Louisiana Academy of Production

Program Overview



Project Title “Lights. Camera. Access”

The Challenge & Strategic Innovation

Systemic and Academic Industry Gap

Baton Rouge is dealing with a two-fold challenge: ongoing achievement gaps in core reading and math, and a thriving regional film market where high-paying technical ("below-the-line") roles are mostly awarded to out-of-state workers because of local skill shortages.

The Studio-Instructional Solution

Moving away from passive instruction, the Louisiana Academy of Production operates as a fully functioning production studio. Cinematic arts serve as an academic catalyst—linking what students care about directly to essential math and reading competencies required in lucrative regional industries.





Instructional Framework: Lights. Camera. Access

Phase 1: Lights

Foundation of Mastery: Illumination of core knowledge and academic preparation before production starts. Establishes baseline math and literacy skills through structured visual vocabulary.

Phase 2: Camera

Lens of Professionalism: Hands-on, project-based learning. Scholars apply core academics directly to scriptwriting geometry, production budgeting, and camera optics challenges.

Phase 3: Access

Gateway to Mobility: Removal of economic barriers. Graduates build professional portfolios, earn industry credentials, and gain direct pipelines to film, college, and digital media careers.

Investment Impact

Philanthropic seed funding will directly capitalize advanced equipment procurement—including cinematography and post-production suites—support dual-discipline faculty development, and fuel our multi-year grade expansion as we scale our inaugural Fall 2026 9th-grade cohort to full capacity by 2030.

Uniqueness

- **A Working Studio:** A real film production studio operating directly inside a Baton Rouge high school
- **Applied Academics:** Core math and literacy taught through the lens of production to build a rock-solid academic base.
- **Direct Career Access:** Industry credentials that unlock high-paying, local technical jobs for Louisiana students.