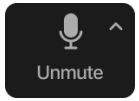
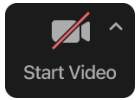
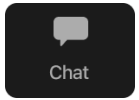
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

September 30, 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
- Educator Certification
- Educator Development
- Resources

Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates

Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric (LAER)- Louisiana Educator Rubric (LER) Partnership Support Sessions

LAER-LER Partnership Support Sessions: Empowering Louisiana's Future Teachers Through Aligned Coaching.

These sessions are designed to assist preparation providers and school systems in aligning evaluation and coaching to effectively support and prepare teacher candidates. Sign up for one of three opportunities to attend these support sessions throughout the state.

- October 15, Louisiana State University at Shreveport
- November 4, Southeastern Louisiana University

Social Studies Teacher Preparation Competencies Training

Social Studies Competencies training on the updated competencies will be held this academic year. The competencies define what a well-prepared social studies educator in Louisiana should know and be able to do and are aligned to the Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies.

Participants must attend both Fall and Spring training sessions.
October 12 and January 26: South Louisiana (Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge)
October 14 and January 27: North Louisiana
(Louisiana Tech University, Ruston)

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
  - (on hold due to Jotform technical issues)
- **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 Louisiana Department of Education 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 September 28**)

K-3 Modules		4-8 Modules		High School
APEL Embark Jefferson Greaux Lafourche LA Tech Nicholls Northwestern Reach Ready 2 Teach (A+PEL) Southeastern SUNO	ULL ULM Xavier	Centenary Embark Jefferson Greaux Lafourche Loyola LSUA 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 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (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.

Program Approval

Cycle	Application Window Opens	Notice of Intent Due	Full Application Due	Round 1 Evaluation Period Begins	Notification of Pending Decisions	Round 2 Evaluation and Notification (as needed)	BESE 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 opened on September 1st and Notice of Intent is due on **October 1st** for the Spring Cycle.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

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Certification Updates

Certification & Credentialing Processing by the Numbers

- August 2026
  - Certification
    - 3,115 Applications Processed
    - Applications processed within 20 business days
    - 4,302 Questions closed
    - Questions closed within 0.8 business days
    - 39 Office Hours appointments
  - Credentialing
    - 1,506 educators cleared with “Clear Credential” indicators
    - Credentials processed within two (2) business days of receiving the CBC

BESE update

As a result of Act 21 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session., BESE passed an update to Chapter 17 of Bulletin 746.

A….. The decision of the TCAC is final, *except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. (2)(a) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may override the council's denial of an appellant's appeal if the denial was based on circumstances beyond the appellant's control as determined by the state board; however, the state board shall not override a denial by the council if it determines that the certification of the appellant would conflict with state or federal law.*

Pre-Practitioner's License (PL)

We are pleased to announce that the Provisional Admission into a Teacher Preparation Program guidance document has been finalized and is now available for your review.

Louisiana Educator Certification Portal

New Features Coming Soon

Resources & Forms section for HR and Preparation Providers



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.

Mentor Teacher Waivers

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

A new waiver application for the residents beginning in January 2027 and PLs with an issue date after **October 1**, will open on **November 1** 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
- 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~~

~~September 30, 2026~~

October 28, 2026

November 18, 2026

December 16, 2026

January 27, 2027

February 24, 2027

March 31, 2027 (tentative)

April 28, 2027

May 26, 2027

June 30, 2027

July 28, 2027

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

Q&A

