

Louisiana Department of Education

Breaking down language and cultural barriers

L.D.O.E. Quick Facts

The Louisiana public school system (preK-12) operates within districts governed by locally elected school boards and superintendents. In October 2017, Louisiana had 722,666 students enrolled in 1,426 sites within 81 public student school systems.

Louisiana has a 2.6% English Language Learner student population (2015-2016)

Why inWhatLanguage

Experts in K-12 Content and English Language Learner Programs

Translation Experience in 200+ Languages

Leading Translation Platform in the Cloud - UNIFY

Centralized Translation Memory Provides Rapid Cost-Savings

Supports over 60 Content File Types

All-in-One Translation and Interpretation Solutions

4 Content Types | 6+ million words translated and reviewed | Translation for 8 languages

About Louisiana Department of Education

The Louisiana Department of Education is dedicated to improving K-12 education in their state. Louisiana educators created the "Louisiana Believes" campaign and has been working tirelessly over the past several years to raise expectations and educational outcomes for students. As part of that mission, they acknowledged the need to provide information in multiple languages for their diverse communities.

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-Education and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

If students don't have access to critical information due to language barriers, schools could be in violation of compliance with civil rights and federal program requirements. Louisiana Department of Education recognizes the need for language services and partners with inWhatLanguage for the translation of their educational content.

“I have worked with many companies in my career... inWhatLanguage is one of the best I have ever worked with. Customer service is responsive and always approached from the position of accommodating our needs—translation services are comprehensive and dependable, and desktop publishing capacity provides us with documents in the exact format needed.”

- Melanie Mayeux, Title I Part C State Coordinator at State of Louisiana

Understanding Your Language Challenges

Since the Louisiana Department of Education receives funding from the US Government to support students, they wanted to ensure they met all the civil rights and federal program requirements and compliance, as well as maintained their own high standards for meeting the needs of their K-12 student, teacher and parent population.

With such a diverse K-12 student body across the state, they identified the need for translation and language services across multiple languages and content types, from notifications to learning support materials.

“I think a section of parents would not be able to act as full partners in their children’s education and would have left us very vulnerable to a civil rights and federal programs compliance finding.”

- Melanie Mayeux

The inWhatLanguage Solution

Louisiana Department of Education chose to work with inWhatLanguage because of our capacity to provide translations into any language, as well as Braille reviews. Consistently meeting deadlines, being flexible with projects, and providing documents in their desired format were just a few of the top reasons Louisiana Department of Education selected inWhatLanguage as a preferred language services partner.

The Louisiana Department of Education now routinely provides translations of parent-facing documents into a minimum of three languages. They are also able to follow quality control procedures to ensure translated assessment content is accurate. Parents of English Language Learners (ELL) now have access to critical information to help their children succeed. ELL students also better understand subject materials and enjoy their education experience.

**inWhatLanguage contributes more than 1% of revenue every year to our Impact language services program as pro bono or at-cost services.
Contact us to learn more about our English Language Learner Grants.**