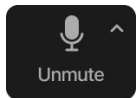
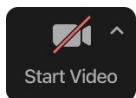


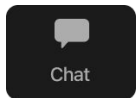
Zoom Meeting Preparation



- 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

August 18, 2025



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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 Processing by the Numbers

- June 2025
 - 2580 Applications Processed
 - 90.47% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - Average Processing Time = 9.25 Business days
 - 1287 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within 1 Business Days Average
- July 2025
 - 2815 Applications Processed
 - 67.67% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - Average Processing Time = 14.37 Business days
 - 1,419 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within Business .9 Days Average

Educator Background Credentialing



Clear Credential & Fingerprinting Resources

- **13,667 Clear Credentials** were granted between January 1st and August 11th.
- Clear Credential Information and Resources:
 - [What does “Clear Credential” mean?](#)
 - [Educator Fingerprinting Packet](#)
 - [Certification Suspension, Revocation, & Reinstatement](#)
- To check the status of fingerprinting with IdentoGO, direct the applicant to <https://uenroll.identogo.com/status-check>.
- If “Clear Credential” does not appear on www.teachlouisiana.net in three weeks or less following fingerprinting under service code **27N5HQ**, email EducatorClearance@la.gov.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Act 409 - Key Focus Areas

Signed into law as [Act 409, Senate Bill 41](#) strengthens child welfare and safety standards in education.

While much of the legislation applies to early learning centers, several key changes impact all school systems, including changes to [LA R.S. 17:15](#) directing school systems' hiring and dismissal practices.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Act 409 Revises LA R.S. 17:15 for Hiring

This law directs school systems in hiring practices. In addition to a criminal background check (CBC), the **employer** is directed to **check the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) state central registry**.

Persons:

- with prohibited convictions (those listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C), or
- whose name is recorded on the DCFS central registry as a person who has a substantiated complaint of child abuse or neglect on or after August 1, 2018, **cannot be hired** by a local public school board or a nonpublic school system.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Act 409 Revises LA R.S. 17:15 for Dismissal

This law directs school systems to **dismiss** any employee:

- whose name is recorded on the DCFS central registry as a person who has a substantiated complaint of child abuse or neglect on or after August 1, 2025,
- who submitted fraudulent documents to BESE/LDOE,
- who facilitated cheating on any state assessment as determined by BESE, or
- who was convicted of a prohibited conviction.

Employees are required to self-report within two business days.

School systems who knowingly employ a person with prohibited conviction or whose name appears as substantiated on DCFS check may be subject to civil fines.

Please contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions.



Child Abuse & Neglect Clearance System (CANS)

School systems may request the DCFS State Central Registry (SCR) clearance through the Child Abuse and Neglect Clearance System (CANS).

To request access, refer to:

- [CANS K-12 Public School User Access Guide](#) or
- [CANS K-12 Non-Public School User Access Guide](#)

For help with access questions, please contact your local security coordinator.

Please contact SystemSupport@la.gov with questions.



Louisiana Educator Certification Portal



HR and Provider Access Requirements

LEC has been integrated into the [Louisiana Educator Portal](#) (LEP)

- School system personnel already using LEP for evaluation should only need to request permissions for the application portions.
- Nonpublic HR personnel and Preparation Providers will need:
 - An eScholar Staff ID
 - A [MyLA](#) account
 - Request permissions for the application portions
- Instructions to request permissions are currently linked on TeachLALive! if you have an authorized HR or Preparation account.
- Send a request through the [Teacher Certification Help Center](#) if you do not have an authorized TeachLALive! account.



Requesting a Staff ID

HR or Preparation Provider authorization will require an eScholar Staff ID.

- Traditional Public and Public Charter HR personnel likely already have a Staff ID for accessing other state systems.
- Nonpublic HR personnel and Preparation Providers may need to request a Staff ID before access to LEC can be granted.
 - Sign In to the [EdLink Ops Portal](#)
 - Select your Account Type
 - **Nonpublic Personnel:** I am a PK-12 Non-Public School employee
 - **Preparation Provider:** I am working for an External Partner »
Teacher Prep Provider
 - Enter the requested name, contact, and personal information
 - Save and Submit



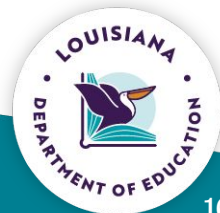
Applicant Access Requirements

- Educators already using LEP for evaluation should not need any additional access or accounts to start applications.
- Educators not already using LEP will only need a [MyLA](#) account.
- Applicants that have not used LEP for evaluation may need to validate their SSN before they can access applications.
- New hires and other applicants that are not reported as employed for 2025-26 may also need to validate their SSN.
- Share the [Logging in to the Louisiana Educator Portal - Individual Applicants](#) article from the Help Center with educators.
- See the [Louisiana Educator Portal home page](#) for login support contact information.



Clarification of LEC Misconceptions

- Current employment is **not required** for an educator to access LEP and start an application.
- Educators **are not** required to be reported in your 2025-26 data records to start an application and send it to your office for review and signature.
- Candidates enrolled in a program and employed with a school/system **should not** create a separate account for the preparation program.
- Except in a few places where documentation has been added, certification requirements **have not changed** - supporting documents required with the PDF applications are still required in LEC.
- All requests that previously required submission by the employing school system still require HR verification and signature.



Cancelling Applications

LEC provides increased controls to prevent incomplete or incorrect applications.

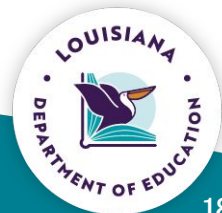
- Cancelling applications submitted through LEC will be very difficult and only granted on a case-by-case basis.
- Applications will no longer be closed without processing, as LEC now addresses all common issues that previously required applications to be returned for correction and resubmission.
- Applications submitted through LEC will be processed as submitted based on the documentation provided.



TeachLALive! Retirement

Application submission through [TeachLALive!](#) was disabled after business hours on August 11, 2025.

- The TeachLALive! website will remain available while the remaining PDF applications are being processed.
- History and other features will be available until the site is retired.
- Anticipated date of retirement: **September 30, 2025.**



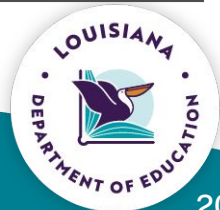
Educator Development Updates



Content Leader and Mentor Teacher Portfolio

Vendor	Contact	Assessment Portfolios	Cost	Serving
Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (A+Pel)	Emily Ogden emily@apeleducators.org	Mentor Teacher Content Leader • K-2 Literacy • ELA • Math • Science	\$175	Open to all applicants
Louisiana Tech University	Dr. Amy Vessel avessel@latech.edu	Mentor Teacher Content Leader • ELA • Math • Science	\$0	Only Louisiana Tech University students
McNeese State University	Dr. Lori Benoit lbenoit11@mcneese.edu Dr. Angelique Ogea aogea@mcneese.edu	Mentor Teacher	\$300	Only McNeese State University students Open to all applicants-June 2026

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with questions.



Content Leader and Mentor Teacher Portfolio

Vendor	Contact	Assessment Portfolios	Cost	Serving
Northwestern State University	Dr. Dylan Solice soliced@nsula.edu	Mentor Teacher Content Leader • K-2 Literacy • ELA • Math • Science	\$250	Open to all applicants
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Dr. Shalanda Stanley sstanley@ulm.edu Dr. Myra Lovett mlovett@ulm.edu	Mentor Teacher	Not yet determined	Only University of Louisiana at Monroe students
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Dr. Elizabeth Grossie Dr. Peter Shepherd mentor.teachers@louisiana.edu	Mentor Teacher	\$175	Only University of Louisiana at Lafayette students

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with questions.



Dates of Importance, Supports, and Resources





Important Dates

Aug 11: Last day to submit applications to [TeachLALive!](#)

Aug 19-20: BESE Meetings

Aug 27: [Preparation Provider Monthly Call](#)

Aug 28: Teacher Certification Appeals Council



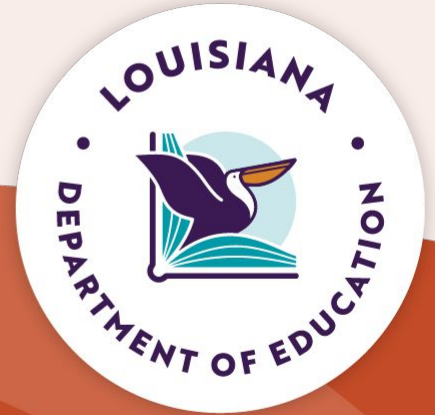


Supports and Resources

- [School System Support Calendar](#)
- [Educator Resource Guide](#)
- [School System Planning Resources](#)
- [Family Support Toolbox Library](#)
- [Certification Bulletin, Bulletin 746](#)
- [Online Teacher Certification Portal, Teach LA Live!](#)
- [TeachLouisiana.net](#)



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.	January 26, 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.

