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2025 Policy Positions

Early Childhood Education & K-12

Early Childhood Education Funding Goals

Ellevate Louisiana supports the Ready Louisiana Coalition's call for sustained, recurring funding for early childhood education (ECE), recognizing its long-term impact on the state's success. We advocate for maintaining \$103.4 million for state pre-K, investing at least \$87.8 million in CCAP, and appropriating at least \$30 million to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund to match local investment. Investing in our youngest learners is essential to building a stronger, more prosperous Louisiana.

Teacher Pay

Ellevate Louisiana supports raising public-school teacher salaries to meet the Southern regional average, recognizing fair pay as essential to attracting and retaining quality educators. With Louisiana teachers earning nearly \$5,000 less than regional peers on average, competitive and stable salaries are necessary to ensure all students receive high-quality instruction.

Dual Enrollment

Ellevate Louisiana strongly supports continued and expanded investment in dual enrollment programs to ensure equitable access for all students. By allowing high school students to earn college credit early, dual enrollment opens pathways to postsecondary success, reduces the cost of higher education, and better prepares young people for the workforce. Maximizing its availability is a smart, forward-thinking strategy to build a more educated and competitive Louisiana.