



**Louisiana Exemplary Educator
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2023-2024 School Year**

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Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program



Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program

- The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success.
- Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program was created to honor and elevate **exceptional early- to mid- career, teachers, teacher specialists, assistant principals and principals** who exemplify Louisiana's education profession.
- This program provides an opportunity to honor those educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership.
- **This a confidential process. Candidates should not be aware of this recommendation.**



Meet the 2023 Louisiana Exemplary Educators



2023 Louisiana Exemplary Educators

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Timothy Williams	Bienville Parish
Jasmine Taylor	DeSoto Parish
Anthony Hollins	Iberville Parish
Marissa Boyd	Lincoln Parish
Amy Holley	Rapides Parish
Amanda King	Rapides Parish
Joseph Cipollone	St. Bernard Parish
Courtney Milam	St. Tammany Parish



Benefits of Participating in the Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program



Benefits to Candidates



If selected as an Exemplary Educator, the educator will receive the following:

- Certificate of Recognition
- Honored at a BESE meeting followed by a recognition reception
- Opportunity to attend specialized training for submitting proposals to present at the Teacher Leader Summit
- Recognition prior to the opening session of the Teacher Leader Summit/VIP attendance
- Possible invitations to participate on advisory boards and task forces
- Consideration for other state and national recognition programs

Benefits to School Systems



When candidates are named as Exemplary Educator honorees, school systems will have the opportunity to:

- Celebrate, honor and reward outstanding early- to mid-career educators for their hard work, dedication and success
- Honor educators who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership
- Call state-wide attention to the exceptional and innovative work taking place in their school/school system
- Recruit and retain outstanding educators

Timeline



Timeline

PHASE	TIMELINE	DESCRIPTION
Recommendation Materials Release	October 17, 2023	The Department releases Exemplary Educator application materials for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit the resources library and Award's page .
Recommendation Portal Open	October 17 - December 15, 2023	Stakeholders submit recommendations for the 2024 Exemplary Educator Recognition in the online portal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a confidential process. Candidates should not be aware of this recommendation.
School System Reviews	January 2024	School systems will be notified of recommendations. School systems will review recommendations and indicate approval to move the candidate forward with consideration for the award. School systems will also have an opportunity to submit additional names of educators to recommend for the program.
Notification	Spring 2024	Educators selected for the 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program will be notified.
Recognition	October 2024	2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educators will be honored during a Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meeting followed by a recognition reception.

Criteria



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- **Exceptional** educational talent as evidenced by **effective and innovative instructional practices** and **student learning results** in the classroom and school;
- **Exemplary educational accomplishments** and leadership beyond the classroom that **provide models of excellence** for the profession;
- Individuals whose contributions to education are **largely unheralded**, yet worthy of the spotlight;
- **Early- to mid-career educators** (minimum of five years experience) who **offer strong long-range potential** for professional and policy leadership; and
- **Engaging and inspiring presence** that motivates and **impacts students, colleagues and the community.**



Recommendation Process



Recommendation Process

Stakeholders are invited to recommend candidates for the Exemplary Educator recognition program by submitting a recommendation in the [online portal](#).

- The Exemplary Educator Recommendation Portal consists of the following:
 - Basic information
 - Responses to four written reflection questions
 - Evidence of student achievement gains
 - Awards received by the educator
 - Résumé (limit: two pages)
 - Additional uploads (optional)

Preview [recommendation portal components](#).

- Note - The above link will automatically download the form as a Word document.

Recommendation Process Tips

- “Cite evidence of student achievement gains as a result of the educator’s practices”
 - Evidence may be from a previous year
 - May create bulleted list
- “Cite awards the educator has received”
 - May create bulleted list
- Resume
 - Do not ask candidate for their resume
 - You may create a simple resume as a bulleted list of employment history
- Please label documents uploaded accordingly, such as “Candidate’s First Name_Last Name_ Name of Form”. For example, “Mary_Smith_Resume”.

Examples of Excellence

Click the links below to access exemplary examples for the Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recommendation materials:

- [Sample Recommendation Form](#)
- [Sample Letter of Recommendation](#)



School System Review Process



School System Review Process

- School systems will receive an email along with a spreadsheet listing the educators recommended for the program.
- School systems will have the opportunity to review all recommendation information and will indicate approval to move the candidate forward with consideration for the award.
- School systems will also have an opportunity to submit additional names of educators to recommend for the program.



Next Steps



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- Identify educator(s) that meet the criteria.
- Identify the person to complete the recommendation form.
- Submit recommendations for the Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program via the [online portal](#).

Recommendations due by December 15, 2023.





Resources



Materials

You may access all Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program materials in the [Resource Library](#) or at the links below.

- [Overview Document](#)
- [Timeline](#)
- [Recommendation Portal Link](#)
 - [Preview Recommendation Components](#)
- [Sample Recommendation Form](#)
- [Sample Letter of Recommendation](#)





Questions?

Submit questions to ExemplaryEducator@la.gov.

