

Report to Developmental Disabilities Council

July 2026

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Update

SEAP met June 17 and received several informational reports from the LDOE, focused on support for students with disabilities.

- [Materials](#): Local Special Education Advisory Council Report and Assistive Technology Accommodations Review
- [Meeting recording](#)

Updates from LDOE included:

- Revisions to bulletins in response to Acts of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session
 - *Bulletin 1706- Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*
 - *Bulletin 135- Health and Safety*
 - *Bulletin 741- Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*
- Revisions to *Bulletin 1508- Pupil Appraisal Handbook*

LDOE at Louisiana Association of Special Education Administrators (LASEA) Conference

The Department participated in the Louisiana Association of Special Education Administrators (LASEA) three-day conference, held June 8–10, which brought together more than 200 special education leaders and service providers from across Louisiana. Centered on the theme, Innovate. Educate. Propel., the conference highlighted collaboration, innovation, and practical strategies to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. Throughout the event, Department staff, LASEA leadership, and subject matter experts delivered sessions on evidence-based instructional practices, data-informed decision-making, policy implementation, the Special Education Playbook, student supports, and other key topics designed to strengthen special education systems and services statewide.

LDOE at The Arc's Parent Summit

The Arc of Louisiana's Parent Summit was held on June 29 at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge. The event brought together organizations from across the state to provide valuable resources, information, and support to parents and caregivers of students with disabilities. Representatives from the Louisiana Department of Education participated in the summit by leading sessions focused on transition planning, developing high-quality Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), and implementing instructional and support practices that promote positive outcomes for students with disabilities.

Pupil Appraisal Institute

To promote collaboration and provide ongoing professional learning for pupil appraisal teams, the Division of Diverse Learners is hosting the [Pupil Appraisal Institute](#). The institute will be held August 14 at the Claiborne building in Baton Rouge. The event will feature sessions focused on strengthening evaluation practices, policy implementation, and high-quality supports for students with disabilities. School systems are encouraged to send up to two participants to attend.

English Learner (EL) Institutes

The EL Institute is grounded in the Louisiana English Learner Framework and is designed to strengthen instructional systems, build local capacity, and promote the effective use of data to support English Learners. English Learner directors, coordinators, and other district leaders responsible for EL programming are encouraged to attend.

The EL Institutes scheduled for the 2026–2027 school year include:

- [August 26, 2026](#) (Registration closes August 19, 2026)
- [January 26, 2027](#) (Registration closes January 19, 2027)
- [March 8, 2027](#) (Registration closes March 1, 2027)
- [May 10, 2027](#) (Registration closes May 3, 2027)