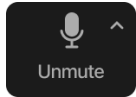
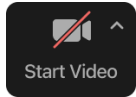


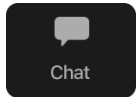
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

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



Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



April 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

- I. Educator Development Updates
- II. Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates
- III. Certification Reminders
- IV. Educator Background Credentialing Reminders
- V. Resources



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.



Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy

Applications are now open for the Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy. This one-of-a-kind, five-day hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience is designed for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or related coursework.

Join us **July 13–17** at Louisiana State University.

Apply Now!



Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.



Mentor Resident Spring Collection Webinar

Data collection for spring mentor compensation will take place during the 2025-2026 academic year. Attend this webinar for updated requirements for coding and reporting.

The Spring 2026 Mentor and Resident Funding call will also review the funding eligibility and process.

- Webinar date/time: April 30 at 1 p.m.
- Webinar link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98394424582>
- Meeting ID: 983 9442 4582
- Phone: 470-381-2552

Please contact [MentorandContentLeaders](#) with any questions.



Certified Mentors Statewide

The LDOE has recently uploaded a list of all certified mentors to the [FTP](#). This list contains the following information for the 4,894 certified mentors in the state:

- Mentor's employing system
- Mentor's employing school
- Mentor's certification area
- Expiration of certification

This information will assist education preparation providers place residents with certified mentors in the appropriate content areas.

Please contact [MentorandContentLeaders](#) with any questions.



Mentor Teacher Waivers

[Mentor Waivers](#) for the 2025-2026 school year are currently available and will close on **June 1, 2026**. Once the window is closed, a list of approved mentor waivers will be emailed to each school system's human resources department.

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

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.



Teacher Leader Summit 2026



A vertical promotional graphic with a purple background on the left and a white background on the right. The purple section contains the text: 'KEYNOTE SPEAKER' in white, 'KIM MULKEY' in large white letters, 'LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH' in smaller white letters, 'MAY 26-28 | NEW ORLEANS' in white, and an orange button that says 'REGISTRATION OPEN'. At the bottom left of the purple section is the Louisiana Department of Education logo. The white section features the 'BIG IDEAS START HERE TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT' logo at the top, a portrait of Kim Mulkey in a purple jacket in the center, and a row of five colored dots (orange, teal, purple, orange, teal) at the bottom.

LSU Women's Basketball Head Coach Kim Mulkey will kick off Teacher Leader Summit 2026 on May 26! A Louisiana native and championship leader, Coach Mulkey brings powerful insights on excellence, leadership, and teamwork that reflect the heart of educators' daily work.

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.



Spotlight: Teacher Leader Summit 2026 Featured Sessions



- ELA:
 - Setting the Standard: Introduction and Expectation of the Updated ELA Louisiana Student Standards (K-5 and 6-12)
- Social Studies:
 - K-2 Social Studies: Manageable and Meaningful
- Science:
 - Unlocking Connections: Leadership Moves that Empower Science Learning
 - From Stories to Strategy: Guiding Effective HQIM Implementation in Science
- Teacher Preparation:
 - Teacher Preparation Program Office Hours
 - The Data Detective Escape Room: Continuous Improvement in Teacher Preparation Practices



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 application window opens **May 1, 2026**. All notice of intents are due by June 1.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



Title II IPRC Data Collection

The Title II Institution/Program Report Card (IPRC) data collection is now open. Please log in to [Title II](#) and complete the IPRC report for academic year 24-25 by the deadline, **April 30**.

Please be aware of the following dates:

- **February 17:** Report Opened (Certification window opens late March/early April).
- **April 1 (Approx):** Pass rates will be uploaded to each report by the helpdesk and Institution/Program users begin certifying IPRC. Please note, the testing companies, Pearson and ETS, provide pass rates unless your state provides them directly to the helpdesk. Corrections/Adjustments to pass rates must abide by all relevant deadlines established by Pearson/ETS.
- **April 30:** Report closes. IPRC Certification for Title II reporting must be complete by **April 30**.

Please contact Title2@trewon.com with questions.



Computer Science Requirements Timeline

Timeline	Action
October 2024	K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science and teacher preparation course implementation timeline approved by 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	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.”



Social Studies Office Hours

Join the LDOE social studies team for our final [Social Studies Office Hours](#) session where we will

- preview 2026 Teacher Leader Summit sessions; and
- discuss opportunities for summer professional learning.

Webinar Date and Time: May 6 at 3:15 p.m.

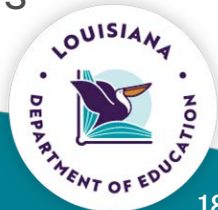
[Webinar Link](#)

Webinar Phone Number: 1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID#: 974 3607 5546

See the [Social Studies Office Hours flyer](#) for access to past office hours slides.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.



Land of Liberty Summer Professional Learning

To support the initial implementation of [Land of Liberty: The History of the United States](#), the LDOE is hosting in-person, regional professional learning opportunities this summer at no registration cost to systems.

- Duration: Half-day sessions 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- Locations: 2 sites across the state
 - St. Tammany Parish
 - Ouachita Parish
- Registration deadline: **June 15**

See the [Land of Liberty Summer Professional Learning](#) flyer for dates, locations, and [registration](#) form.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.



K-2 Social Studies Summer Professional Learning

To support K-2 social studies instruction and the initial implementation of the K-2 Knowledge Building Cards, the LDOE is hosting in-person, regional professional learning opportunities this summer at no registration costs to systems.

- Duration: Half-day sessions 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Locations: Five sites around the state
- Receive a free grade-level set of K-2 Knowledge Building Cards.
- Registration deadline: **June 30**

See the [K-12 Social Studies Planning](#) webpage for dates, locations and [registration form](#).

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.



ELA Standards Institutes

Prepare to implement the revised K-12 Louisiana Student Standards in the 2027-2028 school year by joining the [ELA Standards Institutes](#) this summer. Registration is now open.

Participants will

- review the updated standards;
- explore the Standards Reference Guide; and
- analyze how the curriculum-embedded assessments align to the standards.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.



Math Standards Institutes

Registration is open for the [2026 Math Standards Institutes](#). This institute will support educators and leaders in implementing the revised K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics. The standards institutes will be six-hour professional learning sessions where math leaders and educators will learn about key updates to the standards, including updated domain titles, updated standard language and examples, and resources that support deep understanding and implementation of the standards.

Registration is limited. Sign up today!

Please contact math@la.gov with questions.



Science Summer Professional Learning

Support Planning with high-quality curricula in science, the LDOE is hosting in person, [regional science professional learning opportunities](#) this summer at no registration cost.

- One-day workshop focused on vertical progression of Louisiana student standards for Science in both instruction and assessment.
- Locations: Three sites around the state
- Registration deadline: **May 8**

See the [K-12 Science Summer Professional Learning page](#) for dates, locations and [registration form](#).

Please contact stem@la.gov with questions.



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.



Act 260 Numeracy Training

Thank you to the following Teacher Preparation Faculty and Staff who completed the asynchronous [Act 260 numeracy modules](#) in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform.

Grades K-3 numeracy coursework (As of **April 8**)

- Terry Degruise - Greaux Lafourche
- Lynn Stratton - LA Tech
- Adam Cole - Reach University
- Morgan Varnado - Southeastern Louisiana University
- Jenita Hedgewood - Southern University of New Orleans
- Ahdija Donatto - Xavier University

Please contact math@la.gov for more information.



Act 260 Numeracy Training

Thank you to the following Teacher Preparation Faculty and Staff who completed the asynchronous [Act 260 numeracy modules](#) in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform.

Grades 4-8 numeracy coursework (As of **April 8**)

- Christie Spohn - Teach Ascension
- Terrie Johnson - Centenary
- Terry Degruise- Greaux Lafourche
- Glenda Hembree - Loyola
- Jennifer Cook - LSU
- Renae Broussard - McNeese
- Adam Cole- Reach University
- Rachael Erminger- Teach St. Tammany
- Brandy Tuminello- Teach Tangi
- Jenita Hegwood - Southern University New Orleans
- Ann Hancock - ULM

Please contact math@la.gov for more information.



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

- March 2026
 - Certification
 - 3,162 Applications Processed
 - Applications processed within 12 business days
 - 3,665 Questions solved
 - Questions solved within .8 business days
 - Credentialing
 - 1,313 educators cleared
 - Credentials processed within 2 business days



Educator Background Credentialing

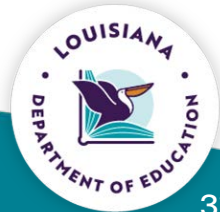


Contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions or submit questions through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).

Certification Sanctions

- “Sanction” is a disciplinary action that can restrict or otherwise penalize a teaching license. Sanctions may be imposed for a variety of reasons.
- Louisiana certification sanctions include **denial**, **suspension**, **revocation**, **denial lifted**, and **reinstatement**.
- The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy which governs these actions can be found in Chapter 19 of [Bulletin 746](#).
- Sanctions are publicly listed on an educator’s certification with the date action was taken, but no specific reason is stated.

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



Reasons for Certification Sanction

Louisiana law and the policies established by BESE in Bulletin 746, Chapter 19 state that educator credentials, even if expired, may be sanctioned for:

- conviction of certain criminal offenses,
- **the submission of fraudulent documentation,**
- any professional license censure,
- failure to meet effectiveness standards, or
- participation in cheating.

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



Submission of Fraudulent Documentation

- Fraudulent Documentation (Bulletin 746): Any document that is false, altered, or misrepresents truth submitted to LDOE or BESE to **obtain** or **support** certification.
- Key Consideration: Signing or attesting to information without verification may result in inaccurate or false documentation.

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



Real-World Example

- Example: Mentor Attestation Documentation
- LDOE is seeing documentation where:
 - Mentor listed was not employed in the same school system during the residency period
 - Mentor listed could not reasonably support the number of assigned mentees
 - Attestations signed without verifiable alignment to actual placement
- Key Issue: Attestation does not match verifiable employment or capacity
- Risk: May be considered submission of inaccurate or fraudulent documentation

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



Consequences of Fraud

- If fraudulent documentation is confirmed:
 - Credential may be denied or suspended
 - Subject to BESE sanction proceedings
 - Reported to NASDTEC Clearinghouse
- Reinstatement Eligibility:
 - Not eligible for review until 5 years after sanction
- Applies to ANY certificated individual involved

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



Expectations

- All signatories should:
 - read and verify before signing.
 - not attest to unverifiable information.
 - when in doubt, pause and confirm.
- Our shared responsibility is to protect the integrity of Louisiana certification.

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



Reminders



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 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](#)



2025-2026 Monthly Call Dates

Join using this [zoom link](#).

~~August 27, 2025~~

~~February 25, 2026~~

~~September 24, 2025~~

~~March 25, 2026~~

~~October 29, 2025~~

~~April 29, 2026~~

~~November 19, 2025~~

May 20, 2026

~~December 17, 2025~~

June 24, 2026

~~January 28, 2026~~

July 29, 2026

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



Q&A

