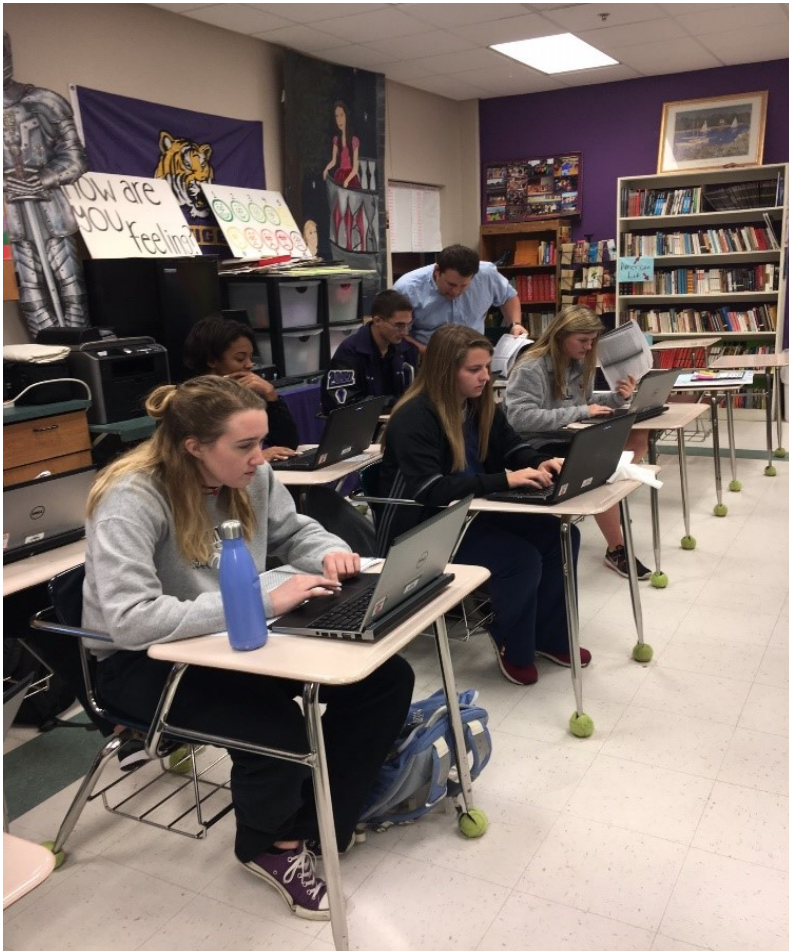


Believe & PREPARE

PREPARING LOUISIANA'S NEXT GENERATION EDUCATORS



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"As a new teacher, regardless of content, do not be afraid to take your kids on a writing journey."

Mark Ebarb impresses on new teachers not only the importance of the writing process but the challenges and joys incurred in the journey of teaching writing.

Ebarb, an eight-year veteran teacher and a 2015 Louisiana Teacher of the Year finalist, teaches English at Dutchtown High School in Ascension Parish.

Ebarb's blog, "[Write Your Wrongs](#)," includes practical tips for teaching writing.

Ebarb works with a student in his English IV class.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND PREPARATION PROVIDERS

In this edition, you will find information about the following important events:

- April 3: Monthly Educator Preparation Provider Webinar
 - April 28: [Believe and Prepare Residency Expansion Grant](#) application due
 - June 6-9: Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit
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BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

REMINDER: BELIEVE AND PREPARE RESIDENCY EXPANSION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The [Believe and Prepare Residency Expansion Grant](#) is the third of three funding opportunities for teacher preparation in 2017-2018. Based on feedback from providers and district partners, **the deadline to apply for this grant has been extended to April 28, 2017.**

The Department will award grants of up to \$250,000 to any BESE-approved teacher preparation provider that presents a high-quality and innovative proposal that meets one or more priorities identified in the [Request for Applications](#). Partnerships can include any number of schools, school systems, and/or new or existing preparation providers.

Priority areas supported by this grant opportunity include:

- Supporting yearlong teacher residencies in rural schools and school systems participating in the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant;
- Providing co-teaching residency opportunities for post-baccalaureate teacher candidates;
- Preparing more teacher candidates in special education.

For more information or to submit an application, please contact BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov.

NEW! ON-SITE REVIEW PILOT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The on-site review model is designed to provide teacher preparation providers with meaningful feedback on the quality of coursework and practice experiences. Louisiana's on-site reviews are based on the inspectorate model, which has been in place in the United Kingdom since 1984.

An opportunity for providers to pilot the Louisiana on-site review model in summer or fall 2017 is now available. Participating provider leaders will be invited to join the on-site review working group. To participate, or for more information, email Jaime.Finane@la.gov with questions or feedback.

On-site review resources, including a [brief](#) about the development process, are now available in the [preparation library](#).

NEW! BELIEVE AND PREPARE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER WEBINAR

Provider leadership and faculty should plan to join the monthly educator preparation webinar on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Providers are encouraged to submit questions and/or topics to be included in the April webinar. To do so, please email BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov.

Webinar Login Information

- To join the meeting, go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/teacherpreparation/>
- Audio access via phone bridge: **1-855-240-2575**; enter the participant code **91287604** when prompted.

NEW! 2017 CTTIE NEW INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP PROVIDER APPLICATION

The Department is accepting applications for 2017-2018 Career Technical Trade and Industrial Education (CTTIE) New Instructor Workshop providers. Preparation providers, school districts, and community colleges are eligible to apply to be an approved workshop provider.

In accordance with *Bulletin 746 - Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel, Chapter 5*, CTTIE teachers who do not hold Louisiana teacher licensure are required to complete the workshop to be eligible for CTTIE certification. Please see the [New Instructor Workshop Provider Guidelines](#) for more information.

Please email Jaime.Finane@la.gov for more information or to submit an application.

HIGH-COST NEEDS GRANT AWARDS

To support the implementation of updated teacher preparation program regulations approved by BESE in October 2016, the Department is providing a series of [transitional support](#) funding opportunities. The high-cost needs opportunity is the second of three in that series and aims to support alignment of teacher preparation program courses and practice requirements with updated program regulations.

In March, BESE approved high-cost needs allocations—ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000—for eleven preparation providers. Applications submitted by providers for 2017-2018 high-cost needs funding will be reviewed by the Department for recommendation to BESE in August.

For more information, please contact BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov.

REMINDER: DEADLINE TO COMPLETE AND CERTIFY TITLE II WESTAT REPORT IS APRIL 17

As required by the federal Higher Education Act, all educator preparation providers that prepare teachers for initial certification must annually report information relative to their programs. This information is published annually in a state report on the Title II website.

Please email Dr. Jeannie Burns (universities) or Sara.Strickland@la.gov (private providers) with any questions.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! SAVE THE DATE: 2017 TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

The 2017 [Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place June 6-9, 2017, at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. This event will bring together 5,000 educators and content experts from across the state to share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2017-2018 school year.

More information about registration for educator preparation provider leaders and faculty will be provided in April.

NEW! LOUISIANA STUDENT STANDARDS FOR SCIENCE

On March 8, 2017, BESE approved the [Louisiana Student Standards for Science](#). These were developed by more than eighty content experts and educators with input from parents and teachers from across the state. The new standards call for changes in what teachers teach, and the implementation plan calls for a gradual transition and multiple training opportunities. One of these opportunities is the [2017 Teacher Leader Summit](#).

Please contact LouisianaTeacherLeaders@la.gov with questions regarding the 2017 Teacher Leader Summit; email louisianastandards@la.gov for more information about the standards.

NEW! LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Please share this information with school counselor and social work faculty.

Each year, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board hosts a conference that delivers information regarding the current state of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention in Louisiana. National and state experts will present information about the current state of the system and offer solutions to problems facing our juvenile justice professionals.

The 37th Annual Louisiana Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice will be held in New Orleans from April 11 through April 13, 2017. Registration fee is \$75. For more information and to register, please visit www.lajuvenilejustice.org.

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