



August 2018



On July 10-11, 2018, Louisiana Tech hosted the Technology for Learning and Teaching: 2018 Summer Institute. Click [here](#) to read more about this great event, which provided training to university faculty, as well as school system staff.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- August 14: BESE Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting
- August 14 and 15: Compass recertification [training](#)
- August 15: Mentor and resident data collection [webinar](#)
- August 16: Compass new evaluator [training](#)
- August 21: Deadline for providers to submit data exchange [signed consent forms](#), if applicable
- August 22: Deadline for providers to submit resident and mentor data collection [template](#)
- September 7: Deadline for school systems to submit resident and mentor data collection [template](#)
- September 19 and 20: Louisiana Preparation Provider Leadership Collaborative First Convening

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES

Mark your calendars - the first of this year's regional collaboratives will be coming up in September. See below for exact dates and locations. This year's regional collaboratives will offer topics relevant to preparation provider work and will also offer opportunities for preparation providers and school system leaders to collaborate. These collaboratives will replace the Believe and Prepare regional meetings.

Monday, September 10, 2018	Baton Rouge, LA
Thursday, September 13, 2018	Harvey, LA
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	Ruston, LA

LOUISIANA PREPARATION PROVIDER LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE: COHORT PARTICIPANTS

Through the Louisiana Preparation Provider Leadership Collaborative, [Deans for Impact](#) will design and facilitate a yearlong collaborative for Louisiana preparation leaders. The collaborative will be focused on using data to increase candidate learning in a specific focus area. Goals for the collaborative include:

- Implementing a full improvement cycle focused on candidate learning in a particular focus area
- Improving processes used to collect and analyze data for continuous program improvement
- Building trust among participants that facilitates cross-institutional learning with the potential to continue beyond the initial project period

The first convening of the collaborative will be held on September 19 and 20, in Baton Rouge. The Department will announce the participants in the leadership collaborative by August 17, 2018.

Please contact Nicole Bono at nicole.bono@la.gov with any questions.

COMPASS EVALUATOR TRAINING

Many preparation providers are utilizing Compass in teacher evaluations. This training is provided to all new Compass evaluators. It will focus on the procedures and expectations of use for the LDOE Compass Teacher Evaluation, as well as the practice of rater reliability. This training will be recorded with a survey and attendance option for those who cannot attend the live webinar.

New Evaluator Training:

- August 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- September 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- New evaluators must register for one of these webinars at this [link](#).

Recertification Training:

- August 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- August 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- September 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Veteran evaluators must register for one of these webinars at the [link](#).

All participants will need to register for the webinar as space is limited to 100 per call, and are encouraged to download the Zoom app prior to webinar to insure a smooth connection process.

Please contact compass@la.gov with questions.

BELIEVE AND PREPARE FUNDING

On June 19, 2018, BESE approved 2018-2019 Formula Fund allocations for preparation provider transition support. These funds include 2018-2019 formula funds, which are based on program providers' three year average of program completers, as well as the full balance of unspent 2016-2017 8(g) funds. Providers will receive funding from a variety of sources, a small portion of which (less than 15 percent) must be spent by September 30, 2018. Preparation providers should have received an email with specific details regarding their formula fund allocations and timelines for spending these funds.

In addition, the Department is conducting a data collection process this month to determine allocations for undergraduate resident and mentor stipends for 2018-2019, using the [2018-2019 Mentor and Resident Data Collection Template](#). A webinar providing details about the data collection process will be held at the following date and time:

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Logon to: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/566601493>
Dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter Meeting ID: 566 601 493

Please contact Nicole.Bono@la.gov with any questions regarding Believe and Prepare funding.

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

ON-SITE REVIEW SCHEDULING UPDATE AND FORMAL REQUEST TO CHANGE SEMESTERS

In June 2017, BESE approved the [Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System](#), which will phase in over a period of five years. The Department is now preparing for the Learning Phase of the quality rating system, which is from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020. During this phase, all teacher preparation providers will participate in an on-site review.

Last month, teacher preparation providers submitted their on-site review scheduling preferences for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years. The Department used this information to schedule the semesters for the on-site reviews according to a "first-come, first served" protocol. 70 percent of providers received their first or second choice for the semester during which the on-site review will take place.

Teacher preparation providers with extenuating circumstances may submit an official request to the Department to change the semester for the on-site review. Requests to change the semester for the Learning Phase must be received by **Friday, August 17, at 5:00 p.m.** Requests will be considered under the following circumstances:

- A regional or national accreditation visit is taking place during the same semester
- Key programmatic activities cannot be observed during the selected semester (i.e. courses are not in session or a very low number of candidates are participating in clinical experience)
- Key program leads are unavailable for the entire semester

All requests must state which of the above three circumstances apply and may include additional information to further clarify the request.

Please email the request to believeandprepare@la.gov.

DATA EXCHANGE UPDATE

The Department is excited to provide an update relative to the data exchange. This fall, teacher preparation providers will receive the employment and effectiveness data for their 2015-2016 program completers. *(Please note that teacher-level effectiveness data may only be provided for program*

completers, who submitted a [signed consent form](#). The former consent forms will be accepted for 2015-2016 program completers, permitting the release of their VAM data.)

Providers will receive an email with additional information prior to releasing their data onto their FTP.

Providers who have not already submitted the [signed consent forms](#) may send electronic copies with the graduation year indicated on the top right hand corner to believeandprepare@la.gov by **August 21, 2018**.

Email believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

UPDATED ON-SITE REVIEW HANDBOOK

Based upon feedback from teacher preparation providers, the on-site review handbook has been updated to reflect that the *Selection for Clinical Placement Schools* criteria in domain 3 will be for informational purposes only during the Learning Phase of the quality rating system. The updated handbook can be found in the Preparation Library [here](#).

HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS LIST

The final list of [high-needs schools](#) has been released and will be used to calculate the score for the Meeting Educator Workforce Needs domain of the Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System during the Learning Phase from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020, and for the first accountability cycle from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

APPROVED EXTENSION REQUESTS AND INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS

BESE received reports regarding the status of extension requests at the August 2018 meeting and will receive final extension updates in January 2019.

Providers that submitted proposals for innovative models by June 29, 2018, received formative feedback from the Department.

Providers should use this feedback to submit their final innovative model applications by the indicated due dates below for consideration by BESE during the following meetings:

- Due by September 14, 2018, for consideration at the October 16, 2018 BESE meeting.
- Due by November 9, 2018, for consideration at the December 11, 2018 BESE meeting.

REQUEST TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the below deadlines. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI). Once the NOI is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on Louisiana Believes via the [Preparation Library](#).

Email believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Notice of Intent Submitted	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
6/1/2018	7/1/2018	7/1/2018-8/30/2018	9/1/2018	10/17/2018
11/16/2018	12/14/2018	1/4/2019-3/15/2019	3/18/2019	4/17/2019
7/1/2019	8/1/2019	8/1/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2018-2019 MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

The 2018-2019 Mentor Teacher Training launched at Teacher Leader Summit. Over 600 teachers from across the state will be participating in this nine-day training. A full list of training dates and locations for Mentor Teacher training can be found [here](#).

DEPARTMENT NAMES THE 2019 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR STATE-LEVEL WINNERS

On Friday, July 27, 2018, the Department celebrated the 2019 Teacher and Principal of the Year state-level honorees and Milken Educator Award winners at the [12th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#), cosponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). On this evening, the Teacher and Principal of the Year grade-level and statewide winners were also named.

[Click here to view the 2019 Teacher and Principal of the Year honorees and state-level winners.](#)

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

To nominate an outstanding teacher or school leader to be considered for this year's process, please submit a nomination [here](#).