

The ***Believe and Prepare Community*** is a group of school systems and preparation programs committed to developing and offering next-generation teacher preparation programs that meet schools staffing needs and prepare teachers for Louisiana’s classrooms. This community meets regularly to create and review tools, exchange ideas, and advise the Department on policy development. The community includes:

The ***Believe and Prepare Community of Practice*** comprised of school systems and preparation programs offering revised programs of study that have been developed through the support of a Believe and Prepare grant. This group receives funding to codify and share promising practices that have emerged through their Believe and Prepare pilot program.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE PILOTS	
PROGRAM FOCUS	MODELS
Community Recruitment: Schools systems recruit future teachers from within their own communities, starting with high school seniors interested in making a difference in their own neighborhoods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algiers Charter School Association and TNTP • Caddo Parish Schools (private provider) • St. Landry Parish Schools and LSU-Eunice
Meeting Workforce Needs: In order to better prepare students for the workplace, school systems partner with preparation programs to meet emerging staffing needs in high-needs schools and subject areas, such as special education, STEM and Career and Technical courses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cypress Academy and Vanderbilt University • Orleans Parish Schools, Xavier University, and Nunez Community College • West Feliciana Parish Schools and LSU’s Cain Center • Lafourche Parish Schools and Nicholls State University
Building on Existing Teacher Development: School systems expand existing professional development structures, such as the TAP model, to prepare and support teacher candidates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension Parish Schools (private provider) • DeSoto Parish Schools and Northwestern State University • St. Bernard Parish Schools (private provider)
Learning through Practice: School systems build upon existing relationships with preparation programs in order to provide aspiring teachers with more time in the classroom learning how to teach alongside effective mentors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crescent City Schools and Relay Graduate School of Education • Lusher Charter School and Tulane University • New Orleans College Prep/FirstLine Schools/KIPP and Relay Graduate School of Education • Terrebonne Parish Schools and Nicholls State University

<p>Moving Coursework into Schools: School systems partner with preparation providers to integrate required preparation coursework into a full-year residency, placing preparation faculty on school campuses to teach courses and support candidates' development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Baton Rouge Schools and Louisiana State University • Collegiate Academies and TNTP • Lincoln Parish Schools and Louisiana Tech University • New Orleans College Preparatory Academies and Relay Graduate School of Education • Ouachita and Union Parish Schools and Louisiana Tech University • Rapides Parish and LSU-Alexandria • St. Charles Parish Schools and Southeastern Louisiana University
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The ***Believe and Prepare Community of Development***, comprised of school systems and preparation programs that have received funding to develop new teacher preparation programs and/or revised programs of study with the intent to offer them in the 2016-17 school year.

COMMUNITY OF DEVELOPMENT PILOTS	
School System	Partner
ARISE Schools of New Orleans	TNTP and Match Education
Bossier Parish	Louisiana State University-Shreveport
Calcasieu Parish	McNeese State University
Celerity Schools	University of New Orleans
East Baton Rouge Parish	Louisiana State University's Cain Center
Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired	N/A
Morehouse and Richland Parish	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Plaquemines Parish	Our Lady of Holy Cross College and The School Leadership Center
Rapides Parish	Louisiana College
Sabine Parish	N/A
St. John the Baptist Parish	N/A
St. Martin Parish	N/A
Tangipahoa Parish	iTeach