



WHAT ARE THE LOUISIANA TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR PROGRAMS?

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success. Annually, the Department, in partnership with **Dream Teachers** and the **Louisiana Association of Principals**, recognizes and celebrates 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 education profession.



CRITERIA

- **Demonstrates excellence and expertise in the field, guiding students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve success.**
- **Collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a school culture that is respectful, inclusive, and positively impacts student growth and learning.**
- **Intentionally connects the classroom/school and key stakeholders to build strong community partnerships resulting in success for all.**
- **Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside of the school building walls and helps students/education stakeholders be successful.**
- **Is inspiring, compelling, professional and expresses themselves in an engaging and articulate way. The candidate is both timeless and relevant and has the ability to connect with and represent the state.**

VIEW THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE-LEVEL TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Each school system is encouraged to submit up to three teachers and three principals to the state-level process (one for elementary, middle, and high).

State-level applications are submitted through an online portal.

For applications, timelines and program information, visit the [Awards page](#) and [resources library](#). For questions, email excellenteducators@la.gov.