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EDUCATOR HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week

The Department hopes all of our state's teachers had a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you for all that you do to shape our students' lives!

- Monday, Governor John Bel Edwards [proclaimed](#) May 8-12, 2017, as Teacher Appreciation Week;
- Tuesday, the Louisiana [House](#) and [Senate](#) adopted resolutions declaring Tuesday, May 9, 2017, as Teacher Appreciation Day.



Congratulations to the 2018 Teacher and Principal of the Year Semifinalists

The Department is proud to announce the [2018 Teacher and Principal of the Year semifinalists](#). These educators are making exceptional gains with students. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semifinalists will be honored at the [11th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#) on Friday, July 28, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Register for the 2017 Teacher Leader Summit

The [2017 Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place Tuesday, June 6 through Friday, June 9 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. This event will bring together more than 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. The Summit will offer educators the choice of over [200 sessions](#) led by LDOE staff members, partner organizations, and fellow educators from across Louisiana.

Please be sure to register by May 15 for each day you plan to attend, and [order your Teacher Leader t-shirt](#) before May 15 to ensure delivery before the Summit.

- [Register for Tuesday, June 6](#)
- [Register for Wednesday, June 7](#)
- [Register for Thursday, June 8](#)
- [Register for Friday, June 9](#)

Contact your Teacher Leader coordinator for your district's unique registration code, or email LouisianaTeacherLeaders@la.gov with additional questions about the event.

Apply to Be a Teacher Leader Advisor

The Department is pleased to announce the release of the 2017-2018 Teacher Leader Advisor [application](#) for English language arts (special education) and science. Teacher Leader Advisors are educators from across the state who have strong skills in math, ELA, social studies, science, early childhood, and instructional planning.

This group will create the next wave of high-quality instructional materials and support for fellow Louisiana educators. Becoming a Teacher Leader Advisor provides an opportunity to expand and refine instructional skills, learn about key statewide project projects, and deepen an understanding of planning and teaching.

[Applications](#) are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13.

Reach out to louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with any questions.

Register for AP Computer Science Principles at Jump Start Super Summer Institute

The deadline to register for the [AP® Computer Science Principles](#) session at the 2017 [Jump Start Super Summer Institute](#) (SSI) has been extended to May 12, 2017. This session is new to SSI this year and will explore the computational thinking practices and the components of the curriculum framework, including the big ideas, enduring understandings, learning objectives, and essential knowledge statements. Please see the [SSI Overview](#) document or contact jumpstart@la.gov for more information about the Jump Start Super Summer Institute.

Temporary Authority to Teach Waiver

Based upon feedback from school system leaders, and upon recommendation from the Department, BESE approved a waiver of policy relative to Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) extensions at its April meeting. The one-year, non-renewable, non-standard teaching certificate authorizes an individual to teach while pursuing the Praxis exam scores required for entrance into a post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program.

The new waiver allows the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) to consider appeals relative to TAT extensions through July 2018, provided there is evidence that the teacher made a good faith effort to pass the required exams, met the standards of effectiveness, is recommended by the employing LEA and will continue to be employed, and is teaching in a demonstrated shortage area. TCAC will begin hearing appeals relative to TAT extensions this summer. Please contact your school system for more information about these waivers.

Please email sara.strickland@la.gov with questions.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Science Standards Support

The Department is working with professional development partners to align training to the new [Louisiana Student Standards for Science](#). Upcoming training opportunities will include virtual and in-person options for science educators.

- The Department and university partners will hold one- and two-day institutes at the 2017 Teacher Leader Summit June 6-9 in New Orleans;
- The Department will host a series of live and recorded webinars;

Monday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m.	LSS Science Series Part 1: Overview of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science
Monday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m.	LSS Science Series Part 2: 3-Dimensional Learning
Monday, July 10 at 9:00 a.m.	LSS Science Series Part 3: Learning Progressions
Monday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m.	LSS Science Series Part 4: Using Phenomenon to Engage Students in Learning
Monday, July 24 at 9:00 a.m.	LSS Science Series Part 5: Evaluating Science Tasks

- Louisiana Tech will provide intensive four-day summer training institutes this summer in both [north](#) and [south](#) Louisiana;
- LSU Cain Center will provide summer training in an intensive two-day workshop to be held in June in [Baton Rouge](#).

Please see the linked flyers for dates, costs, and registration information, or email louisianastandards@la.gov with questions.

2017 Assessment Results Release Timeline

Below is the timeline for the release of the 2016-2017 school- and school system-level assessment results. Each school system will determine how these results are shared with principals and teachers.

Please email assessment@la.gov with questions.

Assessment	Reporting Timeline	Location
ELDA/LAA 1	May	eDirect
LEAP ELA/Math/Science	Late June	eDirect
LEAP Online Cleanup	Late June	eDirect
End-of-Course Final Reports	June	eDirect
ACT	July	FTP
Advanced Placement	Early August	FTP
LEAP Social Studies	Early Fall	eDirect

FINALIZING TEACHER EVALUATIONS FOR 2016-2017

End-of-Year Conversations: Principals and Teachers

End-of-year conversations between principals and teachers should center on these questions:

- What is the attainment level for your student learning targets?
- What changes in practice took place this year based on feedback from observations?
- What opportunities and resources are available as we prepare for next year?

Principals should also ensure that teachers know which curricula and assessments will be used next school year. Please see [Louisiana Principals' Teaching and Learning Guidebook](#) for more information about end-of-year conversations or email compass@la.gov.

Curriculum Verification and Results (CVR) Reporting Portal

The CVR Portal provides a method for teachers of certain grades and subjects to verify their rosters to ensure the accurate reporting of transitional student growth data. The CVR Roster Verification Period will be open through May 19, 2017. Teachers should view [CIS & CVR User Guide](#) for more information on this process.

Please email compass@la.gov with questions.

PRINCIPAL SUPPORT

LEAP 360 Interim Preview Webinar

LEAP 360 is a formative assessment tool designed to help *teachers* understand a more complete picture of student performance at the beginning, throughout, and at the end of the year and *educational leaders* identify where additional support is needed and monitor progress toward end-of-year goals.

The LEAP 360 Interim Preview Webinar has been posted to the [Assessment Library](#). The presentation contains information about LEAP 360 and how to access the interim previews for grades 3-8. As mentioned in the webinar, additional details about LEAP 360 and its various components will be shared during several sessions at the upcoming Teacher Leader Summit. For more information, please email assessment@la.gov.

2016-2017 Career and Technical Education (C.A.T.E.) Data Submission

The [Career and Technical Education \(C.A.T.E.\) Data System](#) will be open from May 15 until June 30, 2017, to submit 2016-2017 C.A.T.E. data as required for reporting [Perkins Core Indicators](#).

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