



September 2019



Camille White, a 2nd grade teacher from Habans Elementary School, teaching mathematics. From residents to teachers of record, Xavier University is ready for the 2019-2020 school year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- September 11 & 18: ETS and Westat Title II reporting coordinators meeting
- September 23 & 24: Performance profile data collection technical assistance webinars
- September 25: Monthly preparation provider [webinar](#)
- October 17: On-site review workgroup meeting

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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- September 13: Mentor data collection due from school systems
- September 23: Deadline to submit a letter of interest for federal work study experiment
- September 23: Science RFA pre-proposal conference call
- September 27: Teacher and Principal of the Year nominations due
- October 1: Deadline for Science RFA written inquiries
- October 11: Performance profile data collection due
- October 15: Deadline for Science RFA proposals
- October 18: Deadline to submit interview protocol for post-baccalaureate GPA flexibility

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY CALLS

Please join us for the next preparation provider monthly webinar scheduled for **September 25, at 10:00 a.m.** All preparation provider leaders or faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, September 25; 10:00-11:00 am
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with questions.

TEACHER AND LEADER PIPELINE

MENTOR TEACHER AND UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENT FUNDING

Annually, the Department allocates \$1,000 to every mentor teacher who support a year-long undergraduate resident. The Department is currently conducting a data collection process to determine allocations for these stipends for 2019-2020 school year. Mentor and resident data was due from preparation providers to the Department on **August 30** and school systems must submit their data by **September 13 via the FTP**.

Additionally, the teacher pay increase approved by the Legislature this spring allows the Department to allocate funds to school systems to provide **yearlong undergraduate residents with \$1,000**. In order to receive the funding:

- residents must hold a resident certificate, and
- the residency must be completed in a public school.

Funding for the undergraduate residents will be provided to school systems through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) via the certificated pay raise calculation.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions regarding Believe and Prepare funding.

PRAXIS EXAM UPDATES

Clarification regarding acceptance date for revised Social Studies passing score

In June 2019, BESE adjusted the score for the Social Studies Praxis exam (5086) to 153.

In August 2019, BESE approved policy that allows for:

- Scores achieved up to 12 months prior to the effective date adopted by the BESE to be accepted if the passing score decreases

The passing score of 153 for the Social Studies Praxis exam will be accepted for exams taken beginning January 1, 2019.

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Education, Praxis Teaching Reading Exam and the Praxis School Superintendent Assessment

- Effective September 1, 2019, educators may take either the currently adopted exams or the newly proposed exams.
- The new exams (5206, 5713, 5723, 5733, and 6991) are required effective August 1, 2020.

School Leaders Licensure Assessment

- Prior to September 1, 2019, candidates should take exam #6011.
- Effective September 1, 2019, candidates should take exam #6990.

Please see the [PRAXIS exam guidance document](#) for further information.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.

GPA UPDATE

As a result of 2019 legislation, R.S. 17:7.1A.3 stipulates that:

- Post-baccalaureate teacher preparation programs may conditionally admit candidates with a GPA of less than 2.50
- Candidates may be recommended for initial certification so long as they meet the requirements as outlined in the below guidance document.

At their August meeting, BESE approved updates to bring policy into alignment with this new law.

The Department is asking providers who wish to admit candidates with a GPA of less than 2.50 to submit their interview protocols by October 18. The Department will then create and share a repository of interview protocols. Please see the [linked guidance document](#) for:

- More detailed information relative to this flexibility
- A sample interview protocol
- The process for submitting the interview protocol to the Department

SCIENCE CONTENT LEADER REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)

To expand the Content Leader initiative, the Department is releasing a Request for Application (RFA) for partners who have the expertise to design Science Content Modules and train Science Content Leaders during the 2020-2021 school year. Approved providers will collaborate on the design elements.

Important Deadlines:

Science Content Leader RFA Timeline	
Release RFA	September 16, 2019
Pre-proposal conference	September 23, 2019 at 9am
Deadline for written inquiries	October 1, 2019 at 5pm
Deadline for receipt of proposals	October 15, 2019 at 2pm
Notice of Intent to Award	November 15, 2019
Approved partners sent to BESE	January 28-29, 2020
Approved partners design deliverables	January - June 2020
Training execution	June - December 2020

Please contact RFP_LDE@la.gov with questions or to be included on future communication regarding the Science RFA.

TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY

ON-SITE REVIEW WORKGROUP

Please join us for the next on-site review workgroup meeting scheduled for **October 17 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Southern University**.

Please contact sara.delano@la.gov with questions.

TITLE II REPORTING MEETING

The Louisiana Board of Regents and the Department are holding two technical assistance meetings for ETS and Westat Title II reporting.

The intended audience for the meetings are Title II Coordinators.

Baton Rouge Meeting Details:

- Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, September 11; 1:30-3:30 pm
- Meeting Address: Claiborne Building, 1201 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
- Meeting Room: Iowa Room 1-153

Natchitoches Meeting Details:

- Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, September 18; 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Meeting Address: Northwestern State University, College of Education, Natchitoches, LA 71457

Please contact melissa.anders@laregents.edu or erich.schultz@la.gov with questions.

2018-2019 PERFORMANCE PROFILE DATA COLLECTION AND VERIFICATION

The Department will launch the data collection and verification process for the second informational performance profiles on September 23. All data must be submitted for the data collection by October 11.

Please join us for one of the technical assistance webinars listed below to learn about the updated process for data collection and verification.

Webinar #1 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Monday, September 23; 3:00-4:00 pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/606997115>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 606 997 115

Webinar #2 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Tuesday, September 24; 3:00-4:00 pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/856743739>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 856 743 739

Please contact erich.schultz@la.gov with questions.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the process outlined below. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI), and once that is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on the [Department's website](#) via the [Preparation Library](#).

Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
7/1/2019	8/9/2019	8/9/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019
11/22/2019	12/20/2019	1/10/2020-3/20/2020	3/20/2020	4/20/2020
6/12/2020	7/10/2020	7/10/2020-9/11/2020	9/11/2020	10/13/2020

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NEW FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

The Minority Education, Workforce, and Training Program (MEWT) is designed to build and foster collaboration amongst minority serving institutions, minority business enterprises, Department of Energy program offices, industry, state and local government agencies, and other federal agencies to increase engagement and capabilities of underserved communities within STEM and energy fields.

The award can be put towards STEM education and scholarships, workforce development, technical assistance, capacity building, and more. **The closing date of this grant is October 7, 2019.**

[Click here to view the grant posting and application materials.](#)

The informational/instruction packet can be downloaded [at this link](#) by searching the grant name..

Questions? Email julia.desimone@la.gov

SEARCHING FOR LOUISIANA’S NEXT STATE TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success. Annually, the Department honors some of the state’s most successful educators through the Louisiana Teacher and Principal of the Year programs.

Part of the selection process for naming the district and state-level winners includes recommendations from teachers, principals, preparation partners, district employees, parents, colleagues, and community members.

If you would like to nominate an outstanding teacher or principal, please submit a nomination. [Click here to view the criteria and learn more about the nominations process.](#)

Nominations must be submitted via the [nominations portal](#) by September 27.

Questions- email excellenteducators@la.gov.