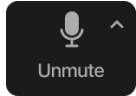
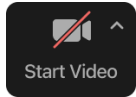


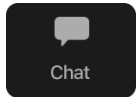
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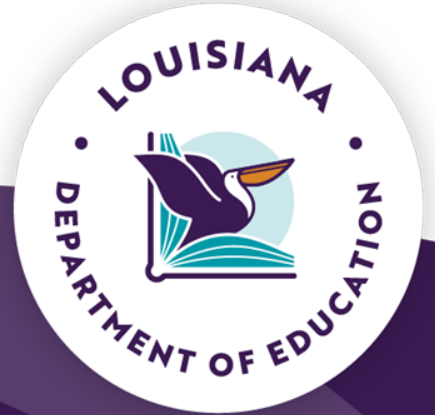


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# Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



May 20, 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

- Educator Development Updates
- Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates
- Certification Reminders
- Resources



# Educator Development Updates



# Geaux Teach Scholarship

The [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 post-secondary 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 [deborah.paul@la.gov](mailto:deborah.paul@la.gov) with questions.



# Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy

Applications are now open for the Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy. This one-of-a-kind, five-day hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience is designed for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or related coursework.

Join us **July 13–17** at Louisiana State University.

**Apply Now!**



Please contact [louisianaleaders@la.gov](mailto:louisianaleaders@la.gov) with questions.



# Mentor Teacher Waivers

[Mentor Waivers](#) for the 2025-2026 school year are currently available and will close on **June 1, 2026**. Once the window is closed, a list of approved mentor waivers will be emailed to each school system's human resources department.

[Mentor Waivers](#) for the 2026-2027 school year will open on **June 15, 2026**.

Residents and practitioners who span multiple academic years must obtain a mentor waiver for each academic year.

Please contact [MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov](mailto:MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov) with any questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit 2026



A vertical promotional graphic with a purple background on the left and a white background on the right. The purple section contains the text: 'KEYNOTE SPEAKER' in white, 'KIM MULKEY' in large white letters, 'LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH' in smaller white letters, 'MAY 26-28 | NEW ORLEANS' in white, and an orange button that says 'REGISTRATION OPEN'. At the bottom left of the purple section is the Louisiana Department of Education logo. The white section features the 'BIG IDEAS START HERE' logo at the top, a portrait of Kim Mulkey in a purple jacket in the center, and a row of five colored dots (orange, teal, purple, orange, teal) at the bottom.

LSU Women's Basketball Head Coach Kim Mulkey will kick off Teacher Leader Summit 2026 on **May 26!** A Louisiana native and championship leader, Coach Mulkey brings powerful insights on excellence, leadership, and teamwork that reflect the heart of educators' daily work.

Please contact [LDOEvents@la.gov](mailto:LDOEvents@la.gov) with questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit 2026

Attendees can now add sessions to their agenda in the Cvent app!

Attendees received an email with the QR code and event ID on **May 15**.

- Event ID: **TLS26idea5**



Please contact [LDOEvents@la.gov](mailto:LDOEvents@la.gov) with questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit 2026



Please review the “Useful Information” section on the [TLS Event Website!](#)

- Event Check-in
- T-shirt distribution
- Parking
- Health and Safety reminders
- What to bring
- Social Media tags
- Wi-fi
- Attire-New this year, show your spirit on **Wednesday, May 27**

Please contact [LDOEvents@la.gov](mailto:LDOEvents@la.gov) with questions.



# Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates



# Program Approval

Program Application Timeline							
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</u> Consideration
<b>Spring</b>	September 1	October 1	December 10	December 11	February 15	TBD	April TBD
<b>Fall</b>	May 1	June 1	July 10	July 11	August 26	TBD	October TBD

The new program approval application window opened May 1, 2026. All notice of intents are due by **June 1**.

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with questions.



# Computer Science Requirements Timeline

## Computer Science Requirements Timeline

Timeline	Action
October 2024	<a href="#">K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science</a> 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.”



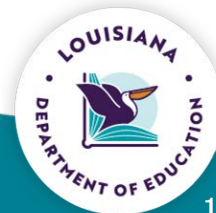
# Computer Science Frameworks

Implementation frameworks for [Grade 3](#) and [Grade 4](#) are now available to help Teacher preparation providers integrate computer science into math and science coursework.

These frameworks serve as a roadmap to:

- embed computational thinking directly into daily math and science lessons; and
- master computer science standards without adding extra hours to the coursework.

Contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.



# Land of Liberty Summer Professional Learning

To support the initial implementation of [Land of Liberty: The History of the United States](#), the LDOE is hosting in-person, regional professional learning opportunities this summer at no registration cost to systems.

- Duration: Half-day sessions 8:30 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Locations: 2 sites across the state
  - St. Tammany Parish
  - Ouachita Parish
- Registration deadline: **June 15**

See the [Land of Liberty Summer Professional Learning](#) flyer for dates, locations, and [registration](#) form.

Please contact [socialstudies@la.gov](mailto:socialstudies@la.gov) with questions.



# Social Studies Summer Professional Learning

The LDOE is hosting free, in-person regional sessions this July focused on strengthening social studies instruction.

- Sessions: [Social Studies Walkthrough Tool PL](#) (8:30–11:30 a.m.) and [K-2 Knowledge Building Cards PL](#) (12:30–3:30 p.m.)
- Registration deadline: **June 30**
  - July 7- Lake Charles
  - July 8 - Ville Platte
  - July 9 - Baton Rouge
  - July 14 - Shreveport
  - July 15 - Ruston
  - July 16 - Winnsboro

Please contact [socialstudies@la.gov](mailto:socialstudies@la.gov) with questions.



# Coming Soon: Social Studies Resources

The LDOE is releasing two new resources this summer to support social studies instruction, including:

- [Foundations of Freedom: A Louisiana Civics Program](#) and [Land of Liberty: A History of the United States](#) Instructional Slide Decks; and
- [Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum](#) K-2 Knowledge Building Cards.

Teacher Preparation Providers should support the use of these upcoming resources to strengthen consistent, standards-aligned social studies instruction within coursework.

Please contact [socialstudies@la.gov](mailto:socialstudies@la.gov) with questions.



# ELA Standards Institutes

Prepare to implement the revised K-12 Louisiana Student Standards in the 2027-2028 school year by joining the [ELA Standards Institutes](#) this summer. Registration is now open.

Participants will

- review the updated standards;
- explore the Standards Reference Guide; and
- analyze how the curriculum-embedded assessments align to the standards.

Please contact [elaguidebooks@la.gov](mailto:elaguidebooks@la.gov) with questions.



# Math Standards Institutes

Registration is open for the [2026 Math Standards Institutes](#). This institute will support teacher preparation providers in implementing the revised K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics. The standards institutes will be six-hour professional learning sessions where math leaders and educators will learn about key updates to the standards, including updated domain titles, updated standard language and examples, and resources that support deep understanding and implementation of the standards.

Registration is limited. Sign up today!

Please contact [math@la.gov](mailto:math@la.gov) with questions.



# Updated Science Resources Coming Soon

The LDOE is updating guidance to assist teacher preparation providers and school systems with planning for the 2026-2027 school year. Updated resources will appear on the [K-12 Science Planning Page](#). Grades K-5 Guides to Piloting OpenSciEd are now available and additional updated resources will be available on a rolling basis starting this summer:

- Grades 6-8 Guides to Implementing Amplify
- Grades 6-8 Guides to Implementing OpenSciEd (all versions)
- Biology Guides to Implementing OpenSciEd (all versions)

Contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.

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# OpenSciEd Grades 6-8 Guidance for 2026-2027

<b>Webinar Option 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Webinar Date and Time: <b>July 31 at 9 a.m.</b></li><li>● Webinar Link: <a href="https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792">https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792</a></li><li>● Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799</li><li>● Meeting ID#: 958 5418 0792</li></ul>
<b>Webinar Option 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Webinar Date and Time: <b>August 3 at 2:30 p.m.</b></li><li>● Webinar Link: <a href="https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792">https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792</a></li><li>● Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799</li><li>● Meeting ID#: 958 5418 0792</li></ul>
<b>Webinar Option 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Webinar Date and Time: <b>August 5 at 3:30 p.m.</b></li><li>● Webinar Link: <a href="https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792">https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95854180792</a></li><li>● Webinar Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799</li><li>● Meeting ID#: 958 5418 0792</li></ul>

Implementation Guidance Webinars will support educators in implementing recommended updates to OpenSciEd units for Grades 6 and 7 effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Contact [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with questions.



# Numeracy Coursework Review

Numeracy coursework updates for all math courses will be collected Fall 2026. A webinar was held **April 30, 2026**. If you need a copy of the slide deck and the submission documents please email [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov)

## Coursework Submission Timeline:

- **August 1, 2026:** Coursework submission opens
- **October 1, 2026:** Coursework submission due
- **December 31, 2026:** Final determinations are made



# 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](mailto:math@la.gov) for more information.



# Act 260 Numeracy Training (K-3 Completers)

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 **May 5**)

- Terry Degruise - Greaux Lafourche
- Lynn Stratton - LA Tech
- Stephanie Autin - Nicholls
- 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](mailto:math@la.gov) for more information.



# Act 260 Numeracy Training (4-8 Completers)

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 **May 6**)

- Christie Spohn - Teach Ascension
- Terrie Johnson - Centenary
- Terry Degruise- Greaux Lafourche
- Glenda Hembree - Loyola
- Jennifer Cook - LSU
- Renae Broussard - McNeese
- Adam Cole- Reach University
- Rachael Erminger- Teach St. Tammany
- Brandy Tuminello- Teach Tangi
- Jenita Hegwood - Southern University New Orleans
- Jennifer Campbell- University of Holy Cross
- Ann Hancock - ULM

Please contact [math@la.gov](mailto: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 <a href="#">numeracy training</a> on the LDOE <a href="#">PL Platform</a> .
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

- April 2026
  - Certification
    - 2,970 Applications Processed
    - Applications processed within 9 business days
    - 3,353 Questions closed
    - Questions solved within .8 business days
  - Credentialing
    - 1,343 educators cleared
    - Credentials processed within 2 business days



# 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.**



# Q&A

