

LOUISIANA KICKS OFF **NEW** LITERACY TUTORING PROGRAM

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE STEVE CARTER LITERACY TUTORING PROGRAM TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S LITERACY SKILLS.

\$1,000 DIGITAL TUTORING VOUCHER FOR ELIGIBLE K-5TH GRADE CHILDREN TO SUPPORT IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL TUTORING SERVICES.

Tutors approved by the Department of Education have expertise in reading and literacy. To find out if your child is eligible, visit LouisianaTutoringInitiative.com or contact your school administration. Applying for the digital voucher and tutoring services is easy and will take less than 5 minutes.



Scan the QR code to be alerted when the application is live.

Once the application opens, you will be required to:

- Enter your **email address** to receive a temporary pin.
- Provide your child's **unique child ID number, school district and name, grade level, and date of birth** in the system. If eligible for the program, you will receive a message on the website in real-time noting their eligibility. Once eligibility is approved and approved and verified, families can access available funds online, which can be used only through the platform to schedule tutoring.
- Enter your **zip code** to find a nearby certified tutor or a virtual tutor.

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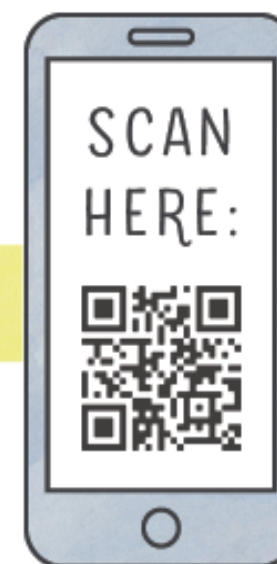
IMPORTANT INFO FOR SCHOOLS & SYSTEMS

THE STEVE CARTER LITERACY TUTORING PROGRAM PROVIDES \$1,000 DIGITAL VOUCHERS TO FAMILIES OF ELIGIBLE K-5 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. FAMILIES USE THESE VOUCHERS TO PURCHASE HIGH-QUALITY LITERACY TUTORING SERVICES.

THE REGISTRATION PORTAL IS NOW OPEN AT LOUISIANATUTORINGINITIATIVE.COM.

Beginning in January, the Louisiana Department of Education will launch a statewide promotional campaign that will include television, radio, and online advertising.

The following information and resources are available to help systems and schools ensure their families can take advantage of this new opportunity.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any Louisiana public school student in grades K-3 who scored below proficiency on the beginning of the year literacy screener
- Any Louisiana public school student in grades 4-5 who scored below mastery in the ELA portion of LEAP in the spring of 2022

WHAT IS NEEDED FROM SYSTEMS AND/OR SCHOOLS?

- Schools will identify eligible students and send a letter to families stating eligibility. This letter should include the student's Louisiana Department of Education Student ID.
- The letter schools will send home to families includes the web address to the online registration portal and registration directions.
- Schools and systems can help promote the program on communications channels.

WHERE CAN I FIND RESOURCES TO HELP COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILIES?

- Communications Toolkit for Schools & Systems
 - [Flyer](#)
 - [Sample Email Message to Families](#)
 - [Sample Letter to Families](#)
 - [Sample Text Messages to Families](#)
 - [Sample Message to School Administrators](#)

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Fall 2022 LDOE Presentation Slides
 - [LDOE Presentation to School Systems](#)
 - [LDOE Presentation to Providers](#)

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.



PROGRAM FAQS

WHAT IS THE STEVE CARTER LITERACY TUTORING PROGRAM?

The Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Program provides \$1,000 vouchers to families of eligible K-5 public school students. The digital vouchers can be used to purchase high-quality literacy tutoring. The program is part of the Louisiana Tutoring Initiative. It is named after the late Baton Rouge State Representative Steve Carter and is the result of Act 415 of the 2021 Legislative Session ([RS 17:4032.1](#)).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

The Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Program is for eligible public school students in grades K-5. Students in grades K-3 are eligible if they scored below proficient on their beginning of year screener. Students in grades 4-5 are eligible if they scored below Mastery in ELA on the spring 2022 LEAP assessment. The program is targeted for students who need additional literacy support. Families who are unsure of how their child scored should contact their school for additional information.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE?

School systems are identifying eligible students and will notify families if they are eligible. Your student's school will send home information about the program and how to access the tutoring platform. You will register your student using their school-assigned student ID number. If eligible, your online account will include a digital voucher of \$1,000 to be used only through the platform to schedule tutoring sessions.

WHO WILL BE TUTORING MY STUDENT THROUGH THIS PROGRAM?

This program connects families with high-quality tutors who have been approved through the Louisiana Department of Education. Tutors are certified teachers in elementary or reading or have a degree in education, English, or another subject indicative of expertise in reading and literacy.

HOW DOES MY STUDENT RECEIVE TUTORING SERVICES?

Once student registration opens, families will utilize the online portal at www.louisianatutoringinitiative.com to choose from the approved list of tutoring providers. In some cases, a child's school system may be a tutoring provider. Tutoring appointments are scheduled between the parent/guardian and tutor and may take place at a mutually agreed upon location that may be a physical or virtual location.

