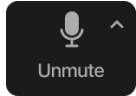
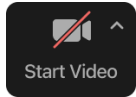


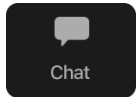
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Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



March 25, 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
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- III. Certification Reminders
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- V. Resources



Educator Development Updates



Geaux Teach Scholarship

[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 postsecondary 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 deborahpaul@la.gov with questions.



Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy

- One-of-a-kind, five-day, hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience. View this [video](#) from a past summer academy!
- Open to high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.
- **July 13-17** hosted at Louisiana State University.
- Student and Academy Staff Applications now open.

Apply Now!



Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.



Teacher Leader Summit 2026



Final Registration for Teacher Leader Summit Closes April 12, 2026.

Dates	Pricing
March 16-April 12	\$299

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.



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 Consideration</u>
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

Program Approval opens May 1, 2026.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



Numeracy Coursework Review

The LDOE will begin collecting course descriptions for updated numeracy coursework this fall.

We will host a [webinar](#) to discuss the collection process on **April 30 at 10:00 a.m.**

Please sign up for the webinar using the [Professional Learning Form](#) by **April 28**.
The Zoom meeting invite will be sent to the provided email address on **April 29**.



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 <https://title2.ed.gov/> and complete the IPRC report for academic year 24-25 by the deadline, **April 30, 2026**.

Please be aware of the following dates:

- **February 17, 2026:** Report Opened (Certification window opens late March/early April).
- **April 1, 2026 (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, 2026:** Report closes. IPRC Certification for Title II reporting must be complete by April 30, 2026.

Please contact Title2@trewon.com with questions.



MMCS Data Verification

The window to verify 2024-2025 Teacher Preparation Provider (TPP) completer rosters in [MMCS](#) is now open and will close on April 6, 2026. An email from MMCS Consulting was sent with your username and password to access the portal on March 16, 2026. The LDOE has developed a [Performance Profile Verification Guide](#) for your reference as you verify data in the [MMCS portal](#).

We will also a webinar for your convenience to go over the verification process:

Webinar Date and time: **March 27 at 1:00 p.m.**

[Webinar Link](#)

Meeting ID#: 928 6419 7646

Passcode: 442670

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov 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.”



Bayou Bridges Office Hours

Join the LDOE social studies team for the seventh [office hours](#) session of the 2025-2026 school year to receive additional support with [Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Social Studies Curriculum](#) and [Foundations of Freedom: A Louisiana Civics Program](#). The topic this month is Grade Banded Standards Roadmap.

Webinar Date and Time: **April 1 at 3:15 p.m.**

[Webinar Link](#)

Webinar Phone Number: 1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID#: 974 3607 5546

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov for more information.



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 **March 5, 2026**)

- 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 **March 5, 2026**)

- Christie Spohn - Teach Ascension
- Terrie Johnson - Centenary
- Terry Degruise- Greaux Lafourche
- Glenda Hembree - Loyola
- Jennifer Cook - LSU
- Renae Broussard - McNeese
- 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

- February 2026
 - 2,972 Applications Processed
 - Applications Solved within 27 business days
 - 3,212 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within 1 business days
 - 1,249 educators cleared in February

Praxis Replacement Titles

Date of Discontinued Test Last Administration: August 2026

Title to be Discontinued	Replacement Test
Middle School Social Studies (5089)	Middle School Social Studies (5589)
Pre-Kindergarten Education (5531)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge (5533)
Education of Young Children (5024)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content (5534)
ParaPro Assessment (1755)*	ParaPathways: Reading and Writing (5758) ParaPathways: Mathematics (5759)

*Policy approved at January 2026 BESE.



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](#)

[Mentor and Resident Funding Slide Deck](#)

[Pre-Ed Pathway](#)

[Grow Your Own Learning Visit Registration](#)

[Geaux Teach Scholarship](#)

[PLPG Training and Resources](#)

[Updated Contact Form](#)

[Literacy Guidance Document](#)

[FTP Link](#)

[Guide for Dyslexia in Louisiana](#)

[Provider Spotlight Form](#)

[Educator Fingerprinting Packet](#)

[2026-2030 High-Need School List](#)



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.**

