

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



April, 2024

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Mentor Policy Update



Mentor Waiver

- Waivers were requested and granted for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years.
- As of March 2024, there are approximately 3,246 credentialed mentors statewide; the need for 2023-2024 was 1,374 mentors.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.



Bulletin 746 Mentor Policy Update

At the April meeting, BESE approved [updates to Bulletin 746](#) regarding the mentor teacher (MT) policy. The following were approved:

- Those on a PL may have a mentor that is system-based.
- The provisional MT certification is valid for two years.
- Individuals who complete the Louisiana Educator Evaluation training and certification are eligible to apply for the MT certificate.
- The LDOE will approve **yearly** waivers on an individual basis.
 - The LEA and preparation provider may mutually agree on an individual for up to two years.



Mentor Waiver

Just like previous years the mentor waiver will be granted on a case-by-case basis through the application process established by the LDOE and at no cost to the applicant, school system, or teacher preparation provider.

The [2023-2024 Mentor Credential Waiver Application](#) opened in July. Refer to the [Mentor Waiver Application Guide](#) for details on completing this year's application.

The 2023-2024 Mentor waiver application portal will remain open until **June 8, 2024**.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.



LDOE Updates/Opportunities



Teacher Leader Summit

The [Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place from May 28 - May 30 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

To schedule sessions for Teacher Leader Summit, download the Cvent app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), and access the event with the code **FgXJiTLS24**.

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions.



Aspiring Educators State Honorees

Over 700 participants attended the 2024 Louisiana Educators Rising State Conference on February 29 at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

The conference featured competitions including topics such as Children's Literature, Interactive Bulletin Boards, Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and more. The 1st through 10th place winners qualify to compete at the national conference to be held in Washington, DC on June 28-July 1, 2024.

[2024 Louisiana Educators Rising State Competition Results](#)

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions



Pre-Educator Pathway Site Visits

System Leads, Teacher Leaders, and Postsecondary Teacher Preparation Partners are invited to attend a Learning Visit for a day of learning and community building. During Learning Visits, participants will have an opportunity to observe Grow Your Own work that is being done in another school system and strategize to improve Grow Your Own efforts in their system.

Please reach out to believeandprepare@la.gov if you would like to host a site visit for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions



Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy

- One-of-a-kind, five-day, hybrid summer camp and a professional learning experience
- Open to high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators
- The Academy will be July 8-12 hosted by University of Louisiana at Lafayette



Student Application



College Student/Teacher Leader Application

Please contact aimee.barber@louisiana.edu with questions



New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick Off

The Louisiana Department of Education will host the Summer Kick-off for the New Teacher Experience on July 24 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 500 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 high quality professional learning around topics relevant to new teachers
- Provide statewide networking opportunities for new teachers

Please share this date with your graduating seniors!

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions



Educator Preparation and Accountability Updates



Recently Approved Programs

Congratulations to our newly approved programs.

- **Northwestern State University** (Undergraduate-Agriculture 6-12 grades; Cert-Only- SpEd M/M 1-5 grades; Early Childhood PK-3 grades)
- **Louisiana State University** (Undergraduate- Math 4-8 grades)
- **University of New Orleans** (Certification Only -Elementary 1 -5 grades)
- **University of Louisiana Lafayette** (Post-Bacc, Practitioner Teacher Pathway-Elementary 1 -5 grades; English 6-12 grades)

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



Spring Program Approvals

The next program approval cycle will [open](#) May 1.

Cycle	Application Window Opens	Notice of Intent Due	Full Application Due	Round 1 Evaluation Period Begins	Notification of Pending Decisions	Round 2 Evaluation and Notification (as needed)	BESE Consideration
Spring	September 1	October 1	December 10	December 11	February 15	TBD	April 9
Fall	May 1	June 1	July 10	July 11	August 26	TBD	October TBD

See the [Preparation Library](#) for program [approval resources](#), including application rubrics. Programs submitting applications for review should use these materials to ensure their applications align with policy requirements.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

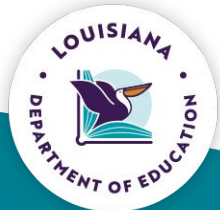


Louisiana Aspiring Teacher Rubric

The amendment to approve the addition of the Louisiana Aspiring Teacher Rubric was approved during the April BESE meeting.

More information will be forthcoming in the May newsletter and call regarding training dates and locations on the rubric.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.



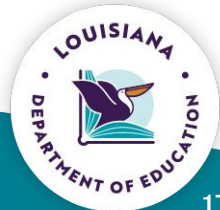
LEADS Learning Year Evaluator Training

In addition to the upcoming pre-service rubric training, preparation providers are encouraged to attend the summer evaluation training for both the Educator Rubric and the Leader Rubric.

Please visit the [registration landing page](#) to sign up for a training session in your region. When registering, enter

- Job Title: Other
- School System: Provider Name
- School: Provider Name

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.



Literacy Coursework Submission

The LDOE will begin the process of collecting course descriptions for all updated [Science of Reading](#) courses, including the dyslexia course.

As a reminder, per policy

- Beginning **September 1, 2024**, completers must earn the required number of semester hours or contact hour equivalent in the teaching of reading and literacy in alignment with the science of reading competencies for certification.
- 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.

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov or certification@la.gov with questions.



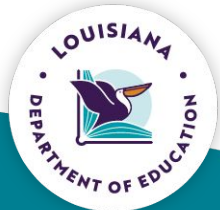
Literacy Coursework Review

Timeline

- **April 5-30:** Coursework submission in Survey Monkey
- **May 1-31:** LDOE reviews submissions and provide feedback

Literacy Coursework submission process and directions can be found in the [submission portal](#).

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov or certification@la.gov with questions.



HQIM Update

Please continue to check your email for questions and updates regarding HQIM orders. Questions may be individualized, and they will be directed to the person identified as the lead on the project.

More information regarding professional learning will be forthcoming.

Contact angelique.ogea@gmail.com with questions.



Title II Institution/ Program Report Card (IPRC)

The [Title II](#) Institution/Program Report Card (IPRC) Data Collection is open and ongoing. The Title II timeline is as follows.

- **February 1, 2024:** Survey Opens. Institutions start completing IPRC
- **February 5, 2024:** All active educator preparation program were emailed with account information and instructions to complete IPRC.
- **April 1, 2024:** Pass rates were uploaded to each report by the helpdesk and providers can begin certifying the IPRC.
- **April 30, 2024:** The survey will close. IPRC Certification for Title II Reporting must be complete by this date.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Title II Helpdesk at title2@trewon.com

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov or certification@la.gov with questions.



Louisianateacherprep.com

The LDOE is no longer hosting preparation information on louisianateacherprep.com. All performance profiles can be found in the [Preparation Library](#). Additional information can be found on teachlouisiana.net.

The LDOE is working to find a solution for a new website in the near future.

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov or certification@la.gov with questions.

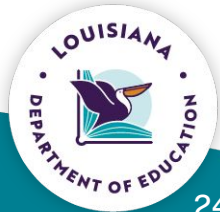


Certification Updates & Reminders



Document Alteration

Documents submitted are legal documents and submitted as evidence for certification. Sections of documents that are already signed by the educator should not be altered in any way after signatures are obtained. Documents that clearly indicate an alteration after a signature **will not** be accepted.



Office Hours Protocol

The Certification Team offers [office hours](#) each week for human resource offices and program providers.

Office hours are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in 15-minute increments.

This service is offered to **HR office personnel and program providers only**. **Individuals** with questions should submit them through the online portal.



Office Hours Protocol Update

Office hours are be staffed by a Senior Specialist and a novice Specialist.

As of **April 1, 2024** the following has been implemented for office hours:

- Submission of an office hours question is **required**
- If application processing time is **15 days or less**, justification for expediting is **required at the time of reservation** for consideration
- Expediting requests may be denied and are at the discretion of the LDOE



Office Hours Protocol

We ask that the following steps be followed to schedule an [office hours](#) call:

- Login to HR account in online teacher certification portal, TeachLA Live!
- Use the “**Ask a Question**” feature along the top ribbon of the page
- Choose “HR/Prep Provider Office Hours” in the drop down menu
- Indicate certification questions, cases, candidates and details around certification questions
- Submit the question case and **receive case #**
- Use **online scheduler** and indicate the “office hours” question case number in the reservation

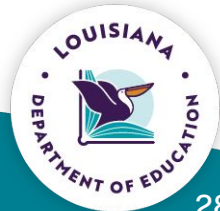
[Step-by-Step Demonstration](#)



New Applications

In response to the newly adopted policy coming off of Notice of Intent around May 20, **all applications** will be updated. Expected timeline for all applications to be updated is **June 1, 2024**. Some applications will be posted **prior** to this date with an June 1 revision date.

Beginning **July 1, 2024**, all applications are **required** to be the June 1, 2024 version for processing.



Foreign Equivalency Transcripts

New foreign equivalency transcripts requirements include that a credentialing agency must be an endorsed member in good standing with either:

- [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#)
- [Association of International Credential Evaluators \(AICE\)](#).

Policy is effective **May 20**.

An updated link to these entities is available on [teachlouisiana.net](#).

Effective May 20, 2024



Mentor/Content Leader



Enrolling and Certifying Training Participants

- **Enrolling New Participants:** Cohort enrollment should be emailed to believeandprepare@la.gov and support@bloomboard.com.
- **Certifying Participants:** Share the steps for [Applying for Mentor/Content Leader Certification](#) with your participants.
- [Training Provider Roles and Responsibilities](#)



Content Leader Preparation Providers

Providers that are planning to use the LDOE Content Leader Assessment Series will need to email believeandprepare@la.gov.

Cohorts beginning:	Email by:
Fall 2024	June 28, 2024
Spring 2025	December 2, 2024

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.



Resources





Bayou Bridges Curriculum Guide

The LDOE has published a new [curriculum guide](#) to support teachers and instructional leaders as they implement Bayou Bridges materials. The guide provides in-depth information on the program’s guiding principles, design, key components and resources, unit and lesson study tools, along with sample lesson annotations.

Teachers and leaders should use this resource to help navigate the curriculum, to better understand its key components, and to effectively plan and implement Bayou Bridges lessons.

This guide will continue to be updated as additional units are published.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.



Act 260 Numeracy Training Requirements

[Act 260 \(2023\)](#) 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.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



Timeline

Spring 2023
Act 260
passed

March 1, 2024
Publish a list of
approved courses

Summer 2024
Systems plan for
compliance

Fall 2024
Full course
released

August 1, 2025
Completion
required

Leader
Guidance

Sessions
at Summit

Direct
Support

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



Courses Available

Grades K-3
Optional

Grades 4-8
Act 260 Required

High School
Optional

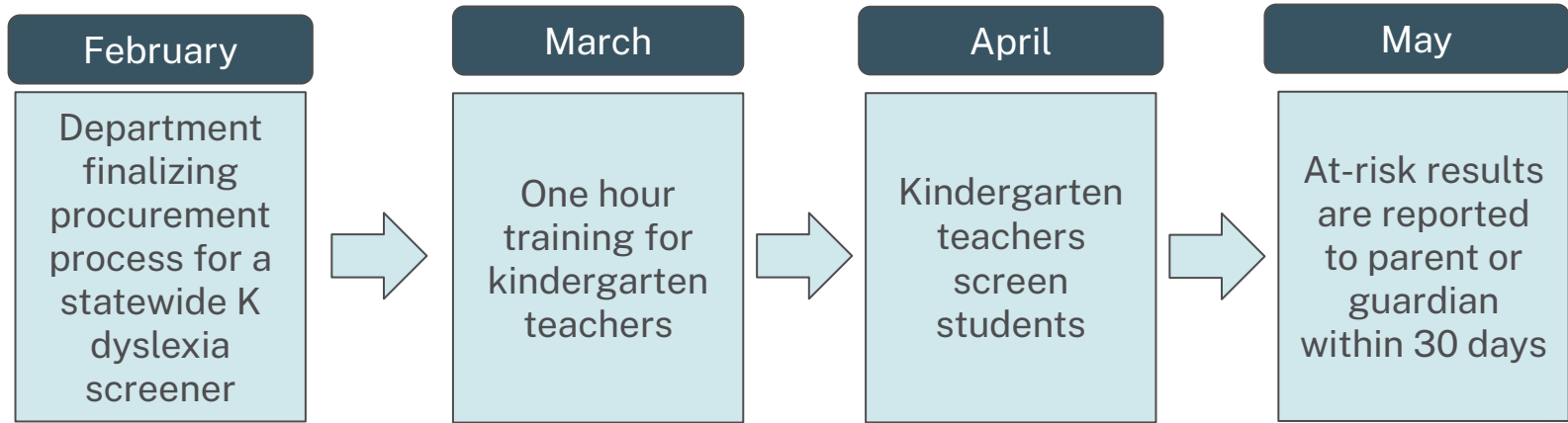
Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



Kindergarten Dyslexia Screening

[Act 266](#) requires teachers to screen all kindergarten students for dyslexia during the second half of the year or upon request of a parent/guardian or teacher.

Timeline for Next Steps:



Monitor the weekly newsletter for updates.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.



Reminders



Math Competencies

[Act 347](#) of the 2023 Regular Session, states that BESE shall revise teacher certification requirements and the requirements of teacher education programs to require instruction on foundational numeracy skills standards for candidates seeking certification to teach students no later than December 31, 2023.

[Bulletin 746 §507.B.12](#) Beginning September 1, 2028, an applicant for initial certification must have earned coursework or equivalent contact hours in alignment with the adopted foundational numeracy competencies.

The [competency crosswalk](#) document can be found in the [Preparation Library](#).



Literacy Exam Requirements

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, **Out-of-State** applicants, authorized to teach grades K-3, and not meeting exam requirements with experience will need to take the Teaching of Reading exam **in addition** to content and pedagogy exams.

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

Add-on policy is effective **September 1, 2024**.



New Literacy Exam Option

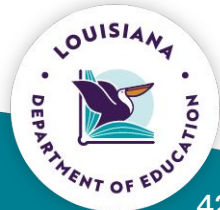
BESE adopted the Louisiana Elementary Multiple-Subjects exam (7001), which includes as a part of the English Language Arts subtest, the Teaching of Reading exam.

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



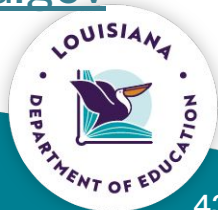
Add-on Literacy Requirements (General)

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
- 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:

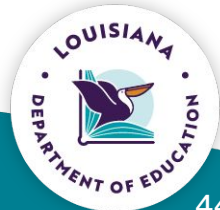
- General literacy contact or semester hour equivalent requirements

AND*

- Teaching of Reading exam requirements

* Requirements cannot be fulfilled with two exams.

Effective September 1, 2024



Closing



Upcoming Calls and Deadlines

Upcoming Calls

- Preparation Provider Monthly [Call](#), May 22 at 10 a.m.
- Certification Monthly [Call](#), May 20 at 10:30 a.m.



Helpful Links

[Preparation Library](#) (newsletter and monthly call decks located here)

[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](#)

To sign up for the newsletter, email believeandprepare@la.gov.



2023-2024 Monthly Call Dates

~~August 30, 2023~~

~~March 27, 2024~~

~~September 27, 2023~~

~~April 24, 2024~~

~~October 25, 2023~~

May 22, 2024

~~November 29, 2023~~

~~January 31, 2024~~

~~February 28, 2024~~

*All on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

