



TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT 2025

A *New Story* for LOUISIANA EDUCATION

Teacher Leader Summit 2025 Overview

The 2025 Teacher Leader Summit is an annual professional learning conference that brings together Louisiana birth to grade 12 educators and content experts. Educators participating in the event will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. This year’s Teacher Leader Summit will focus on *A New Story for Louisiana Education* aligned to our state’s educational priorities.

- The Teacher Leader Summit will take place June 10-12, 2025 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (MCCNO).
- Registration for this event will be on a first-come, first-served basis. As space is limited, it is encouraged to register early.

The purpose of this document is to outline the specifics of Teacher Leader Summit 2025. Event updates will be posted to the [Teacher Leader Summit](#) website.

SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

- **Improve the everyday practice of educators in Louisiana** by building knowledge and skills.
- **Provide opportunities for educators** to collaborate and share best practices.
- Equip educators with **high-quality strategies, resources, and professional learning aligned to Louisiana’s educational priorities.**
- **Empower and inspire** educators to take on an even greater leadership role within their classrooms, schools, and school systems.

SUMMIT SCHEDULE

| DATE | TIME |
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| Monday, June 9 | 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early check-in available at MCCNO |
| Tuesday, June 10 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Evening networking socials available |
| Wednesday, June 11 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:35 p.m. Check-in begins at 7:00 a.m. Evening networking socials available |
| Thursday, June 12 | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |

CONTENT AND AUDIENCES

When selecting educators to attend the Teacher Leader Summit, systems should prioritize sending those who work directly with the content areas below since there will be dedicated sessions throughout the event.

- Career and Technical Education
- Arts
- High School Experience
- Diverse Learners
- ELA
- Early Childhood
- Math
- STEM
- Science
- Literacy
- Social Studies
- Technology
- Instructional Best Practices
- Safe and Healthy Schools
- System/School Planning
- Curriculum and Assessment
- School Counseling
- World Languages

Systems should prioritize sending teachers to the Summit; system and school leaders are also encouraged to attend. The following educators would directly benefit from the sessions provided:

- Teachers
- Teacher Leaders
- Early Childhood Directors
- Teacher Preparation Providers
- Librarians
- Counselors
- School Leaders
- System Leaders

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration for the Summit will open on **February 10, 2025**, on a **first-come, first-served** basis and will close on **March 14, 2025**. Regular registration will begin on **March 15, 2025**, and close on **April 18, 2025**, or at sellout. There will be **no** onsite registration. All registrations **must** be completed in advance of arriving at the event. Once registration is full, additional registrants will be added to the waitlist.

Educators will use the same system, Cvent, to register and select their sessions for Summit. The LDOE strongly encourages the email address used for Cvent to be the **participant's official school email address**. Personal email addresses have a history of blocking emails from event platforms and/or marking them as spam.

REGISTRATION FEES

To help offset the cost of running a high-quality, multi-day event for thousands of Louisiana educators, the LDOE will charge a registration fee for the 2025 Teacher Leader Summit. This fee will cover:

- Admission to conference and Education Expo
- Conference sessions
- T-shirt
- Lunch

All attendees will be provided with lunch on June 10 and June 11. Special meal options will be provided for those with dietary restrictions. Educators can elect not to eat the meal provided. Discounts will not be given.

| DESCRIPTION | FEE |
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| Early Bird Registration, 3-Day Package | \$249 |
| Regular Registration, 3-Day Package | \$299 |

Participants can pay for their registration fee in Cvent using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or AMEX. The LDOE does not accept cash, checks, money orders, or purchase orders for this event.

WAITLIST

Should registration spots become available, waitlist requests will be accepted through Cvent on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Those educators being moved from the waitlist into a registered spot will be notified via Cvent, and registration will be automatically processed. All waitlist requests must be directly populated in Cvent via the registration link.

PRESENTING AT TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

The Louisiana Department of Education will be accepting applications through the [Teacher Leader Summit 2025 Proposal Application](#) beginning **December 9, 2024**, to be a presenter at the Teacher Leader Summit. Applications will close on **January 31, 2025**.

SESSIONS

Educators will have the opportunity to choose from more than 800 sessions led by content experts including but not limited to the LDOE staff, partner organizations, and Louisiana Teacher Leaders. The LDOE will release the full session list and open session selection via Cvent on **May 9, 2025** to all registered participants. **Registered participants must reserve seats to sessions in advance via the Cvent app.**

PARKING

Ample [parking](#) is available at and around the Convention Center for a daily fee. Some [parking lots](#) only accept cash. All overnight parking is prohibited. It is encouraged for attendees to walk, utilize ridesharing services, use [public transportation](#), or carpool.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Creating a healthy and safe environment for all participants is of the utmost importance and concern to the LDOE. For safety and helpful information click [here](#).

The LDOE is working with New Orleans & Company and the Morial Convention Center to prioritize the safety and well-being of the Summit attendees. New Orleans & Company has a strong partnership with the New Orleans Police Department. The city is making rapid strides to make New Orleans safer for all.

Together with NOPD, New Orleans & Company asks visitors to use the same personal safety precautions and to stay vigilant as they would at home or in any metropolitan destination.

Tips for Visitors to Any Major City

- Travel in groups and avoid walking alone on unlit streets at night.
- Pay attention when walking and using a smartphone, as these devices have been the target of thieves nationwide.
- Do not leave belongings such as a purse, backpack, or briefcase unattended, especially not on the back of a chair.
- Be on the lookout for pickpockets. Consolidate items such as a wallet and don't bring every credit card. Move wallets to a front pocket or/and wear a cross-body bag rather than a shoulder strap to ensure that it is placed in front. Do not display large amounts of cash in public places.
- Consider removing ID such as a convention badge when leaving the hotel or meeting venue.
- When hailing a ride via a mobile app, confirm the identity of the driver before getting into the car.
- Trust gut instincts. If someone or something seems suspicious, leave the area, alert a police officer and do not participate. Simply smile and walk past them.
- Lock car doors. Stow valuables out of sight in a vehicle.
- Ensure that the hotel room door is fully closed and locked at all times.
- Do not leave a drink unattended or accept drinks from strangers.
- Remember that most laws enforced in other cities are enforced here as well.

WHAT TO BRING

In preparing for the Teacher Leader Summit, the LDOE encourages the following items are considered:

- water canteens (to be refilled at drinking fountains)
- sweater or other long-sleeved covering
- chargers for mobile devices, tablets, and laptops
- computer/pen and paper for notetaking
- umbrella in case of inclement weather
- comfortable walking shoes
- large carrying bag or backpack for belongings

SOCIAL MEDIA

The LDOE encourages the Summit attendees to share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #LATEacherLeaders. Be sure to tag the LDOE in social media posts:

- **Facebook:** @doe.louisiana
- **X:** @doelouisiana
- **Instagram:** @doe.louisiana

Educators are encouraged to link to the [website](#) to share across social media platforms to celebrate attending the 2025 Teacher Leader Summit.

CANCELLATIONS AND TRANSFERS

Tickets are non-refundable but are transferable up to **May 27, 2025**. No transfers will be issued after **May 27, 2025**. Transfers can be requested by contacting ldoevents@la.gov. Provide the name and email address used to register.

LODGING

The LDOE has worked with hotels near the Convention Center to hold reduced-rate rooms for participants. Refer to the [map](#) of the Convention Center and the surrounding area, including hotels and parking.

| HOTEL | DISTANCE FROM CONVENTION CENTER | DAILY RATE | ADDITIONAL NOTES |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Aloft New Orleans Downtown 225 Baronne Street New Orleans, LA 70112 504-581-9225 | 1.2 miles | \$109-K \$119- 2Q | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/10/25 Valet Daily Rate: \$43 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Courtyard New Orleans Warehouse Arts District 300 Julia Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-598-9898 | 0.4 miles | \$219 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/5/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$40 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans 300 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-581-1300 | 0.8 miles | \$145.50 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/10/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$52 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| The Eliza Jane 315 Magazine Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-882-1234 | 0.8 miles | \$159 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$52 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Embassy Suites by Hilton New Orleans 315 Julia Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-525-1993 | 0.3 miles | \$169 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/8/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$48 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |

| HOTEL | DISTANCE FROM CONVENTION CENTER | DAILY RATE | ADDITIONAL NOTES |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter 541 Bourbon Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-524-7611 | 1.3 miles | \$169 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/25 Valet Daily Rate: \$45 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| Hampton Inn & Suites New Orleans-Convention Center 1201 Convention Center Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70130 504-566-9990 | 0.1 mile | \$189-239 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$39+ tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center 1001 S Peters Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-525-0044 | 0.1 miles | \$189-K \$209-2Q | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/10/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$45 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Avenue 333 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70130 504-378-2800 | 0.9 miles | \$161 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$52 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Hilton New Orleans Riverside 2 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-561-0500 | 0.5 miles | \$262 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Self-Parking Rate: \$25 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Holiday Inn Express: New Orleans Dwtm - Fr Qtr Area 334 O'Keefe Avenue New Orleans, LA 70112 504-524-5400 | 1.4 miles | \$139 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/8/2025 Self-Parking Rate: \$34 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Holiday Inn New Orleans-Downtown Superdome 330 Loyola Ave New Orleans, LA 70112 504-581-1600 | 1.5 miles | \$141 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Self-Parking Rate: \$40 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |

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| Hotel Indigo 705 Common Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-595-5608 | 1.2 miles | \$117 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/15/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$33 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Hyatt Place 881 Convention Center Blvd New Orleans, LA 70130 504-524-1881 | 0.1 miles | \$189 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$35 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| The Jung 1500 Canal St New Orleans, LA, 70112 504-226-5864 | 2.6 miles | \$109-K \$129-2Q | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/12/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$50 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| Kimpton Hotel Fontenot 501 Tchoupitoulas St New Orleans, LA 70130 504-571-1818 | 0.6 miles | \$159-K \$179-2Q | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/10/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$52 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Le Méridien New Orleans 333 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-525-9444 | 0.6 miles | \$169 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/16/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$52 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Loews New Orleans 300 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-595-3300 | 0.7 miles | \$149 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/12/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$35 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| Omni Riverfront 701 Convention Center Blvd New Orleans, LA 70130 504- 524-8200 | 0.4 miles | \$133 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$40 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |

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| The Q & C Hotel 344 Camp Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-587-9700 | 0.8 miles | \$119 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/8/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$42 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Residence Inn New Orleans French Quarter Area/Central Business District 360 St Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70130 504-522-0360 | 1.2 miles | \$165 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/10/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$39 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| Royal Sonesta 300 Bourbon Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-586-0300 | 1.3 miles | \$199 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/12/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$45 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| Sonesta ES Suites New Orleans 345 St. Joseph Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-522-1300 | 0.1 miles | \$153 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/12/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$45 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| SpringHill Suites New Orleans Warehouse Arts District 301 St. Joseph Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-522-3100 | 0.2 miles | \$219 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/5/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$40 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| The Troubadour 1111 Gravier St New Orleans, LA 70112 504-518-5800 | 1.4 miles | \$159-K \$179-2Q | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/9/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$46 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m. |
| The Westin New Orleans 100 Iberville Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-566-7006 | 0.9 miles | \$179-K \$189-2Q | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/19/2025 Valet Daily Rate: \$42 + tax Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |

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|---|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| voco St James Hotel 330 Magazine Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-304-4000 | 1 mile | \$149 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/10/24 Valet Daily Rate: \$45.90 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |
| Windsor Court 300 Gravier St New Orleans, LA 70130 1-800- 262-2662 | 0.7 miles | \$219 | Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/12/25 Valet Daily Rate: \$59.50 + tax Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m. |

CONTACT US

The LDOE will share additional information about the Summit throughout the remainder of the school year via monthly school system webinars and the LDOE’s newsletters. Click [here](#) to sign up to receive the LDOE newsletters.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions regarding the Teacher Leader Summit.

2025 Teacher Leader Summit Milestone Dates

| REGISTRATION | |
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| Early bird registration opens. | 2/10/2025 |

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| Early bird registration closes. | 3/14/2025 |
| Regular registration opens. | 3/15/2025 |
| Regular registration closes. | 4/18/2025 |
| EDUCATION EXPO | |
| Education Expo Exhibitor applications open. | 1/8/2025 |
| Education Expo Exhibitor applications due. | 2/3/2025 |
| Education Expo Exhibitor named. | 2/14/2025 |
| List of Education Expo Exhibitors released via Cvent app. | 5/9/2025 |
| Education Expo Exhibitor mandatory webinar. | 5/6/25 or 5/8/2025 |
| SESSIONS | |
| External presenter applications open. | 12/9/24 |
| External presenter applications due. | 1/31/2025 |
| Teacher Leader external presenters named. | 3/21/2025 |
| External presenter mandatory webinar. | 5/6/25 or 5/8/2025 |
| Available sessions released via Cvent app. Attendees begin scheduling sessions. | 5/16/2025 |
| SUMMIT | |
| Day 1 | 6/10/2025 |
| Day 2 | 6/11/2025 |
| Day 3 | 6/12/2025 |

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