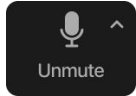
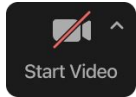


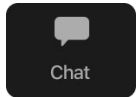
Zoom Meeting Preparation



- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Mute.”



- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
 - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Stop Video.”



- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Educator Certification and Credentialing Monthly Call

April 20, 2026



Agenda

- Opening Remarks and Call Norms
- Processing by the Numbers
- Certification Office Updates
- Educator Development Updates
- Background Credentialing Updates
- Louisiana Educator Certification Portal Updates
- Certification Reminders
- Dates of Importance, Support, and Resources



ETWD Call Norms

- **Stay Muted Unless Speaking:** reduce background noise by keeping your microphone muted when not speaking.
- **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.



Certification & Credentialing Processing by the Numbers

- March 2026
 - Certification
 - 3,162 Applications Processed
 - Applications processed within 12 business days
 - 3,665 Questions solved
 - Questions solved within .8 business days
 - Credentialing
 - 1,313 educators cleared
 - Credentials processed within 2 business days



Certification Updates



Contact us through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).

Praxis Replacement Titles

Date of Discontinued Test Last Administration: August 2026

Title to be Discontinued	Replacement Test	Adopted Score
Middle School Social Studies (5089)	Middle School Social Studies (5589)	149
Pre-Kindergarten Education (5531)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge (5533)	156
Education of Young Children (5024)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content (5534)	163
ParaPro Assessment (1755)	ParaPathways: Reading and Writing (5758) ParaPathways: Mathematics (5759)	332 334



Educator Development Updates



Mentor Resident Spring Collection Webinar

Data collection for spring mentor compensation will take place during the 2025-2026 academic year. Please plan to attend this webinar for updated requirements for coding and reporting.

The Spring 2026 Mentor and Resident Funding call will also review the funding eligibility and process.

- Webinar date/time: April 30 at 1 p.m.
- Webinar link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98394424582>
- Meeting ID: 983 9442 4582
- Phone: 470-381-2552

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Certified Mentors Statewide

The LDOE has recently created a list of all certified mentors statewide. This list contains the following information for the 4,894 certified mentors:

- System mentor is employed
- School site mentor is employed
- Certification area of mentor
- Expiration of certification

This information will assist education preparation providers place residents with certified mentors in the appropriate content areas.

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Mentor Teacher Waivers

Waivers for the 2025-2026 school year will close on June 1, 2026. Once this is closed, a list of each system's approved waivers will be emailed to their HR department.

Waivers for the 2026-2027 school year will open on June 15, 2026.

It is important to note that for residents and practitioners whose year-long residency spans multiple academic years, a mentor waiver must be obtained for each academic year.

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Educator Background Credentialing

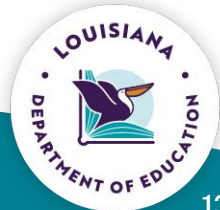


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Certification Sanctions

- “Sanction” is a disciplinary action that can restrict or otherwise penalize a teaching license. Sanctions may be imposed for a variety of reasons.
- Louisiana certification sanctions include **denial**, **suspension**, **revocation**, **denial lifted**, and **reinstatement**.
- Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy which governs these actions can be found in Chapter 19 of [Bulletin 746](#).
- Sanctions are publicly listed on an educator’s certification with the date action was taken, but no specific reason is stated.

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Reasons for Certification Sanction

Louisiana law and the policies established by BESE in Bulletin 746, Chapter 19 state that educator credentials, even if expired, may be sanctioned for:

- conviction of certain criminal offenses,
- **the submission of fraudulent documentation,**
- any professional license censure,
- failure to meet effectiveness standards, or
- participation in cheating.

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Submission of Fraudulent Documentation

- Fraudulent Documentation (Bulletin 746): Any document that is false, altered, or misrepresents truth submitted to LDOE or BESE to **obtain** or **support** certification.
- Key Consideration: Signing or attesting to information without verification may result in inaccurate or false documentation.

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Real-World Example

- Example: Mentor Attestation Documentation
- LDOE is seeing documentation where:
 - Mentor listed was not employed in the same school system during the residency period
 - Mentor listed could not reasonably support the number of assigned mentees
 - Attestations signed without verifiable alignment to actual placement
- Key Issue: Attestation does not match verifiable employment or capacity
- Risk: May be considered submission of inaccurate or fraudulent documentation

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Consequences of Fraud

- If fraudulent documentation is confirmed:
 - Credential may be denied or suspended
 - Subject to BESE sanction proceedings
 - Reported to NASDTEC Clearinghouse
- Reinstatement Eligibility:
 - Not eligible for review until 5 years after sanction
- Applies to ANY certificated individual involved

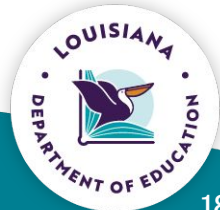
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Expectations

- All signatories should:
 - read and verify before signing.
 - not attest to unverifiable information.
 - when in doubt, pause and confirm.
- Our shared responsibility is to protect the integrity of Louisiana certification.

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Louisiana Educator Certification Portal




New Features Added

- Remove Me

Application Started (1/5/2026 -)

Click here to open the application: 

 Remove me

Form Name	Status
Personal Information - No Fee Certificate	
Professional Conduct Form - Jan 2025	
Resident Application - Applicant	

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



New Features Added

- Course Code & Area of Certification finder moved to LEP Home page.

The screenshot displays the LEP Educator Portal interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Certification Help Center', 'My Educator Profile', 'Certification', and 'OTS'. The user's name 'LANA HUTCHINSON' is visible in the top right. The left sidebar contains several menu items, with 'Course Code & Area of Certification Finder' highlighted in orange. The main content area is titled 'Course Code & Area of Certification Finder' and features a search bar with 'Biology' entered. Below the search bar is an 'Export to Excel' button and a message: 'Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column'. A table with four columns is displayed: 'Course Code', 'Course Name', 'Grades', and 'Certification Areas'. The table contains three rows of data, with the 'View' button in the second row highlighted in red.

Course Code	Course Name	Grades	Certification Areas
149993	Biology II: Cambridge AICE - AS (Honors)		View
149994	Biology II: DE - BIOL 2123 Microbiology Science Majors		View
149995	Biology II: DE - BIOL 2102 General Microbiology		View

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Requested Actions Updates

- Details button moved to the left side.
- Application name added to start application requests.
- Assigned, Submitted, Completed, and Rejected tabs added.

Requested Actions

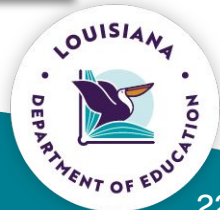
Assigned Submitted **Completed** Rejected

Search

Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column

Details	Location	Permission Target	Category	Action Requested	Affected User	Requester	Status	Claimed By	Completed Date	Additional Info
Details			LEC	Start Application	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Completed	Claimed By [REDACTED]	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Status Change
Details			LEC	Start Application	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Completed	Claimed By [REDACTED]	Monday, February 23, 2026	Initial Certification Recommendation

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



Requested Actions Updates

- Requested Actions notifications added.

The screenshot displays the 'Educator Profile' page for LANA HUTCHINSON. The page header includes the user name and a 'Start New Certification Application' button. A yellow notification banner at the top states 'You have 100 requested actions.' with a 'View Requested Actions' button and a close icon. The left sidebar lists navigation options: Evaluations, Certifications, Application Directory, My Applications, Add New Application, and Requested Actions (with a red badge showing '100'). The main content area is titled 'Personal Data' and contains a form with the following fields:

Name:	LANA HUTCHINSON
Contact Email:	[REDACTED] Valid
Staff State ID:	[REDACTED]
SSN:	***** Show

For questions, contact [Teacher Certification Help Center](#).



Certification Expirations Updates

- Certificates expiring soon are now highlighted in red.
- Option added to only show expiring certificate for each school selected.

The screenshot displays the 'Public Certification' interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Public Certification, Active Applications, Submitted Applications, Certification Expirations (highlighted), and PRAXIS Search. The main area is titled 'List Of Schools' and shows a dropdown for 'School System' set to '(001) Acadia Parish School System'. Below this, there are two panels. The left panel, '(001) Acadia Parish School System', contains a table of schools. The right panel, 'Crowley High School', shows a checkbox for 'Only show expiring certificates' and a table of certificates. Red boxes highlight the '1 expir' indicator in the Acadia Parish table, the 'Only show expiring certificates' checkbox, and the 'Valid until 4/29/2026' date in the Crowley High School table.

C.	Name of School	Certificat...
001700	Acadia Parish Central Office	1 expir →
001777	Acadia Parish- Underage Homeless Site	→
001900	Acadia's Parish School Board's Alternative Program	→
001000	Administrative Services -- Special Education	→

Name	Certificates	A.
	22 691210 Valid until 4/29/2026	
	CC 690124 Valid Life	→
	21 670893 Not Valid	
	No Certification	→

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Mentor Teacher Application Updates

- **Mentor Teacher Endorsement or Ancillary and Mentor Teacher Provisional** applications can now be routed to HR if selected by the applicant.

(OPTIONAL) Would you like to submit this application to your HR office for review?

Please contact your HR office for local requirements when submitting this application.

Yes

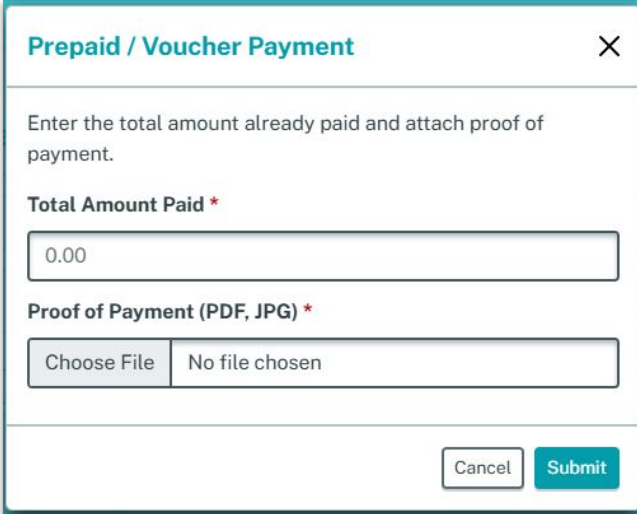
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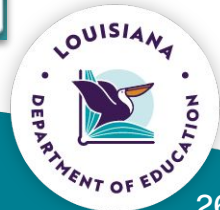
Expired Applications and Payment Updates

- An email will now be sent to everyone that has signed an application if the application expires.
- Streamlined process for using a Prepaid Amount
 - Does not unlock the Applicant Section or insert a new form
 - Simplified pop-up can be selected by any party on the application



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Prepaid / Voucher Payment" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following elements:

- Instruction: "Enter the total amount already paid and attach proof of payment."
- Field: "Total Amount Paid *" with a text input box containing "0.00".
- Field: "Proof of Payment (PDF, JPG) *" with a file selection button labeled "Choose File" and a text box showing "No file chosen".
- Buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit" at the bottom right.



Dates of Importance, Supports, and Resources



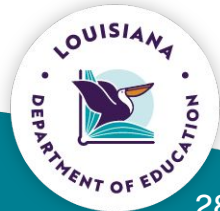
Teacher Leader Summit 2026



A vertical promotional graphic with a purple background on the left and a light grey 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 white, 'MAY 26-28 | NEW ORLEANS' in white, and an orange button with 'REGISTRATION OPEN' in white. At the bottom left is the Louisiana Department of Education logo. The grey section features the 'BIG IDEAS START HERE' logo at the top, a portrait of Kim Mulkey in a blue 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 with questions.



Important Dates

April 29: [Preparation Provider Monthly Call](#)

April 30: [Mentor /Resident Spring Collection Call](#)

May 1: [System Leader Monthly Call](#)





Supports and Resources

- [School System Support Calendar](#)
- [Educator Resource Guide](#)
- [School System Planning Resources](#)
- [Family Support Toolbox Library](#)
- [Certification Bulletin, Bulletin 746](#)
- [TeachLouisiana.net](#)
- [Louisiana Educator Portal \(LEP\)](#)



Certification Reminders



Certification Monthly Calls

Below are the dates for the 2025-2026 school year. Calls will be held on the following dates for this upcoming school year.

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.	February 2, at 10:30 a.m.
February 23, at 10:30 a.m.	March 16, at 10:30 a.m.	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.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.



Questions and Answers

