS state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect of a child on or after August 1, 2018, shall be hired by any elementary or secondary school

as a teacher, substitute teacher, bus driver, substitute bus driver, janitor, or as a temporary, part-time, or permanent school employee of any kind.

1. An administrator, teacher, or other school employee whose name is recorded on the DCFS state central registry on or after August 1, 2025 shall report the recordation to the employer and LDOE within two business days, exclusive of weekends and holidays.

2. A school shall dismiss any teacher or any other school employee whose name is recorded on the DCFS state central registry after August 1, 2025.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:15; R.S. 17:81.9; R.S. 17:587.1; R.S. 17:7.

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§511. Completion of Approved Numeracy Skills Course

A. ...

B. For the purposes of the Section, *teacher* means a public school kindergarten ~~fourth~~ through eighth grade mathematics teacher.

C. Not later than the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, each fourth through eighth grade teacher must successfully complete at least one approved professional development course and provide documentation of successful completion of the course to the employing school. A teacher who provides documentation of successful completion of an approved professional development course within the five years prior to August 1, 2025, shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph.

D. Documentation of Completion. Any teacher ~~or administrator~~ hired ~~after July 31, 2025,~~ must provide documentation to the employing school of successful completion of an approved professional development course within two years of the date of employment, as follows:-

1. Any fourth through eighth grade teacher hired after July 31, 2025.

2. Any kindergarten through third grade teacher hired after July 31, 2027.

E. – G.

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H. Not later than August 1, 2027, each kindergarten through third grade teacher must successfully complete at least one approved professional development course and provide documentation to the teacher's employing school. A teacher who provides documentation of successful completion of an approved professional development course within five years prior to August 1, 2027, shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph.

I. Each LEA shall provide for numeracy coaches for math teachers in kindergarten through third grade for the purposes of providing on-site training on evidence-based mathematics instruction, demonstrating lessons, co-teaching or observation, and providing feedback for improving instruction.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:176 and R.S. 17:2119.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 50:176 (February 2024), LR 51:

§520. School Employee Bill of Rights

A. Respecting the authority of school employees is essential to creating a safe environment conducive to learning, effective instruction in the classroom, and proper administration of city, parish, and other local public schools. To maintain and protect that authority, it is important that school employees, administrators, parents, and students are fully informed of the various rights conferred upon school employees pursuant to this policy, which are:

1. A school employee has the right to work in a safe, secure, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and free from recognized dangers or hazards that are causing or likely to cause serious injury.

2. A school employee has the right to work free from the fear of frivolous lawsuits, including the right to qualified immunity and to a legal defense, and to indemnification by the employing school board for actions taken in the performance of duties of the school employee's employment.

3. A school employee has the right to hold students accountable for disorderly conduct in accordance with state law and an city, parish or other local public school board regulation.

4. A school employee has the right to have his or her professional judgment and discretion respected by school and district administrators in any disciplinary action taken by the school employee in accordance with state law and with school and district policy.

5. A school employee has the right to be involved in decisions regarding student behavior management.

6. A school employee has the right to have additional compensation in accordance with state law and any compensation provided by any city, parish, or other local public school board regulation.

7. A school employee shall not have his or her wages reduced for any school year below the amount paid to the school employee in hourly wage or annual salary during the previous school year, nor shall the amount of the hourly wage or annual salary paid to any school employee be reduced at any time during the academic year.

8. A school employee serving as a substitute teacher shall have the right to additional compensation.

9. A school employee has the right to be treated with civility and respect.

10. A school employee shall have the right to perform noncomplex medical procedures only if all requirements have been met and documented in accordance with LAC 28: CLVII.

11. A school employee shall have the right to administer medication only if all requirements have been met and documented in accordance with LAC 28: CLVII.

12. A school employee required by law or regulation to be trained for a specific job requirement shall be required to perform those specific duties only if they have received the mandated training and the training has been documented as required by law or regulation.

13. A school employee shall have the right to professional development and career advancement and should be supported in advancing their careers.

14. A school employee shall have the right to complete only paperwork that is not excessively burdensome and that, if required by law or regulation, adheres to the law or regulation and does not result in overly cumbersome interpretations of that law or regulation.

B. No LEA shall establish policies that prevent school employees from exercising the rights as provided in this Section. No principal or administrator shall retaliate or take adverse employment action against a school employee for exercising the rights provided in this Section. The provisions of this Section do not authorize the school employee to violate the provisions of any discipline policy adopted by the public school governing authority.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to supersede any other state law, BESE policy, or LEA policy enacted or adopted relative to the discipline of students.

D. Each LEA shall provide a copy of this policy to all school employees at the beginning of each school year, shall post a copy of the rights provided in this policy in a prominent place in every school and administrative building it operates, and shall provide a copy to parents or legal guardians of all children attending such schools in a form and manner approved by the school board. Each LEA and every school under its jurisdiction that maintains an internet website shall post on such website a copy of the School Employee Bill of Rights.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:416, R.S. 17:416.18.1, and R.S. 17:416.8.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 51:

Chapter 7. Records and Reports

§709. Transfer of Student Records

A. – A1.

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2. ~~If a student has been expelled, the transferred~~ Transferred records shall include the student's full school disciplinary record, including but not limited to the dates of ~~the~~ any suspension or expulsion and the reasons for which the student was suspended or expelled.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:112 and R.S. 17:221.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1270 (June 2005), amended LR 36:1224 (June 2010), LR 39:2203 (August 2013), LR 51:

Chapter 11. Student Services

§1135. Child Abuse

A. – D.

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E. All instances of alleged child abuse that occur in a school setting shall immediately be reported to the child's parent and to local or state law enforcement, regardless of the alleged perpetrator.

F. If more than one child is involved in the allegations, the school shall immediately report to the parent of all involved children.

G. Any sexual abuse cases in which the alleged perpetrator is a child shall be referred to DCFS.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 14:403.3., R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:7, and R.S. 17:407.41.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1282 (June 2005), amended LR 51:49 (January 2025), LR 51:

Chapter 13. Discipline

§1307. Reasons for Expulsions

A.1. – A.3.c.

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4. Any student in sixth grade and above found guilty of being in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or vaping products or found guilty on first occurrence of being in possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event may be recommended for expulsion.

5. – 6.

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7. A student in grades six through twelve found guilty of being in possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof shall not be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 5 of this Subsection unless the offense is the second or subsequent occurrence.

B. – D.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:416.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1284 (June 2005), amended LR 34:608 (April 2008), LR 39:2211 (August 2013), LR 43:2483 (December 2017), LR 48:1013 (April 2022), LR 51:58 (January 2025), LR 51:

§1319. Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

A. – C.5.

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6.1 and R.S. 17:253.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 48:2096 (August 2022), amended LR 51:36 (January 2025), LR 51:

Chapter 17. Instructional Support

§1701. Instructional Materials and Equipment

A. – B.

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C. Each LEA shall adopt policies for each school to make instructional materials readily available for review, upon request, by parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the school. The policy shall:

1. specify reasonable hours for in-person review;

2. provide access to instructional materials, including online access;

3. impose no fee for in-person viewing or access to online instructional materials;

4. establish reasonable and customary fees to be collected to cover the cost of providing copies; and

5. permit parents to make their own copies on school premises via mobile or other device that has the capability of making copies.

D. Assessments of academic knowledge, skills, or abilities, including non-secure tests, assessments, and assessment answer keys, may be made available to parents at the discretion of the local school board and may include only in-person viewing at the school.

E. The requirement to provide online access to instructional materials shall be limited to curricula that is adopted in accordance with R.S. 17:351.1.

F. Other instructional materials may be made available to a parent in-person in accordance with local rules and policies adopted by the local school board.

G. Each local school board shall submit to the LDOE an electronic copy or a digital link to rules and policies that are adopted pursuant to this Section. The submission shall include the reasonable and customary fee schedule which may be charged to the parent pursuant to this Section.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:355, R.S. 17:6; R.S. 17:7; R.S. 17:351.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1286 (June 2005), LR 51:

Chapter 21. Support Services

§2101. Transportation

A. – C.

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D. Alternate means of transportation may be contracted with a transportation network company in accordance with LAC 28: CXIII.1909.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:158.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 31:1287 (June 2005), amended LR 39:2212 (August 2013), LR 51:

§2103. School Food Service

A. – E.

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F. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year and beyond, no public school governing authority or nonpublic school that receives state funds shall serve any food or beverage containing a prohibited ingredient identified in R.S. 197.2 to students in schools under its jurisdiction.

1. The provisions of the Subsection shall apply to breakfast and lunches served to a student on a school campus during regular school hours and to any food or beverages served by the school to a student during aftercare.

2. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to food or beverages served or sold in concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 197.1.

3. Each public school and any nonpublic school that receives state funds shall purchase food produced in Louisiana, to the extent practicable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:82, R.S. 17:191 et seq., R.S. 192.3, and R.S. 17:197.1-2

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Chapter 23. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter A. Standards and Curricula

§2302. Uniform Grading Policy

A. – A.5

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B. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and beyond, each school shall use the ten point grading scale for the purpose of assigning grades used in the calculation of the minimum GPA required for any TOPS award.

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§2303. Planning and Instruction

A. – H.

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I. All public high school shall provide student's the opportunity to enroll in available vocational and technical education courses.

1. If a high school does not offer vocational and technical education courses, the governing authority of the school may enter into agreements to partner with other public schools or with one or more two-year public postsecondary education institutions in the state or with nonprofit proprietary schools or Course Choice providers approved by BESE to provide available courses.

2. No student shall be assessed a course fee when the LEA receives career development funds in the MFP program for such course. Prioritization of Course Choice funding shall be accordance with LAC 28:CLI.701.

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§2317. High Schools

A. – L.3.b.

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M. All public high schools shall advise students of the availability of the TOPS Tech Early Start Award for eligible student and shall provide information on the eligibility criteria of the award.

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Chapter 31. Career and Technical Education (CTE)

§3113. Work-Based Learning

A. – E.4.

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5. The teacher-coordinator shall visit each student on the job to observe the student at work, to confer with the employer, and to obtain an evaluation of the student's progress at least ~~two~~ four times during the school year or semester or one time ~~two times~~ during summer months in which the student is employed as part of a work based learning program.

6. – F.4. ...

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