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Happy March, Teacher Preparation Community,

We would like to extend a formal invitation to our Teacher Preparation Community to attend the [Teacher Leader Summit](#).

Teacher Preparation Programs (TPPs) are vital to developing Louisiana's educator workforce. The Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit offers a unique chance to observe this work in action throughout K-12 systems statewide.

By attending the Summit, TPP leaders and faculty can experience first-hand how state policy, high-quality instructional materials (HQIM), educator evaluation, and certification requirements are implemented in schools and systems. Seeing how our policies are operationalized in classrooms allows preparation providers to ensure their coursework, practice experiences, and residencies are tightly aligned to what candidates will encounter in K-12 settings.

TPPs are encouraged to attend in order to:

- Deepen Alignment to K-12 Practice: Engage in content sessions led by Louisiana educators using HQIM and state-aligned practices.
- Explore HQIM Implementation: Learn how systems are training teachers to effectively use high-quality curriculum and assessments.
- Understand Evaluation & Certification Updates: Attend sessions connected to educator evaluation, certification pathways, and policy implementation.
- Teacher Prep and Certification Office Hours: Meet with LDOE staff to ask questions, discuss program design, and collaborate around policy, accountability, and support.
- Strengthen Partnerships: Connect with district leaders, mentor teachers, and school partners who support your residents and completers.

While early bird registration has ended, we strongly encourage programs to [register](#) and attend. If possible, consider sending multiple representatives from program directors, faculty, and clinical supervisors to maximize learning and ensure shared understanding across your team.

The Teacher Leader Summit is more than a conference; it is an opportunity to strengthen the bridge between preparation and practice. We look forward to seeing our TPP partners in New Orleans, May 26-28!

Best regards,

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Department of Education



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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Dates & Events

April 1: Pre-Educator Regional Event, University of Louisiana at Monroe

April 1: [Bayou Bridges Office Hours](#)

April 30: IPRC Deadline for [Title II Reporting](#)

Preparation Provider Spotlight Form

We want to share your good news! We invite all of our providers to complete the [provider spotlight Jotform](#) so that the amazing things happening throughout our teacher preparation provider community can be shared across our great state. Please include information regarding new grant opportunities, innovative initiatives, research/case studies around the advancement of your program(s), or faculty and residency student highlights. We are excited to hear about all the things you are doing well to grow educators who will grow students.

EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT

Geaux Teach Scholarship Program

[Act 463](#) of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the [Geaux Teach Program](#), which provides scholarships to students enrolled in teacher preparation programs at the state's postsecondary institutions approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Funding is also available to students attending alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE.

Students may receive up to \$5,000 annually to cover tuition, fees, textbooks, and other instructional materials required for enrollment. Billing dates for the fall semester/term 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.



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Teacher Leader Summit 2026 Updates

Teacher Leader Summit 2026 is scheduled for May 26-28 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

Registration must be completed on the [TLS 2026 event site](#). All registrations include full access to sessions, an official TLS 2026 t-shirt, and lunch on May 26 and May 27. Once capacity is reached, additional registrants will be added to a waitlist. No onsite registration will be available.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact Title2@trewon.com.

Policy Implementation Timeline Guide

To navigate key policy changes affecting Louisiana's teacher preparation community, a [Policy Implementation Timeline Guide](#) has been developed. This resource outlines updates in literacy, dyslexia, numeracy, computer science, and English learners. The document will be updated in the coming months to reflect the August BESE policy changes.

If you have any questions, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.

Bulletin and Policy Updates

Below are the bulletins that have been revised to reflect policy recently published as final Rule and the Notices of Intent. Only bulletins that affect teacher preparation are listed, but you may find all other bulletins under final rule on the [Louisiana Register](#).

- Bulletin 130—Regulations for the Evaluation & Assessment of School Personnel relating to revisions that ensure fair teacher evaluations are now final rule and can be found on page 2052 of the [Louisiana Register](#).
- Bulletin 146—Competencies and Standards for Teachers & Educational Leaders relating to English learner competencies are now final rule and can be found on page 2052 of the [Louisiana Register](#).



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- Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel relating to revisions that improve disability behavior management and ancillary EDL eligibility are now final rule and can be found on pages 2051-2052 of the [Louisiana Register](#).
- Bulletin 996—Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs relating to revisions that update program requirements for numeracy, computer science, and crisis intervention are now final rule and can be found on pages 2048-2051 of the [Louisiana Register](#).

If you have any questions, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.

LAER as a Coaching Tool

The [Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric \(LAER\) as a Coaching Tool](#) module is now available on the Professional Learning Platform. This module is designed to support preparation providers, mentor teachers, and school leaders who work with new teachers trained on the LER in using the LAER as a coaching tool. This does not replace the in-person training for the LAER certification.

Course Code: 35299E95

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Bayou Bridges Office Hours

Preparation Providers are invited to join the LDOE for the fourth social studies office hours of the 2025–2026 school year. Scheduled for **April 1 at 3:15 p.m.**, the office hour will focus on the Grade Banded Standards Roadmap. It will also provide an opportunity to address any questions regarding [Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum](#) and [Foundations of Freedom: A Louisiana Civics Program](#). Join the session using the link provided below, or by accessing the [Social Studies Office Hours Flyer](#) located on the K–12 Social Studies Planning webpage.

- Webinar Date and Time: **April 1 at 3:15 p.m.**
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97436075546>
- Webinar Phone Number: 346 248 7799
- Meeting ID#: 974 3607 5546

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

Act 260 Numeracy Training

Preparation providers are invited to use the [Numeracy Professional Learning courses](#) aligned to [Act 260](#) as a guide when enhancing coursework to align with the current [Louisiana Mathematics Teacher Competencies](#).



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The [information](#) provided may be used to enroll in provider-specific courses on 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 with any questions or for more information.

CERTIFICATION AND EDUCATOR BACKGROUND CREDENTIALING

Louisiana Educator Certification Portal (LEC)

To support systems with the transition to LEC, training materials are available on www.teachlouisiana.net. These resources include user guides and video recordings designed to assist with navigating the LEC platform. Materials are available for each user role, including: applicants, public and non-public schools, preparation providers, and early childhood centers.

Please contact the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#) with any questions.

Praxis Free After Three

Beginning **October 1, 2025**, Praxis offers free retakes for test takers who have completed three attempts on the same Praxis test. Please see the [frequently asked questions](#) one-pager for additional information.

Certification and Background Credentialing Monthly Calls

Calls will be held on the following dates for the 2025-2026 school year. The link has been updated on the [school system planning calendar](#); the link and reminder may be added to individual calendars for the entire series.

August 18, at 10:30 a.m.	September 15, at 10:30 a.m.	October 20, at 10:30 a.m.
November 17, at 10:30 a.m.	December 15, at 10:30 a.m.	January 26, at 10:30 a.m.
February 23, at 10:30 a.m.	March 16, at 10:30 a.m. (Canceled)	April 20, at 10:30 a.m.
May 18, at 10:30 a.m.	June 15, at 10:30 a.m.	July 20, at 10:30 a.m.