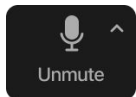
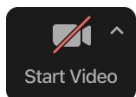


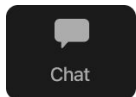
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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



Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



July 29, 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

- Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates
- Certification Reminders
- Educator Background and Credentialing
- Educator Development Updates
- Resources



Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates



Program Approval

Cycle	<u>Application Window Opens</u>	Notice of Intent Due	<u>Full Application Due</u>	Round 1 Evaluation Period Begins	Notification of Pending Decisions	Round 2 Evaluation and Notification (as needed)	<u>BESE</u> Consideration
Spring	September 1	October 1	December 10	December 11	February 15	TBD	April TBD
Fall	May 1	June 1	July 10	July 11	August 26	TBD	October TBD

The new program approval Notice of Intent window will open on September 1 for the Spring Cycle.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

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Computer Science Requirements Timeline

Timeline	Action
October 2024	<u>K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science</u> and teacher preparation course implementation timeline approved by Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).
April 2025	Updated teacher preparation course requirements approved by BESE.
May 2025	Providers begin making changes to current coursework language and syllabi to match the requirements to submit for approval.
August 2025	Providers update existing courses or add a new course to address computer science instruction within all teacher preparation programs.
Spring 2026	Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) will collect course descriptions.
June 30, 2026	Teacher preparation programs are required to incorporate instruction on computer science pedagogy for students, and this modification should be reflected in the course catalog description.
September 1, 2030	The Certification office will begin looking for coursework that includes the competencies.



Computer Science Competency

The following competency will be added to [Bulletin 146](#) to clarify the requirements set forth in [Bulletin 996](#):

“The teacher candidate applies knowledge of computational thinking and computer science concepts, including a broad understanding of computing systems, internet safety, and data analysis, to provide computer science education within and across all grade levels.”



Computer Science Frameworks

Implementation frameworks for [Grade 3](#) and [Grade 4](#) are now available to help Teacher preparation providers integrate computer science into math and science coursework.

These frameworks serve as a roadmap to:

- embed computational thinking directly into daily math and science lessons; and
- master computer science standards without adding extra hours to the coursework.

Contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



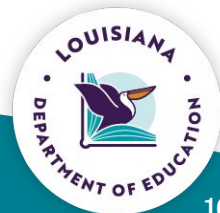
Coming Soon: Social Studies Resources

The LDOE is releasing two new resources this summer to support social studies instruction, including:

- *Foundations of Freedom: A Louisiana Civics Program* and *Land of Liberty: A History of the United States* Instructional Slide Decks; and
- *Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum* K-2 Knowledge Building Cards.

Teacher Preparation Providers should support the use of these upcoming resources to strengthen consistent, standards-aligned social studies instruction within coursework.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.



Updated Science Resources Coming Soon

The LDOE is updating guidance to assist teacher preparation providers and school systems with planning for the 2026-2027 school year. Updated resources will appear on the [K-12 Science Planning Page](#). Grades K-5 Guides to Piloting OpenSciEd are now available and additional updated resources will be available on a rolling basis starting this summer:

- Grades 6-8 Guides to Implementing Amplify
- Grades 6-8 Guides to Implementing OpenSciEd (all versions)
- Biology Guides to Implementing OpenSciEd (all versions)

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



OpenSciEd Grades 6-8 Guidance for 2026-2027

Webinar Option 2

- Webinar Date and Time: **August 3 at 2:30 p.m.**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792>
- Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 958 5418 0792

Webinar Option 3

- Webinar Date and Time: **August 5 at 3:30 p.m.**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792>
- Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 958 5418 0792

Implementation Guidance Webinars will support educators in implementing recommended updates to OpenSciEd units for Grades 6 and 7 effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contact STEM@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 opens](#)
- **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 July 9)**

K-3 Modules	4-8 Modules		High School
Greaux Lafourche LA Tech Nicholls Northwestern Reach Southeastern Southern Xavier	Centenary Greaux Lafourche Loyola McNeese 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	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



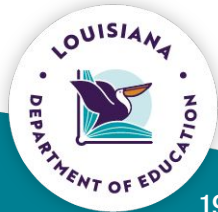
Certification & Credentialing Processing by the Numbers

- June 2026
 - Certification
 - 2,947 Applications Processed
 - Applications processed within 15 business days
 - 3,615 Questions closed
 - Questions closed within one (1) business day
 - 37 Office Hours appointments
 - Credentialing
 - 1,635 educators cleared with “Clear Credential” indicators
 - Credentials processed within two (2) business days of receiving the CBC



Praxis Teaching of Reading/Language Arts

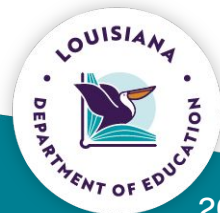
Beginning **January 1, 2027**, the Praxis Teaching of Reading/Language Arts (7002) passing score will increase from 138 to 147.



Pre-Practitioner's License (PL)

At the June BESE meeting, the Pre-Practitioner's License was updated to include the following:

- Passing scores on content area exam(s) have not been achieved.
Candidate must complete courses or programs offered by the teacher preparation program designed to support the educator in passing the required exams.
- The candidate may complete up to twelve required credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the approved program while holding a pre-PL.
- Mentoring is required by a school-based mentor for each year.



Pre-Practitioner's License (PL) continued

The Pre-PL may be held for up to two years.

Renewal requirements include:

- Remain provisionally enrolled in the practitioner teacher, certification-only, or master's degree alternative certification program and have completed no more than twelve of the required credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the approved program.
- Provide evidence that all content exams required for full admission into the enrolled program have been attempted twice since issuance of the pre-practitioner license.



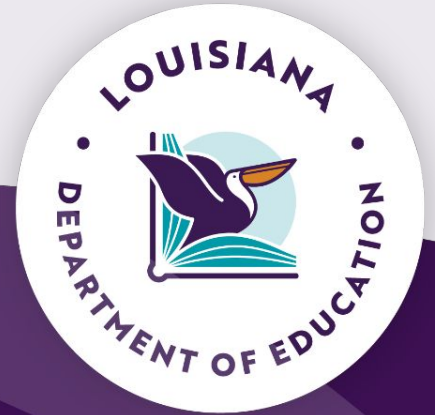
Pre-Practitioner's License (PL) continued

Renewal requirements include:

- Receive mentoring by a school-based mentor teacher for each year on the pre-practitioner license. Such mentoring does not replace the one-year mentored residency during the first year on the PL or Resident Teacher certificate required for professional certification.
- Must complete courses or programs offered by the teacher preparation program designed to support the educator in passing the required exams.



Educator Background Credentialing



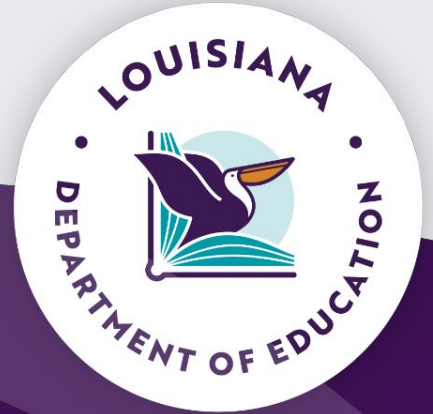
Criminal Background Check (CBC) Processing Updates

- Social Security Numbers (SSNs) are not always included on the CBCs transmitted to LDOE.
- Although teacher candidates may schedule fingerprinting without submitting the “Fingerprint Clearance” Application in Louisiana Educator Certification (LEC) system, encouraging them to complete and submit the application will ensure LDOE has the proper identifiers and permissions to more quickly process the Clear Credential.
- Applicants should continue checking LEC system for Clear Credential updates under “Certifications.”

Contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions or submit questions through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).



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

Mentor Waivers for the 2025-2026 school year closed on **June 1**. A list of approved mentor waivers has been emailed to each school system's human resources department.

[Mentor Waivers](#) for the 2026-2027 school year opened on **June 15**.

Residents and practitioners who span multiple academic years must obtain a mentor waiver for each academic year.

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Mentor and Resident Fall Data Collection Webinar

The Fall 2026 Mentor and Resident Funding call will review important information related to the funding eligibility criteria and required data reporting process to ensure compensation is provided to both mentors and residents during the 2026-2027 school year. Participants will have the opportunity for questions and answers at the conclusion of the presentation.

Webinar Date and Time: **August 6, 2026 at 1 p.m.**

Webinar Link:

<https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97164622679?pwd=Mv0aZfxAqHwpuvNJlj2jO6hGaYcDkS.1>

Webinar Phone Number: 1-470-250-9358

Meeting ID#: 971 6462 2679

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.



Reminders



LAER as a Coaching Tool

The [Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric \(LAER\) as a Coaching Tool](#) module is now available on the Professional Learning Platform.

- Designed for preparation providers, mentor teachers, and school leaders who support new teachers
- Focused on aspiring teachers who are defined as Residents and Practitioners
- Course Code: 35299E95

For any questions, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.



Program Approval Reminders

- When considering a change to a program, email believeandprepare@la.gov.
- The preparation team will meet to determine if the change is minor or major.
 - If minor, a letter must be provided on letterhead detailing the change.
 - If major, program approval is needed.
- All new content areas must go through the program approval process.



Policy Timeline Guide

There is now a resource to help your teams navigate key [policy changes](#) that affect the teacher preparation community. This resource outlines updates in:

- Literacy
- Dyslexia
- Numeracy
- Computer Science
- English Learners

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Practitioner License Processing Update

As of **January 1, 2025**, all alternate certification program changes require a program **withdrawal** letter from the provider, with **acknowledging signature of teacher candidate**. Letter should include:

- University or Provider letterhead
- Candidate name and certificate number
- Program originally enrolled in (i.e. Certification only, Secondary Math)
- Program withdrawal date
- Program Dean (or designee) signature
- Teacher candidate signature



Practitioner Licensing Processing Update

Changes in program area or provider are treated as an **initial** Practitioner License (PL);

- **Do not** require mentoring (or program progress) to change and be issued the new PL; requires **withdrawal letter**

All years on the PL **count** toward total allowable years on a PL.

When changing **certification areas, or program provider**, the residency year will have to be **restarted**.

When changing program types **within a provider**, PLs are considered on a case-by-case basis for eligibility of the residency continuing through the change.



Literacy Exam Requirements

Teaching of Reading exam is considered a **content** exam; therefore:

- Successful passage is required **prior to enrollment** in a post-baccalaureate program;
- Successful passage is required **prior to issuance** of a practitioner's license;
- Successful passage is required for **renewal** of a resident (R) certificate.
- Accepted exams for K-3, Elementary 1-5, or special education areas are:
 - 5205 or 7002



Mentor and Resident Funding Eligibility

- The resident must serve in a MFP funded entity.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher in the same MFP funded entity as the resident teacher.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher that is reported in ED Link 360 Staffing with an object code of 112 (teacher) and a function code within the 1000s excluding 1530 (Pre-K) and 1531 (Head Start).
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher holding one of the following on October 1, 2024: Mentor Teacher Certificate, Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate, or Mentor Waiver Credential.

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Praxis Replacement Titles

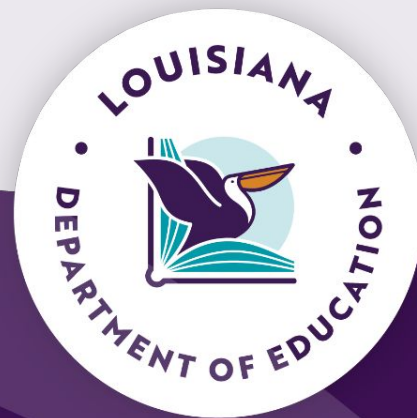
Date of Discontinued Test Last Administration: August 2026

Title to be Discontinued	Replacement Test
Middle School Social Studies (5089)	Middle School Social Studies (5589)
Pre-Kindergarten Education (5531)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge (5533)
Education of Young Children (5024)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content (5534)
ParaPro Assessment (1755)*	ParaPathways: Reading and Writing (5758) ParaPathways: Mathematics (5759)

*Policy approved at January 2026 BESE.



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.



Helpful Links

[Preparation Library](#)

[Teacher Preparation Approval Resource](#)

[Mentor and Resident Funding Slide Deck](#)

[Pre-Ed Pathway](#)

[Grow Your Own Learning Visit Registration](#)

[Geaux Teach Scholarship](#)

[PLPG Training and Resources](#)

[Updated Contact Form](#)

[Literacy Guidance Document](#)

[FTP Link](#)

[Guide for Dyslexia in Louisiana](#)

[Provider Spotlight Form](#)

[Educator Fingerprinting Packet](#)

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



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

