



School Health Service Provider of the Year Overview

Purpose

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that student health plays a vital role in education and that school health providers are the critical link in ensuring health service delivery to students. The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes and celebrates some of the state's most exceptional school health providers through the School Health Service Provider of the Year program. This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge school health service providers who demonstrate superior provision of health services in schools and support the expansion of health services in schools. We are inviting [nominations](#) of any of the following school employees or contractors: occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, and licensed behavioral health providers (LCSW/LMSW, LPC, psychologists).

Criteria

The winning provider will demonstrate both high quality health service provision and the ability to improve the school health climate in their district or school. This [rubric](#) will be used to evaluate candidates.

Timeline

The following outlines the nomination and application process through recognition of finalists.

Date	Activity
October 10, 2022	Nomination window opens
November 15, 2022	Nomination window closes
November 18, 2022	Nominees notified
January 9, 2023	Applications due by nominated providers
January 9 - Feb. 13, 2023	LDOE screening of applications
February 15-28, 2023	Semifinalists are contacted and interviews are scheduled
March 1-30, 2023	Semifinalists panel zoom interviews
April 20-30, 2023	Finalists are recognized and announced
May 2023	School Health Provider of the Year announced
June 2023	School Health Provider of the Year winner and finalists recognized at BESE meeting

Award

The Louisiana Department of Education will honor five finalists – one each in these areas: Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech/Audiology, and Behavioral Health.