Guidance for School Systems

- The following pages include training-specific lists of BESE-approved vendors for Mentor and Content Leader training as of **April 2023**. Going forward, BESE will consider applications in October and April of each year and this list will be updated to reflect new approvals.

- Beginning in 2020-2021, school systems will be responsible for contacting vendors directly to arrange for training of new Mentors and Content Leaders. Contact information is provided below. Please reach out to vendors directly for more information about their training offerings and requirements.
    - Local-hosted training should be arranged directly with a vendor. Costs will vary based on the number of participants and services requested.
    - Participants in university-based training may be required to apply for admission and pay additional university fees as part of their training costs.

- We encourage school systems to refer to the School System Planning Guide in the School Improvement Library to ensure they meet requirements related to Mentors and Content Leaders.
    - For 2022-2023, all CIR-designated schools are expected to have at least one Mentor Teacher and a Content Leader in ELA, math, and K-2 Literacy. In addition, all UIR-A schools may request optional funding to train Content Leaders in Science and K-2 Literacy.

- Finally, starting on September 1, 2020, policy requires teachers to have earned the Mentor Teacher certificate to host an undergraduate resident or post-baccalaureate residents. There are two exceptions to this policy:
    - The Supervisor of Student Teaching certificate will allow holders to continue hosting residents until Fall of 2023.
    - The one-year, non-renewable provisional Mentor Teacher certificate will allow holders to mentor a resident while completing all certificate requirements.
    - In the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years, BESE approved the Mentor Credential Waiver which is granted on a case by case basis to educators that meet a list of pre-determined qualifications.

    For more information, please contact BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov.

Training Name: **Mentor Teacher Training**

Training Description: This training prepares local educators to become certified Mentor Teachers who will support undergraduate residents, post-baccalaureate candidates, and developing teachers in their district. Beginning September 1,2020, Mentor Teacher certification will be required to host a resident teacher. To be eligible for certification, Mentor Teachers must also pass the training-aligned Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series.

Mentor Teacher training focuses on improving participants' knowledge of essential content, content pedagogy, and methods to support others in their development of these concepts and skills. These following skills and knowledge are at the core of Mentor Teacher training:

- Building strong relationships with their residents/teachers
- Identifying and addressing the needs of residents/teachers based on teacher preparation competencies
- Implementing regular observation and feedback cycles to deliver resources and coaching for residents/teachers
- Tracking resident/teacher progress and facilitating self-reflection and improvement

In summer 2022, updates were made to the Mentor teacher training modules. Training providers have the option to update their training to align to these revised modules. The revisions include a reduction in the number of sessions. Noted in the list below of providers are those vendors who have already adopted the new revised version of the Mentor training.

Provider	Delivery Method	Training Offered and Cost	Contact Person
A+PEL	Online and in-person (when possible) with a combination of asynchronous, hybrid, and in-person training.	Offering open, rolling enrollment for centralized and district training Individual: $399 District: Contact vendor for more information; starting at $9,000 for in-person training *Implementing updated training modules	Keith Courville (keith@apeleducators.org)
Crescent City Schools	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual training combined with self-guided activities.	Training Offered to Crescent City Schools Employees Only	Julie Lause (jlause@crescentcityschools.org)
Collegiate Academies	Online and in-person (when possible) with training from a facilitator.	Offering district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary	Soraya Verjee (sverjee@collegiateacademies.org)

		based on number of participants)	
Dana Center at the University of Texas	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual training combined with self-guided activities.	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided)	Shelly Ledoux (shelly.ledoux@austin.utexas.edu)
FirstLine Schools	In-person (when possible)	Offering district training only *Implementing updated training modules	Scott Shirey (sshirey@firstlineschools.org)
Grambling State University	Online and in-person (when possible) with self-guided online training.	Offering centralized training Individual: $1790 (6 graduate credit hours)	Cheryl Ensley (ensleyc@gram.edu)
Grant Parish	Online and in-person (when possible) with training from a facilitator.	Offering centralized and district training In-District: $200 includes assessment fee Out of District: $675 includes assessment fee	Amy Merrell (amy.merrell@gpsb.org)
Learning Forward	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual training from a facilitator.	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants)	Tom Manning (tom.manning@learningforward.org)
Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge	In person (when possible)	Offering district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants) *Implementing updated training modules	Dr. Stan Barrera (esbarreraiv@lsu.edu)
Louisiana State University - Shreveport	Online with a combination of self-guided/recorded webinars and trainings with a facilitator.	Offering centralized training Individual: graduate level tuition per credit hour	Dr. Tracey Burrell (tracey.burrell@lsus.edu)
Louisiana Tech University	Online with self-guided training with weekly Zoom meetings for	Offering centralized and district training.	Amy Vessel (avessel@latech.edu)

	continuous support.	6 graduate credit hours. Additional training and pricing information can be found on the website here. Contact vendor with additional questions.	
The Loyola University New Orleans/Xavier University of Louisiana Collaborative	Online and in-person (when possible)	Offering centralized training Individual: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants)	Dr. Glenda Hembree (gghembre@loyno.edu)
McNeese State University	Online with recorded webinars.	Offering centralized training Individual: $20 application to the university; $175 Bloomboard cost, $450 cost for the training. Student also receives 3 hours graduate coursework credit	Angelique Ogea (aogea@mcneese.edu) or Fara Seal (fseal@mcneese.edu)
Nicholls State University	Online and in-person	Offering centralized training Individual: $375 plus $175 assessment fee	Stephanie Autin (stephanie.autin@nicholls.edu)
National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET)	Online and in-person with a combination of synchronous (virtual training) and some asynchronous sessions.	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information; training rates assessed per day, not per participant	Vicky Condalary (vcondalary@niet.org)
Northwestern State University	In person (when possible)	Offering centralized training Individual: no charge for training, systems must cover $175 assessment fee	Wendi O'Halloran (ohalloranw@nsula.edu)
Oxford Teachers Academy	Online with combination of self-guided, recorded, and live virtual trainings	Offering centralized training Individual: $2,250	Rose Chantiluke (rchantiluke@reach.edu)
Relay Graduate School of	Online and in-person (when	Offering centralized and district training	Aspen Davis

Education	possible) with training from a facilitator	Individual: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants) District: $1,600 per participant	(ADavis@relay.edu)
SchoolKit	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual training	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided)	Ethan Mitnick (ethan@schoolkitgroup.com)
Southern University	Online with virtual training from a facilitator	Offering centralized and district training Individual: $1,111 plus $175 assessment fee	Verjanis Peoples (verjanis_peoples@subr.edu)
St. Bernard Parish	Both virtual and in-person (when possible) with self-guided online training	Offering district training No charge to St. Bernard teachers. *Implementing updated training modules.	Tessie White-Stein (tessie.white-stein@sbpsb.org)
St. Charles Parish	Online and in-person (when possible) with combination of recorded & live support sessions	Offering district training	
St. Tammany Parish Schools	Online and in-person (when possible) with combination of recorded & live support sessions	Offering district training No charge for St. Tammany teachers. *Implementing updated training modules	Amiee Lemane (amiee.lemane@stpsb.org)
Tangipahoa Parish Schools	Online and in-person (when possible) with live training with a facilitator	Offer district training No charge for Tangipahoa teachers. *Implementing updated training modules	Jill Foster (Jill.Foster@tangischools.org)

Teach For America	Online and in-person (when possible) with live training with a facilitator	Offering centralized training. Contact vendor for more information regarding larger-scale partnerships. Additional program information can be found here. Individual: $2,000 (includes assessment fee)	Tom DeLay (mentorteacher@teachforamerica.org)
The Teaching and Learning Center (LAE)	Both virtual and in-person (when possible). Blended learning, asynchronous modules, live monthly virtual meeting.	Offering centralized and district training District: $450 per participant, includes assessment fee *Implementing updated training modules	Suzanne Harris (sharris@lae.org)
TNTP	Online and in-person (when possible) with live training with a facilitator	Offering centralized training. Additional program information can be found here. Individual: $2,200 (includes assessment fee)	Ronicka Briscoe (ronicka.briscoe@tntp.org)
University of Holy Cross	Online with self-guided online training	Offering centralized training Individual: $2,115 (After 50% discount for full-time classroom teachers: $1057.50). Fall fees for 3 credit hours: $326	Brooke Muntean, Ph.D. (bmuntean@uhcno.edu)
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Online with a combination of virtual interactive webinars and self-guided training, with ongoing and individualized support from training facilitators.	Offering centralized and district training Individual: $300 plus $175 assessment fee District: Contact vendor for more information	UL Lafayette Mentor Teacher Training (mentor.teachers@louisiana.edu)
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual and self-guided trainings	Offering centralized training Individual: $400 plus $175 assessment fee *Implementing updated training modules	Myra Lovett (mlovett@ulm.edu) Or Heather Kennedy (hkennedy@ulm.edu)
University of New Orleans	Online and in-person (when possible) with synchronous and asynchronous online instruction	Offering centralized and district training Individual and District: Please contact vendor for more	Dr. Paul T Bole (pbole@uno.edu)

		information. (Costs will vary depending on the number of participants and the services provided.) *Implementing updated training modules	

Training Name: **Content Leader Training**

Training Description: This training prepares local educators to deliver high-quality, content-rich professional development sessions and to facilitate adult learning in their school or district.

Content Leader training provides deep knowledge of ELA, math, K-2 Literacy, and science content and content pedagogy, as well as deep analysis of a tier one curriculum. Content Leaders also develop an understanding of adult learning theory and necessary skills to facilitate high-quality learning experiences for their fellow educators. Following training, Content Leaders are also given access to 36 hours of turn-key professional development materials on which they have been trained for Delivery.

To be eligible for certification, Content Leaders must also pass the training-aligned Louisiana Content Leader Assessment Series.

Provider	Content Area(s)	High-Quality Curricula	Delivery Method	Training Offered and Cost	Contact Person
A+PEL	ELA, Math, & K-2 Literacy (both parts)	ELA Guidebooks Eureka Math K-2: CKLA	Online and in-person (when possible) with a combination of asynchronous, hybrid, and in-person training.	Offering open, rolling enrollment for centralized and district training. Individual: $399 for ELA, Math, an K-2 Literacy online training; District: Contact vendor for more information; starting at $9,000 for in-person training	Keith Courville (keith@apeleducators.org)
Dana Center at the University of Texas	Math, Science, & K-2 Literacy (both parts)	Eureka Math Science: OpenSciEd K-2: CKLA	Online with self-guided activities.	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided)	Shelly Ledoux (shelly.ledoux@austin.utexas.edu)
Great Minds	ELA, Math, & Science	Wit & Wisdom® Eureka Math® PhD Science®	Online and in-person (when possible) with training from a live facilitator	Offering centralized and district-specific trainings. Additional program information can be found below: ● ELA	Training Questions: ELA (K-8): Amanda Stephens (Amanda.Stephens@greatminds.org) Math (K-5 and 6-9):Shaneka Bradford

				• [Math](#) • [Science](#) Costs will vary based on the number of participants and services provided. Contact vendor for more information.	shaneka.bradford@greatminds.org Science (K-5): Kristi Madden (Kristi.Madden@greatminds.org) Cost Questions: Jaime Courtright (Jaime.Courtright@greatminds.org)
Instruction Partners	ELA	ELA Guidebooks	Online and in-person (when possible) with live training from a facilitator	Offering district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided	Jordan Brophy-Hilton (jordan.brophy-hilton@instructionpartners.org)
Leading Educators	Math and ELA	Eureka Math; Illustrative Math ELA Guidebooks	Online and in-person (when possible) with a combination of self-guided and live training with a facilitator.	Offering centralized and district training Individual: $5,000 per participant District: contact vendor for more information	Lauren Mulcahy (lmulcahy@leadingeducators.org)
Louisiana State University	Math	Eureka Math	Online and in-person (when possible) with live training with a facilitator.	Offering centralized and district training Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided).	Dr. James Madden (mmmad@math.lsu.edu)
Louisiana Tech University	Math, ELA, and Science	ELA Guidebook Eureka Math	Online with self-guided training with weekly Zoom meetings for continuous support.	Offering centralized and district training. 6 graduate credit hours. Additional training and pricing information can be found on the	Amy Vessel (avessel@latech.edu)

				website [here](#).	
				Contact vendor with additional questions.	
SchoolKit	ELA, Math, and Science	ELA Guidebooks Eureka Math Science: OpenSciEd	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual training.	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided)	Ethan Mitnick (ethan@schoolkitgroup.com)
St. Tammany Parish Schools	Math and ELA	Eureka Math ELA Guidebooks	Online and in-person (when possible) with combination of recorded & live support sessions	Offering district training No charge for St. Tammany teachers.	Amiee Lemane (amiee.lemane@stpsb.org)
Teaching Lab	ELA	ELA Guidebooks	Online and in-person (when possible) with virtual training from a facilitator.	Offering centralized and district training District: Contact vendor for more information (costs will vary based on number of participants and services provided)	
TNTP	ELA, Math, Science, & K-2 Literacy (both parts)	ELA Guidebooks Eureka Math Science: OpenSciEd K-2: CKLA	Online and in-person (when possible) with live training from a facilitator.	Offering centralized and district training. Additional program information can be found [here](#). Individual: $3,000 per participant includes assessment fee.	Ronicka Briscoe (ronicka.briscoe@tntp.org)