



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.

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 providers include:

- **Rehabilitation & Functional Health**
 - Occupational therapists
 - Physical therapists
- **Communication & Hearing Health**
 - Speech-language pathologists
 - Audiologists
- **Nursing & Medical Health**
 - Registered Nurses
 - Nurse practitioners
 - Licensed practical nurses
- **Behavioral & Mental Health**
 - Licensed behavioral health providers, including LCSWs, LMSWs, LPCs, and psychologists
- **Other appropriately licensed or credentialed health professionals who provide school-based health services to students**

Submission Guidelines

- Each school system is encouraged to select **up to five school health service providers for state-level consideration, with no more than one provider representing each category:** Rehabilitation & Functional Health; Communication & Hearing Health; Nursing & Medical Health; Behavioral & Mental Health; and Other School-Based Health Professionals.
- 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