



School Health Service Provider of the Year

What is the School Health Service Provider of the Year Program?

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that school health service providers play an essential role in helping students thrive and succeed. Through the School Health Service Provider of the Year program, the Department recognizes and celebrates outstanding health professionals whose expertise, compassion, leadership, and service help remove barriers to learning and ensure students are healthy, supported, and prepared to succeed.

Eligible nominees include occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, and licensed behavioral health providers (LCSW/LMSW, LPC, and psychologists).

Criteria

The School Health Service Provider of the Year program honors individuals who demonstrate excellence in delivering school-based health services and whose work makes a meaningful difference for students, schools, and families. Eligible candidates include:

- Occupational therapists
- Physical therapists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Audiologists
- Nurses
- Nurse practitioners
- Licensed practical nurses
- Licensed behavioral health providers (LCSW/LMSW, LPC, and psychologists)

Submission Guidelines

- Each school system is encouraged to select up to five school health service providers — one physical therapist, one occupational therapist, one nurse, one speech therapist, and one behavioral provider for state-level consideration.
- State-level applications are submitted through an online portal.

More Information

- For more information, visit the [Staff and Educators Awards](#) page.
- For questions, email excellenteducators@la.gov