

The Louisiana Department of Education in partnership with [Dream Teachers](#) and the [Louisiana Association of Principals](#), recognizes and celebrates the some of the state’s most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs. These programs provide an opportunity to acknowledge those teachers and leaders who are making exceptional gains with students. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana’s teaching profession.

**SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE**

PHASE	TIMELINE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Nominations Portal Opens</b>	<b>September 5- 29, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open nominations portal on September 5 and close on September 29, 2017</li> <li>Teachers, parents, community members, etc., submit Teacher/Principal of the Year nominations/self-nominations.</li> <li>Upon portal close, the nominations information will be made available to districts/charters.</li> </ul>
<b>Application Release</b>	<b>October 10, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department releases 2019 Teacher/Principal of the Year application materials via the LDOE Weekly Newsletter.</li> <li>2019 Teacher/Principal of the Year application materials and timeline post to the <a href="#">Department’s Award’s page website</a>.</li> <li>Districts begin the district-level process.</li> </ul>
<b>State-level Applications Due</b>	<b>January 29, 2018</b> State-level candidate online applications are due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Districts/LEAs select <b>up to three overall Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists, one per division</b> (elementary, middle and high), to move on to the state competition.</li> <li>By <b>Monday, January 29, 2018</b> all candidate applications must be submitted in the online application portal.</li> </ul>
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>April 2018</b> Semi-finalists will be announced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department identifies 48 semi-finalists (24 teachers and 24 principals) and notifies them in <b>April</b>.</li> <li>State team conducts semi-finalist level competition in <b>April and May</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Finalists</b>	<b>May 2018</b> Finalists will be announced at Teacher Leader Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department selects the top 18 Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists (9 teachers and 9 principals) and announces at the Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans.</li> <li>Teacher Leader Summit will be held May 29 – June 1, 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>State Selection</b>	<b>June 2018</b> In person interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State selection committees (composed of community and education leaders) interview the 18 finalists and select the state-level Teacher and Principal of the Year winners.</li> </ul>
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>July 27, 2018</b> Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honorees recognized and celebrated and state-level winners named.</li> </ul>

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