



The 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 is a confidential process. Candidates should not be aware of this recommendation.**

CRITERIA

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

SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

PHASE	TIMELINE	DESCRIPTION
Informational Overview Calls for Program Coordinators and Stakeholders	October 17 and October 18, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department will host an optional informational Zoom to share details regarding this year’s Exemplary Educator recommendation process. • Interested stakeholders may click the link(s) below to join a call. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 17 at 3:30 p.m. ○ October 18 at 10 a.m.
Recommendation Materials Release	October 17, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department releases Exemplary Educator recommendation materials for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit the resources library and Award’s page.
Recommendation Portal Open	October 17 - December 15, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders submit recommendations for the 2024 Exemplary Educator Recognition in the online portal.
School System Reviews	January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School systems will be notified of recommendations. • School systems will review recommendations and indicate approval to move candidate(s) 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educators selected for the 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program will be notified.
Recognition	October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educators will be honored during a Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meeting, followed by a recognition reception.

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