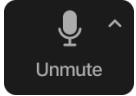
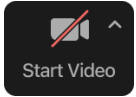


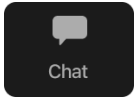
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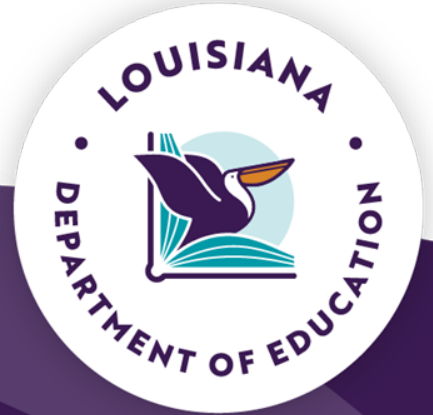


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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



August 26, 2026

ETWD Call Norms

- **Stay Muted Unless Speaking:** reduce background noise by keeping your microphone muted when not talking.
- **Use Chat for Questions:** post questions in the chat and a team member will collect and will share answer(s) at the end.
- **Remain On Topic:** keep discussions aligned to the agenda.
- **Avoid Interruptions:** let others finish before responding.
- **Cameras On Encouraged:** while not required, having cameras on supports connection and engagement.
- **Engage Respectfully:** be concise, professional, and respectful in all contributions.



Agenda

- Celebrating Principal, Teacher, and New Teacher of the Year
- Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates
- Educator Certification
- Educator Development
- Resources



2027 New Teacher of the Year Honorees

2027 Overall New Teacher of the Year: Katie Weber, St. Tammany Parish Public School System, Out of State

2027 New Teacher of the Year Finalists

Jared Smith, Ascension Schools, Louisiana State University

Jayla Anderson, Monroe City Schools, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Brittany Goss, Jackson Parish Schools, Louisiana Tech University

Morgan Vanicor, Jefferson Davis Parish Schools, McNeese State University

Kesha Eymard, Lafourche Parish School District, Nicholls State University

Grace Reynerson, Livingston Parish Public Schools, Southeastern Louisiana University

Jade Carroll, Ouachita Parish Schools, B.A. University of Louisiana at Monroe

Chloe Wilbanks, Vernon Parish School Board, B.A. Out of State



2027 Teacher of the Year Honorees

2027 Overall Teacher of the Year:

Alisha Butler, Louisiana Special School District, B.A. Southeastern Louisiana University, M.Ed University of Louisiana at Monroe

Louisiana Early Childhood Teacher of the Year

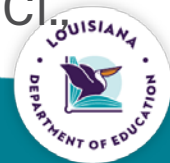
Jillian Graves, St. James Parish, iteach Louisiana

Teacher of the Year Division-Level Honorees

Elementary: Corey Elizabeth Gilfoil, West Feliciana Parish, Out of State

Middle: Bridget Zeringue, Iberville Parish, AN, B.M., Southeastern Louisiana University

High: Kathy Michelle Blaney, Rapides Parish, B.S., Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Louisiana State University Alternative Pathway, M.NAT.SCI
Louisiana State University



2027 Principal of the Year Honorees

2027 Louisiana State Principal of the Year

Lauren Williams Rentrop, St. Mary Parish, B.A and M.Ed. Nicholls State University

Principal of the Year Division-Level Honorees

Elementary: Casey Cheramie, Lafourche Parish, B.A. and M.Ed. Nicholls State University

Middle: Terez LeBlanc, Terrebonne Parish, B.A. Nicholls State University, M.S. Out of State

High: Dr. Holly Franks Boffy, Lafayette Parish, B.S. and M.Ed. Louisiana State University, Ed.D Out of State

Louisiana Early Childhood Leader of the Year

Sarah Corley, Rapides Parish, Out of State



Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates



Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric Training

Training on the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric (LAER) will take place on the following dates:

- September 8-9, [Baton Rouge](#)
- September 29-30, [Grambling](#)

Please share the registration links with residency/placement coordinators, university supervisors, or those responsible for observing and evaluating residency students.

Recertification for LAER for those who have already completed training is now open in [EE PASS](#) until **September 18**.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



Numeracy Coursework Review

Numeracy coursework updates for all math courses will be collected Fall 2026. A webinar was held on **April 30**. If you need a copy of the slide deck and the submission documents, please email believeandprepare@la.gov.

Coursework Submission Timeline:

- **August 1:** [Coursework submission opened](#)
- **October 1:** Coursework submission due
- **December 31:** Final determinations are made



Act 260 Numeracy Training

Numeracy Professional Learning courses aligned to Act 260 are currently available to use as a guide when enhancing coursework to align with the current Louisiana Mathematics Teacher Competencies.

The information provided may be used to join provider-specific courses in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform.

Courses specific to Educator Preparation Providers are published and should only be used by instructors of these programs.

Courses specific to teacher candidates are published and may be shared.

Please contact math@la.gov for more information.



Numeracy Training

Thank you to the following Teacher Preparation Faculty and Staff who completed the asynchronous [numeracy modules](#) in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform. **(As of August 10)**

K-3 Modules	4-8 Modules		High School
Greaux Lafourche LA Tech Nicholls Northwestern Reach Ready 2 Teach (A+PEL) Southeastern SUNO ULL Xavier	Centenary Greaux Lafourche Loyola McNeese Nicholls Reach Teach Ascension Teach St. Tammany	Teach Tangi SUNO ULM University of Holy Cross Xavier	



Numeracy Timeline Reminders

Timeline	Action
October 2023	Focus groups with teacher preparation providers and K-12 to discuss and review requirements for competencies from legislation.
December 2023	Updated competencies approved by BESE.
January 2024	Providers begin making changes to current coursework language and syllabi to match the competencies to submit for approval.
Fall 2024*	Providers complete the numeracy training on the LDOE PL Platform .
January 2025	Providers update courses to be in alignment with the training.
January 2026	Courses are being taught with updated competencies.
Fall 2026 (August 1 - October 1)	The LDOE will collect course descriptions and syllabi.
September 1, 2028	Certification office will begin looking for coursework that includes the competencies.

* As new instructors are hired and onboarded, they should complete the course.



Certification Updates



Certification & Credentialing Processing by the Numbers

- July 2026
 - Certification
 - 3,399 Applications Processed
 - Applications processed within 18 business days
 - 4,026 Questions closed
 - Questions closed within .9 business day
 - 34 Office Hours appointments
 - Credentialing
 - 1,774 educators cleared with “Clear Credential” indicators
 - Credentials processed within two (2) business days of receiving the CBC



Praxis Teaching of Reading/Language Arts

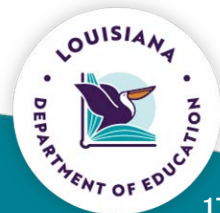
Beginning **January 1, 2027**, the Praxis Teaching of Reading/Language Arts (7002) passing score will increase from 138 to 147.



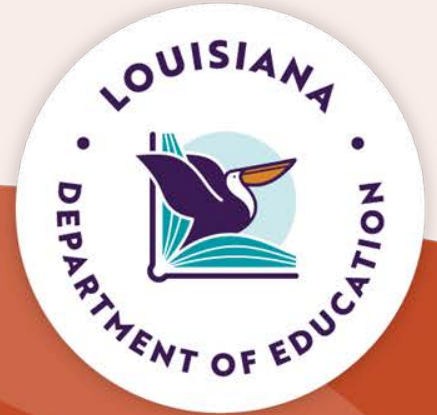
Pre-Practitioner's License (PL)

We are pleased to announce that the guidance document has been finalized and is now available. We encourage you to review the document for the latest guidance and information.

[Guidance document](#)



Louisiana Educator Certification Portal



New Features - View Only Access

Permissions for support personnel are available

- Access to Praxis Search
- Access to search for certificates by SSN
- Will **not** allow access to review or sign applications

Individuals with View Only access must be present on an [Authorized Signatures form](#) on file with the Certification Office **before** permissions are requested.

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



New Features

Approved Teacher/Leader Preparation Programs search feature

LEP Educator Portal

How to use this portal?

Add-on & Ancillary Endorsements

Verify a Certificate or Teaching Authorization

Status of a Certification Application

Course Code & Area of Certification Finder

Approved Teacher/Leader Preparation Programs

How Do I Become Certified in Louisiana?

Home Certification Help Center My Educator Profile Certification OTS

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Approved Teacher/Leader Preparation Programs

Certification Areas

Providers

Certification Area

Program Provider	Teacher Preparation Programs				
	Initial Preparation			Alternate Certification	
	Undergraduate Degree		Practitioner Teacher	Master's Degree	Certification-Only
APEL					
Caddo Teaching Academy	✓			✓	✓
Centenary College of Louisiana					
Grambling State University					

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



Educator Development Updates



Geaux Teach Scholarship

The [Geaux Teach Program](#), established by [Act 463](#) of the 2022 Regular Session, provides up to \$5,000 annually in scholarships to students in BESE-approved teacher preparation programs at state post-secondary institutions and alternative programs. Funds cover tuition, fees, textbooks, and other instructional materials required for enrollment.

Billing dates for the fall semester are **November 1**; for the spring semester/term, **May 1**; and for the summer semester/term, **July 1**, when applicable.

Additional information about the Geaux Teach Program, including eligibility requirements, the [Geaux Teach Application](#), and answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#), may be accessed on the [LOSFA website](#).

Please contact deborah.paul@la.gov with questions.



Mentor Teacher Waivers

Waivers for the 2026-2027 school year opened on June 15 and will close on **October 1, 2026**.

A new waiver application for the residents beginning in January 2027 and PLs with an issue date after October 1, 2026, will open on **November 1, 2026** and will remain open until March 1, 2027.

It is important to note that for residents and practitioners whose year-long residency spans multiple academic years, a mentor waiver must be obtained for each academic year.

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Mentor and Resident Placements Update

Included in this fall's collection, for the first time, will be mentors and residents placed in Type III Early Learning Centers.

Requirements:

- Placement in a classroom at a Type III Early Learning Center that has maintained consecutive years of LDOE-issued academic approval in the certification area with a teacher of record who holds a valid level 1, 2, 3, type A, or type B teaching certificate in the area for which the candidate is pursuing certification pursuant to Bulletin 746, and
- Placement in a classroom with a certified Mentor Teacher

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Content Leader Initiative Update

Louisiana will begin sunsetting the Content Leader program initiative.

- Beginning with the current program approval cycle, LDOE will no longer accept applications for new Content Leader programs.
- Existing approved Content Leader providers may continue to offer their professional learning.
- No additional providers or Content Leader programs will be approved moving forward.
- Bulletin 996 will be updated to reflect this change, with proposed policy revisions anticipated for the January 2027 BESE meeting.

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Closing



Provider Spotlight

We want to celebrate YOU!

Please share with us the amazing things you are doing in your program(s) by completing the [jotform](#).

We will share out the great news each month in our monthly preparation provider newsletter.



Sign up for the Believe and Prepare Newsletter

Stay informed and connected with the latest updates from Educator Talent and Workforce Development by [subscribing](#) to the Believe and Prepare monthly newsletter.

Each edition provides timely information, resources, policy updates, and important opportunities specifically relevant to educator preparation providers.



Helpful Links

[Preparation Library](#)

[Teacher Preparation Approval Resource
Louisiana](#)

[Mentor and Resident Funding Slide Deck](#)

[Pre-Ed Pathway](#)
[Fingerprinting Packet](#)

[Grow Your Own Learning Visit Registration
List](#)

[Geaux Teach Scholarship](#)

[PLPG Training and Resources](#)

[Updated Contact Form](#)

[Guide for Dyslexia in](#)

[Provider Spotlight Form](#)

[Educator](#)

[2026-2030 High-Need School](#)



2026-2027 Monthly Call Dates

Join using this [zoom link](#).

~~August 26, 2026~~

February 24, 2027

September 30, 2026

March 31, 2027

October 28, 2026

April 28, 2027

November 18, 2026

May 26, 2027

December 16, 2026

June 30, 2027

January 27, 2027

July 28, 2027

***Prep provider calls are on the last Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.**



Q&A

