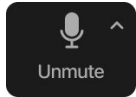
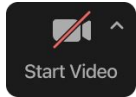


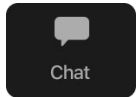
Zoom Meeting Preparation



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- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
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- 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

June 15, 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
- Extended Learning



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

- May 2026
 - Certification
 - 2,706 Applications Processed
 - Applications processed within 8 business days
 - 3,783 Questions closed
 - Questions closed within .9 business days
 - Credentialing
 - 1,613 educators cleared
 - Credentials processed within 2 business days



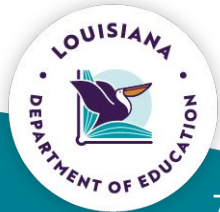
Certification Updates



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

Office Hours update

Effective July 1, the afternoon rotation will transition from 3:00–4:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.



Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) update

- Issuance or renewal of JROTC certification has been removed from policy.
- All applicable applications have been updated to remove this as an option for initial or renewal.
- Educators holding this certificate are still required to be evaluated annually with final results entered into the Louisiana Evaluation System.



Ancillary-School Psychologist

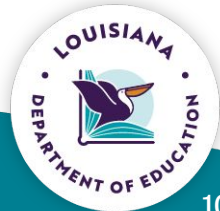
Effective August 1, 2026, educators renewing a School Psychologist certificate through Continuing Learning Units or contact hours will no longer be required to submit documentation of completed hours directly to our office. An [attestation form](#) verifying completion of the required hours must be signed by one of the following individuals:

- Director of Special Education
- Director of Pupil Appraisal



Praxis Teaching of Reading/Language Arts

Beginning January 1, 2027, the Praxis Teaching of Reading/Language Arts (7002) passing score will increase from 138 to 147.



Pre-Practitioner's License (PL)

At the June BESE meeting, the Pre-Practitioner's License was updated to now include the following:

- Passing scores on content area exam(s) have not been achieved. Candidate must complete courses or programs offered by the teacher preparation program designed to support the educator in passing the required exams.
- The candidate may complete up to twelve required credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the approved program while holding a pre-PL.
- Mentoring is required by a school-based mentor for each year.

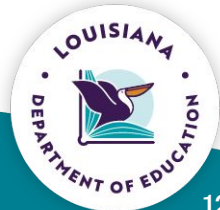


Pre-Practitioner's License (PL) continued

The Pre-PL may be held for up to two years.

Renewal requirements include:

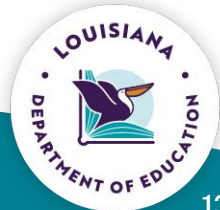
- Remain provisionally enrolled in the practitioner teacher, certification-only, or master's degree alternate certification program and have completed no more than twelve of the required credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the approved program.
- Provide evidence that all content exams required for full admission into the enrolled program have been attempted twice since issuance of the pre-practitioner license.



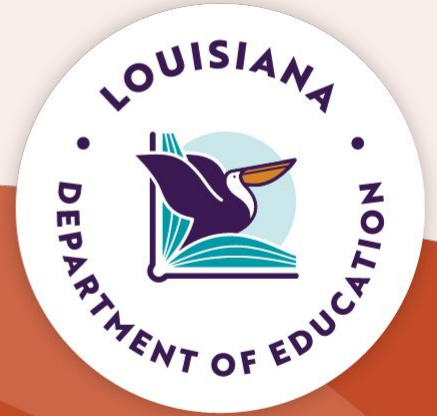
Pre-Practitioner's License (PL) continued

Renewal requirements include:

- Receive mentoring by a school-based mentor teacher for each year on the pre-practitioner license. Such mentoring does not replace the one-year mentored residency during the first year on the PL or Resident Teacher certificate required for professional certification.
- Must complete courses or programs offered by the teacher preparation program designed to support the educator in passing the required exams.



Educator Development Updates



Mentor Teacher Waivers

Waivers for the 2025-2026 school year closed on June 1. Lists of approved waivers will be emailed out to systems in the coming days.

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

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.

Please contact MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



New Teacher Experience: Train the Trainer

Louisiana's New Teacher Experience (NTE) will transition to a system-based [Train-the-Trainer model](#). Systems will send 2–4 facilitators to three required training days in June and November, then deliver all five NTE modules locally using LDOE materials.

This shift reduces travel and substitute barriers while maintaining program quality and statewide alignment. [Registration](#) is now open.

Please contact mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov with questions.



New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick Off

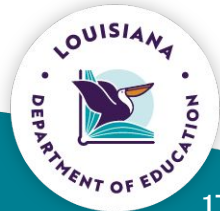
The LDOE will host the [New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off](#) on July 24 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 400 new teachers.

The goals of the event are to:

- Welcome new teachers to the profession.
- Understand the components of Louisiana's New Teacher Experience.
- Engage in professional learning around topics relevant to new teachers.
- Provide statewide networking opportunities for new teachers.

[Registration](#) is now open.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.



Aspiring Educators Curriculum Deep Dive

Join us for an in-person training session designed to explore the LDOE's Aspiring Educators curriculum. Participants will gain an overview of the two course offerings: Foundations of Education and Learning Communities.

[Register now](#) to reserve your seat. The training will take place on **July 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in the Thomas Jefferson Room at the Claiborne Building.

Please email louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.



Novice Principal Academy

- The Novice Principal Academy (NPA) program is designed around the needs of novice principals and includes individualized mentor support.
- [Application for NPA participants](#) is open now and can be completed by the employing school/system.
- The deadline to apply is **July 6**.
- Kick off for the Academy will be **July 16-17** at the Claiborne building.
- The cost of this program is \$1,000.

Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions.



Extended Sick Leave Reporting

[Louisiana law R.S. 17:1202](#), requires all city, parish, and local public school boards to provide eligible teachers with extended sick leave benefits under certain medical circumstances. In addition, each local public school board must:

- Maintain a sick leave bank donation policy,
- Keep physician information confidential,
- Ensure leave decisions are made by the local superintendent, and
- Submit **annual leave usage reports** to the Louisiana Department of Education.

Please [report](#) your annual leave by **July 17**.

Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with any questions.



Educator Background Credentialing



Contact EducatorClearance@la.gov with questions or submit questions through the [Teacher Certification Help Portal](#).

CBC Processing Updates

- LDOE experienced a temporary delay in receiving criminal background check (CBC) results from Louisiana State Police due to system updates.
- Applicants fingerprinted during the affected period experienced a delay before their Clear Credential appeared in online.
- The issue has been resolved, and CBC results are once again being received and processed.
- Applicants should continue checking the Louisiana Educator Certification (LEC) system in LEP for Clear Credential updates under “Certifications.”

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Louisiana Educator Certification Portal

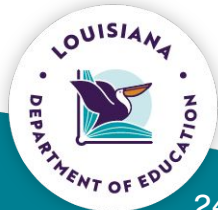


New Features

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



New Features

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Certificate(s) / Permit(s)							
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✓	LEVEL 1 - TEACHING CERTIFICATE - 685637		View	02/25/2025	02/25/2025	02/25/2028	NO
✓	CLEARCREDENTIAL - CLEARED FOR CREDENTIALING - 680698			02/08/2025			YES
Degree(s)							
Year ↓	Degree	Issued By					
2008	B.A.	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA					
General Areas(s) Of Certification							
Code	Description	Grade Range	Issued Date ↓				
206	HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (K-12)	25 - 12	02/25/2025				
070	***CREDENTIAL CLEARANCE AS PER LA R.S. 17:8.9***		02/08/2025				

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New Features

- Verify a Certificate or Teaching Authorization by social security number for HR representatives and preparation providers.

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Ssn	Certificate Number	
TEST	SAMPLE	MAIDEN	123456789	L2 624439	View
TEST	SAMPLE	MAIDEN	123456789	P2 624438	View
TEST	SAMPLE	MAIDEN	123456789	L5 627641	View

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New Features Coming Soon

- Status of a Certification Application on the LEP Home page.

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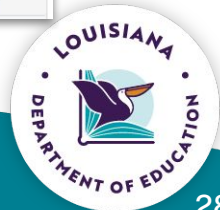
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Case Number	Details	View	Letter	Application	Opened	Status	Description
510811	If you have additional certification questions, please feel free to contact the Louisiana Department. More		02/02/2023	N/A	01/31/2023	02/02/2023	Case Closed
383370				N/A	12/13/2018	12/13/2018	Case Closed

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



Dates of Importance, Supports, and Resources





Important Dates

June 19: Juneteenth (State Offices Closed)

June 24: [Preparation Provider Monthly Call](#)

June 25: Teacher Certification Appeals Council

July 3: Independence Day Observance (State Offices closed)

July 16-17: Novice Principal Academy



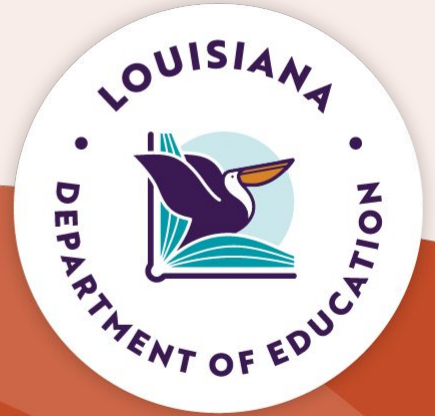


Supports and Resources

- [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.

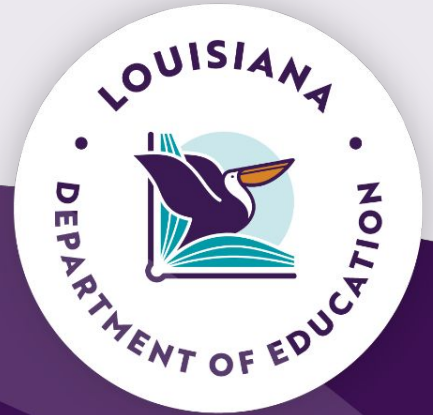


Questions and Answers



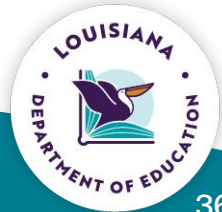
Extended Learning

Mentor Teacher



Purpose

The purpose of this extended learning session is to review initial certification mentorship requirements and best practices when submitting mentoring documentation with certification applications in alignment with policy.



Mentor Teacher



Mentor Teacher

A mentor teacher supports aspiring teachers participating in traditional and alternative teacher preparation programs.

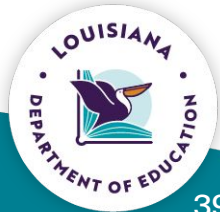
Mentor teachers use a cycle of coaching focused on instructional decisions to meet the needs of all students. Mentors may co-teach with year-long residents or may support teachers without co-teaching.



Mentor Teacher Eligibility Requirements

To serve as a Mentor Teacher, educators must hold one of the following:

- Mentor Teacher endorsement;
- Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate;
- Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate; or
- Approved Mentor Teacher Waiver for the school year(s) **in which mentoring will take place.**



Who Requires a Mentor Teacher?

All teacher candidates enrolled in a teacher preparation program must receive **one academic year** of mentorship.

- Traditional teacher candidates serving on the Resident (R) certificate must be placed with a **certified, classroom-based Mentor Teacher** who holds a **valid teaching certificate in the same area** as the candidate's enrolled program area.
- Alternative teacher candidates serving on a Practitioner License (PL) must be paired with a **certified, school system-based Mentor Teacher**.



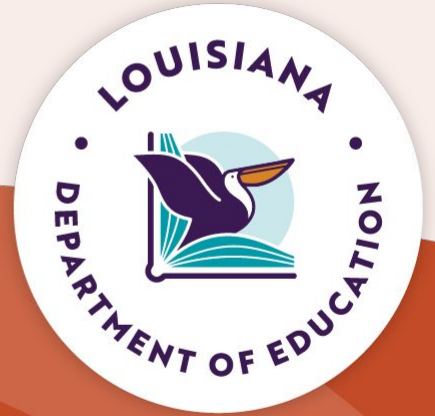
When is Mentor Teacher verification required?

The following applications require a copy of the assigned mentor teacher's valid teaching certificate verifying the Mentor Teacher endorsement, a valid Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary certificate, or an approved Mentor Teacher Waiver for the residency year:

- Resident Teacher (R)
- Practitioner License - Initial (PL)
- Practitioner License - Renewal (PL)
- Initial Certification Recommendation



Mentoring Attestation



Mentoring Attestation

This is a required legal document in which the teacher candidate, mentor teacher, and school system representative signatures attest to the truthfulness of the information verified on the submitted form.

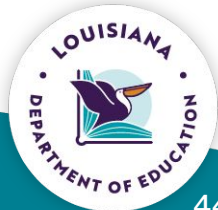
Signing or attesting to information without verification may result in inaccurate or false documentation. The submission of fraudulent documentation may result in certification sanction.



Mentoring Attestation

More than one Mentoring Attestation may be required if the teacher candidate has more than one mentor due to change in placements or school system staffing.

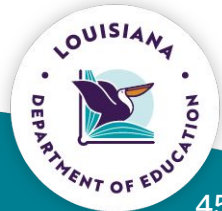
For each assigned mentor teacher, a completed Mentoring Attestation and verification of the Mentor Teacher credential or an approved Mentor Teacher Waiver are required.



When is a Mentoring Attestation required?

The following applications require a completed Mentoring Attestation signed by the teacher candidate, mentor teacher, and school system representative verifying the mentoring dates and a copy of the verified Mentor Teacher's mentoring credential:

- Practitioner License - Renewal (PL)
- Initial Certification Recommendation



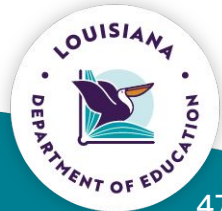
Application Best Practices



Resident Teacher

The hosting school system must verify their intent to host the resident in an **appropriate classroom** and assign the **classroom-based mentor teacher**.

- School where candidate is assigned to student teach
- Teaching area that aligns with/within enrolled program area
- Assigned mentor teacher who holds a **valid teaching certificate in the area for which the resident is pursuing certification**
- Copy of the assigned mentor's certification or current Mentor Waiver



Practitioner License - Initial

The employing school system must verify their intent to employ the candidate to teach in the area aligned with the certification area in which the candidate is being prepared.

- School where candidate is assigned to teach
- Assigned teaching area that **aligns with the candidate's Plan of Study**
- Assigned school system-based mentor teacher's name
- Copy of the assigned mentor's certification or current Mentor Waiver



Practitioner License - Renewal

The employing school system must verify their intent to employ the candidate to teach in the area aligned with the certification area in which the candidate is being prepared.

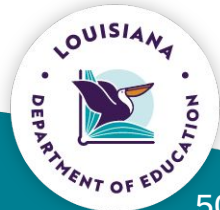
- School where candidate is assigned to teach
- Assigned Teaching Area that **aligns with the candidate's Plan of Study**
- First renewal of the PL
 - The Mentor Attestation, completed by the candidate, mentor, and employing school system, is required for the first renewal
 - Copy of the assigned mentor's certification or current Mentor Waiver



Initial Certification Recommendation

Teacher candidates must receive mentorship by a certified, classroom-based (Residents) or school system-based (Practitioners) mentor teacher who may collaborate with other personnel providing mentoring support.

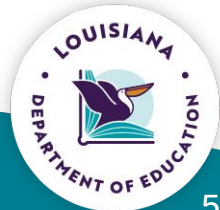
- School where candidate is assigned to teach
- Assigned Teaching Area that **aligns with the candidate's Plan of Study**
- Assigned Mentor Teacher
 - Mentor's certificate or Mentor Waiver for the period when mentoring occurred
- Signed Mentor Attestation Form(s)



Human Resources and Program Providers

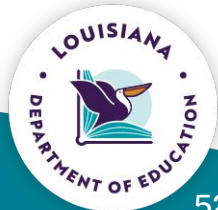
All previously mentioned applications are routed to Human Resources (HR) and Education Program Providers (EPP) **simultaneously**. These sections can be completed in any order.

Best Practice is for the EPP to **wait** until HR has completed their section, as the provider is the final authority to determine whether program requirements are aligned and/or met.



Certification Appeals

- Available to individuals denied certification due to unmet requirements in Bulletin 746
- Appeals are reviewed by the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC)
- TCAC decisions are final
- An official denial/evaluation from the Certification Office is required before filing an appeal
- Appeals must be submitted within 120 days of the denial date



Questions and Answers

