

TEACHER LEADERS

ENGAGE. EMPOWER. INSPIRE.



The Louisiana Teacher Leaders make up a group of over 5,000 outstanding educators from around the state who are focused on high expectations for students. This group was born out of three core beliefs:

- Those closest to students are best positioned to make instructional decisions;
- The state has a role in providing resources and training directly to teachers;
- Teacher Leaders are a powerful voice in training fellow teachers.

HISTORY OF TEACHER LEADERS IN LOUISIANA

The Teacher Leader program started in spring of 2013 with a single annual event– the inaugural Teacher Leader Summit, which approximately 2,000 educators attended. Over the past two years, this group has more than double to include over 5,000 educators who are nominated by their districts based on their leadership ability, positive influence on their school, and support provided to their peers. As the number of Teacher Leaders has increased, the Department has continued to expand the tools and professional development opportunities available to Teacher Leaders.

TEACHER LEADER PROGRAMS

Teacher Leaders receive a variety of resources and training throughout the school year. This training includes:

- *Annual Teacher Leader Summit:* A 2-day conference kicks off instructional planning for the following school year.
- *Summer Content Institutes:* A variety of trainings over the summer provide teachers with content-specific support as they solidify their plans for the upcoming school year.
- *Teacher Leader Collaboration Events:* These events, held every other month in locations throughout the state, provide teachers with ongoing resources and professional development.
- *Virtual support:* Includes Virtual Book Clubs, a monthly newsletter, and a free online collaboration site.

TEACHER LEADER ADVISORS

Local Louisiana educators play a critical role in creating tools and facilitating professional development for fellow Louisiana educators. Teacher Leader Advisors participate in the Department's Instructional Materials Review process, help create items for EAGLE, and lead both virtual and in-person training including Virtual Book Clubs, the Teacher Leader Collaboration Events and the annual Teacher Leader Summit. Teacher Leader Advisors must go through an application process to be selected.

Visit our Teacher Leader site for more information: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/classroom-support-toolbox/teacher-support-toolbox/collaboration-teacher-leadership>

Sign up for the monthly Teacher Leader newsletter: <http://goo.gl/forms/5xIHQ0mKu4>