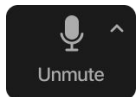
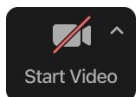


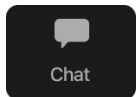
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Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



July 30, 2025

Agenda

Spotlight

Educator Development Updates

Educator Accountability Updates

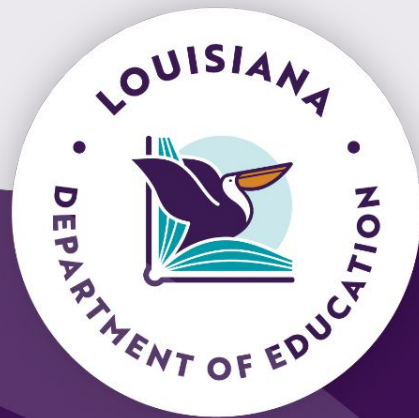
Certification Reminders

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Spotlight

Act 260 Training



Act 260 Numeracy Training

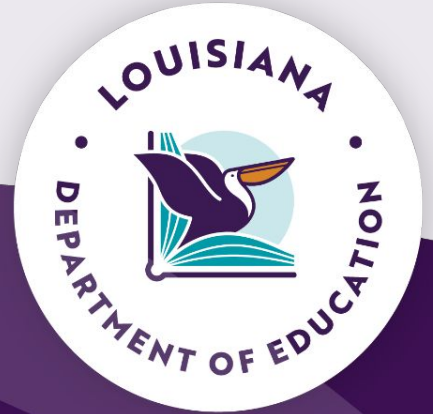
Thank you to the following Teacher Preparation Faculty and Staff for completing or registering for the Asynchronous Coursework in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform to complete the [Act 260 Numeracy Training](#).

- Completed
 - LSU
- Registered/Started Coursework
 - Centenary
 - Embark Aspiring Educators
 - Louisiana Christian University
 - LRCE
 - McNeese State University
 - Nicholls State University
 - University of Louisiana at Monroe
 - Xavier University of Louisiana

Please contact math@la.gov for more information.



Educator Development Updates



Mentor and Content Leader Provider Data Needed

Please submit [Data Enrollment Reporting Templates](#) for:

- August 2022 - July 2023 **AND**
- August 2023 - July 2024

to MentorandContentLeaders@la.gov as soon as possible.

Please contact mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov with questions.



Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates



New Resource: Policy Timeline Guide

There is now a resource to help your team navigate key [policy changes](#) that affect our teacher preparation community. This resource outlines updates in:

- Literacy
- Dyslexia
- Numeracy
- Computer Science
- English Learners

Timeline	Action
October 2024	K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science 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 must include instruction on teaching students computer science
September 1, 2030	Certification office will begin looking for coursework that includes the competencies



Program Approval

Cycle	<u>Application</u> Window Opens	Notice of Intent Due	Full <u>Application</u> Due	Round 1 Evaluation Period Begins	Notification of Pending Decisions	Round 2 Evaluation and Notification (as needed)	<u>BESE</u> Consideration
Spring	September 1	October 1	December 10	December 11	February 15	TBD	April TBD
Fall	May 1	June 1	July 10	July 11	August 26	TBD	October TBD

Pending Decisions will be e-mailed to the contact listed on the application by August 26, 2025.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



Fall LAER Training

Louisiana Aspiring Educator Rubric Trainings have been scheduled for the fall and will be held in person on the following dates:

- [August 11-12, 2025](#), University View Academy (Baton Rouge)
- [September 11-12, 2025](#), Louisiana Tech University (Ruston)
- January TBD
- February TBD

For any questions, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.



LAER Recertification

[Annual Recertification](#) for the LAER is required in order to continue to evaluate aspiring educators. Recertification is available in NIET's [EE PASS](#) until **September 18, 2025**.

To complete the recertification assessment:

- Sign in to your [EE PASS](#) account.
- Refer to the [Navigating EE PASS 2.0 Teacher Evaluator Certification Assessment](#) document for guidance on accessing the LAER certification assessment.
- Once you successfully pass the LAER recertification, download and save your Certificate of Completion for your records.

For any questions, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.



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 for more information.



Specialized Dyslexia Training

Coursera is currently offering a free asynchronous training on [Overcoming Dyslexia](#).

- The course includes nine modules that focus on dyslexia research, federal statutes, and pedagogical methods for teaching students with dyslexia.
- This training fulfills the “specialized training” outlined in Bulletin 996 for instructors of teacher preparation providers teaching dyslexia coursework.

Please contact diverselearnerssupport@la.gov for more information.



Article: HQIM Support for EPPs

This [article](#) highlights NIET's partnership with Arkansas EPPs to address a common challenge: many new teachers enter the classroom unprepared to implement HQIM effectively.

This initiative focuses on:

- Building faculty and staff capacity to model HQIM practices
- Embedding HQIM into coursework and fieldwork for aspiring teachers
- Aligning with state standards, rubrics, and competencies
- Using hands-on workshops that apply directly to syllabi and instructional planning



Certification Reminders



Certification Processing by the Numbers

- May 2025
 - 2788 Applications Processed
 - 100% Processed within 15 Business Days
 - Average Processing Time = 5.25 Business days
 - 1213 Questions Solved
 - Questions Solved within 0.9 Business Days Average
- 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

Louisiana Educator Certification Portal

Tentative Implementation Plan

- Alpha testing - Began June 16 (two weeks)
- Beta testing - Beginning July 7 (two weeks)
- Launch date - July 28

Authorized User Partnership Planning

- Training sessions for all authorized users are anticipated during beta testing and initial launch periods - watch for future announcements
- Once LEC is launched, the window to submit any remaining PDF applications will be approximately two weeks.
 - Plan to submit any PDF applications quickly as we approach the launch date for LEC.



Access Requirements

LEC will be integrated into the [Louisiana Educator Portal](#) (LEP).

- 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.
- 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 will be provided for requesting authorized permissions when the system launches.



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.
 - **Preparation Provider:** I am working for an External Partner »
Teacher Prep Provider
 - Enter the requested name, contact, and personal information.
 - Save and Submit.



Reminders



Practitioner License Processing Update

As of **January 1, 2025**, all alternate certification program changes require a program **withdrawal** letter from the provider, with **acknowledging signature of teacher candidate**. Letter should include:

- University or Provider letterhead
- Candidate name and certificate number
- Program originally enrolled in (i.e. Certification only, Secondary Math)
- Program withdrawal date
- Program Dean (or designee) signature
- Teacher candidate signature



Practitioner Licensing Processing Update

Changes in program area or provider are treated as an **initial** Practitioner License (PL);

- **Do not** require mentoring (or program progress) to change and be issued the new PL; requires **withdrawal letter**

All years on the PL **count** toward total allowable years on a PL.

When changing **certification areas, or program provider**, the residency year will have to be **restarted**.

When changing program types **within a provider**, PLs are considered on a case-by-case basis for eligibility of the residency continuing through the change.



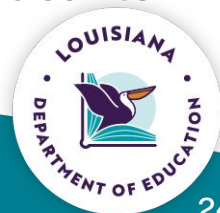
Literacy Exam

Initial applicants completing **in-state** preparation programs already enrolled in the year-long residency and holding either the PL or the R credential **prior to January 1, 2025**, are not subject to taking the Teaching of Reading exam.

Evidence required:

- Evidence of **enrollment** in the residency **prior to January 1, 2025**
- PL or R must be **issued prior to January 1, 2025**

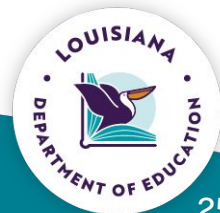
To ensure PL and R applications were received, considered, and processed for credential issuance by January 1, 2025, it was strongly recommended applicants submit a complete application by no later than December 10, 2024.



Literacy Exam Requirements

Teaching of Reading exam is considered a **content** exam; therefore:

- Successful passage is required **prior to enrollment** in a post-baccalaureate program;
- Successful passage is required **prior to issuance** of a practitioner's license;
- Successful passage is required for **renewal** of a resident (R) certificate.
- Accepted exams for K-3, Elementary 1-5, or special education areas are:
 - 5205 or 7002

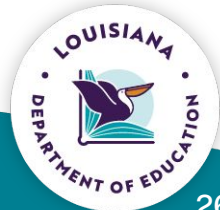


New Literacy Exam Option

BESE adopted the Louisiana Elementary Multiple-Subjects exam (**7001**), which includes the Teaching of Reading exam, as a part of the English Language Arts subtest.

- Allows for an option with the same number of exams as currently required
- Includes grades K-3 (PK-3, 1-5, Special Education areas)
- Passing score increases over time to gradually increase Science of Reading skill mastery for teacher candidates

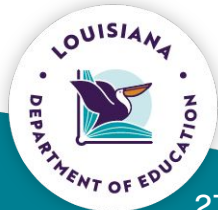
Effective June 1, 2024



Literacy Requirements for Program Completers

Candidates that completed a BESE-approved program BEFORE 9/1/2024

- 3 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for All-Level (K-12) or Secondary (6-12) areas, including Mild/Moderate 6-12
- 6 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Middle Grades (4-8) areas, including Mild/Moderate 4-8
- 9 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Birth to Kindergarten, PK-3, Elementary 1-5, Early Interventionist, Significant Disabilities, Hearing & Visually Impaired
- Alternate-certification candidates for any area **may** pass **any** adopted Teaching of Reading exam instead of the required coursework hours
- A Teaching of Reading: Elementary exam (7002 or 5205) is **not required** for any area



Literacy Requirements for Program Completers

Candidates that completed a BESE-approved program ON OR AFTER 9/1/2024 that held a PL/R and were enrolled in the residency before 1/1/2025

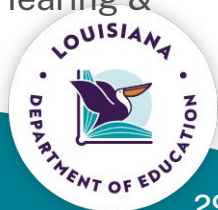
- 3 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Secondary (6-12) or All-level general education areas
- 6 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Middle Grades (4-8) general education areas
- 9 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Birth to Kindergarten, PK-3, Elementary 1-5, Early Interventionist, **All Mild/Moderate areas**, Significant Disabilities, Hearing & Visually Impaired
- A Teaching of Reading exam **CANNOT** be used in place of the coursework hours for initial certification
- A Teaching of Reading: Elementary exam (7002 or 5205) is **not required** for any area



Literacy Requirements for Program Completers

Completed a BESE-approved program ON OR AFTER 9/1/2024 and DID NOT hold a PL/R or WERE NOT enrolled in the residency before 1/1/2025

- 3 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Secondary (6-12) or All-level general education areas
- 6 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Middle Grades (4-8) general education areas
- 9 semester hours or equivalent contact hours for Birth to Kindergarten, PK-3, Elementary 1-5, Early Interventionist, **All Mild/Moderate areas**, Significant Disabilities, Hearing & Visually Impaired
- A Teaching of Reading exam **CANNOT** be used in place of coursework hours.
- A Teaching of Reading: Elementary exam (7002 or 5205) **is also** required for Birth to Kindergarten, PK-3, Elementary 1-5, Early Interventionist, All Mild/Moderate areas, Significant Disabilities, Hearing & Visually Impaired



Literacy Requirements for Program Completers

Undergraduate candidates NOT enrolled in residency and holding the R before 1/1/2025 in areas that require Elementary Multiple Subjects and a Teaching of Reading exam:

- Coursework hours required are the same as the previous slides
- Exam options:
 - All four subtests of Elementary Multiple Subjects (5001), PLT K-6, **and either** Teaching of Reading: Elementary (5205) or Teaching of Reading/ELA subtest (7002)
 - All four subtests of Louisiana Elementary Multiple Subjects (7001) and PLT K-6
 - Any combination of subtests from Elementary Multiple Subjects (5001) or Louisiana Elementary Multiple Subjects (7001), one for each subject, PLT K-6, and,
 - If the ELA content subtest passed is 5002, Teaching of Reading Elementary exam (5025 or 7002)



Literacy Coursework Requirements

Candidates completing Louisiana teacher preparation programs on or after **September 1, 2024**, are required to have completed literacy coursework semester hours or equivalent contact hours for initial certification.

- **3** semester hours for Secondary or All-level general education areas
- **6** semester hours for Middle School 4-8 general education areas
- **9** semester hours for Birth to Kindergarten, PreK-3rd Grade, Elementary 1-5, and ***all*** Special Education areas, including integrated-to-merged Mild/Moderate programs
- A Teaching of Reading exam **CANNOT** be accepted in place of literacy coursework for initial certification candidates completing after 9/1/2024



Add-on Literacy Requirements (General)

For add-on purposes, general reading and literacy hours may be fulfilled with:

- The indicated semester hours
 - Successful completion of the BESE-approved [literacy foundations training](#) **may** be accepted for the number of hours approved per program documented with completion certificate
- Equivalent contact hours or
- Passing the adopted Teaching of Reading [exam](#)

LETRS completion certificates must be verified by LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov for add-on credit.

Effective September 1, 2024



Add-on Literacy Requirements (Grades K-3, Special Education)

For add-on in areas **authorized to teach grades K-3 and special education** areas, educators must meet:

- General literacy contact or semester hour equivalent requirements

AND*

- Teaching of Reading exam requirements

* Requirements cannot be fulfilled with two exams.

Effective September 1, 2024



Dyslexia Instructor Questions

Bulletin 996 states, “... coursework regarding teaching students with dyslexia, **taught by a faculty member who has been provided specialized training in instructing teacher candidates on pedagogical methods for teaching students with dyslexia.**”

Current Options:

- AIM Institute Course

Future Considerations:

- Shortened LDOE Cohort Training
- Additional Statewide Training

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



Dyslexia Course Requirements

According to [Bulletin 996](#), all Dyslexia coursework should begin this coming school year.

- Beginning with the **2024-2025 school year**, for all certification areas, candidates must spend three credit hours within the existing credit hour requirements engaged in coursework regarding teaching students with dyslexia.

[Bulletin 746](#) states when certification will be looking for the requirements.

- Beginning **September 1, 2028**, literacy requirements include a minimum of three credit hours or contact hour equivalent regarding teaching students with dyslexia.



Numeracy Courses

[Act 260](#) of 2023 requires all grade 4-8 public school teachers of mathematics to receive **numeracy skills training** focused on instructing students according to the vertical alignment of math concepts and the blending of concepts, procedures, strategies, problem-solving, and disposition. Initial [guidance](#) is now available.

- [Courses](#) specific for our preparation providers are live.
- [Courses](#) specific for teacher candidates are live.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions regarding Act 260.



Mentor and Resident Funding Eligibility

- The resident must serve in a MFP funded entity.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher in the same MFP funded entity as the resident teacher.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher that is reported in ED Link 360 Staffing with an object code of 112 (teacher) and a function code within the 1000s excluding 1530 (Pre-K) and 1531 (Head Start).
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher holding one of the following on October 1, 2024: Mentor Teacher Certificate, Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate, or Mentor Waiver Credential.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.



Application Submission Deadline

To be eligible for associated funding and stipends, **resident teacher, practitioner teacher, and mentor teacher** certifications must be issued by **October 1**.

- Applications must have been **submitted** by **September 1**
- Applications prioritized in September
- Applies to Mentor Teacher Waiver

Mentor Teacher Waiver questions should be submitted to mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov.

Contact mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov with questions.



Updated Teacher Competency Link

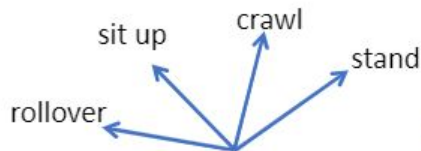
The LDOE has updated the [Louisiana Teacher Competencies document](#) to reflect current policy competency requirements for math.

Consider using the [Numeracy Professional Learning courses](#) aligned to [Act 260](#) as a guide when enhancing coursework to align to the current Louisiana Mathematics Teacher Competencies.

Please visit the [Preparation Library](#) to access that resource or other resources you may find helpful as you continue to grow and improve your programs.



LAER vs LER



LAER

12 Indicators

5 Scaffolded Proficiency Levels

Depth versus Breadth

Developmentally appropriate for aspiring educators

Foundational Teaching Skill Set



LER

4 Domains

23 Indicators

Developmentally appropriate for Teacher of Record

Expansive Teaching Skill Set

LLR

6 Domains

21 Indicators

Developmentally appropriate for Leaders of Education

Instructional Leadership Skill Set

Coaching and growing aspiring educators and teachers of record



2025 LEADS Louisiana Evaluator Training

Registration is open for the [2025 LEADS Evaluator Training](#).

Preparation providers are encouraged to attend the LER and LLCR training to deepen their knowledge of the rubrics and evaluation system to build the practices into courses.

For more information contact leads@la.gov.

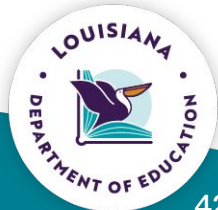


Louisiana Art and Science of Teaching Reading

The Louisiana Art and Science of Teaching Reading subsection is available in the [Literacy Professional Growth](#) section of the [Literacy Library](#).

- [The Science and Art of Teaching Reading Course Code](#)
- [The Science and Art of Teaching Reading Course FAQ](#)

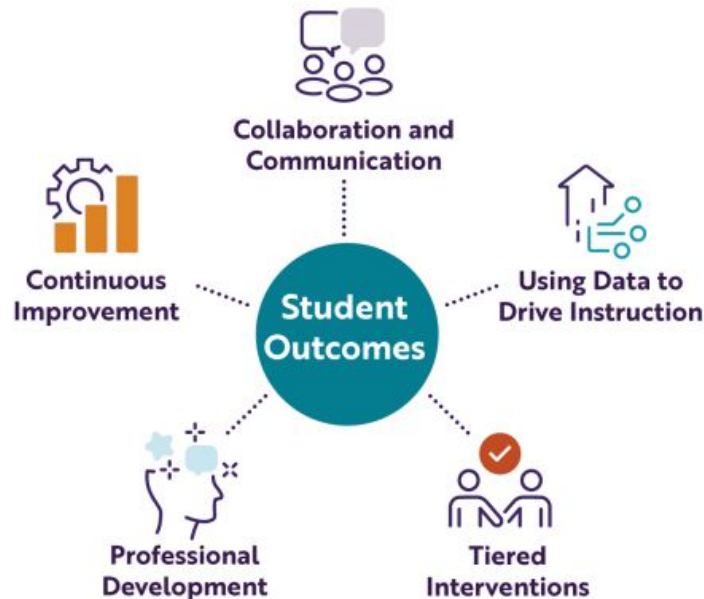
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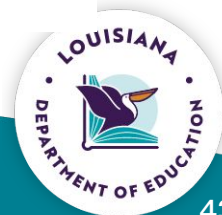
Launching Louisiana Tiered Pathways for Literacy Support

Launching Louisiana Tiered Pathways for Literacy Support (TPLS) resources are now available in the Literacy Library.

- [TPLS System Leaders Recording](#)
- [TPLS System Leader Slide Deck](#)
- [TPLS Note Catcher](#)



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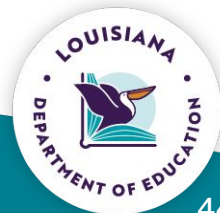


Catalog of Supports for Literacy Teachers

[The Catalog of Literacy Instructional Supports for Teachers](#), now available on the [Louisiana Literacy Professional Growth Page](#), lists all available literacy professional development by grade band including highly recommended courses and resources for new teachers. Some of the topics covered are:

- DIBELS Best Practices
- Content Literacy
- Secondary Reading Interventions
- The Science and Art of Reading
- English and Reading ACT

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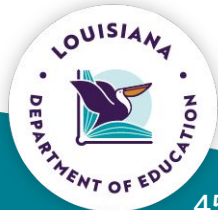


Catalog of Supports for Literacy Leaders

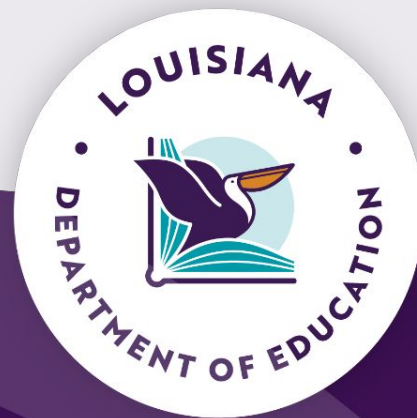
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- The Science and Art of Reading
- Launching Louisiana Tiered Pathways for Literacy Support for Leaders
- DIBELS
- Reading Interventions in Secondary Schools
- Content Literacy

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.



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](#)



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 27, 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.**

