

TEACHER LEADERS

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Hello! I am Dr. Najoua Hotard, English Learner (EL) teacher at Brusly High School and Port Allen Middle in West Baton Rouge Parish, and I am so honored to have been chosen as this year's **winner of the Teacher Leader Summit t-shirt design contest!** I created a pelican-inspired design because I am inspired by my community. Just like the big pelican in my design, my community of fellow educators, administrators, and parents support and **nurture each student**, giving them what they need to succeed. For me and my community, it's about equity.

As an EL teacher, I connect what my students are learning to their home language and culture, showing them how we live in a global community and how, by becoming bilingual, they are continuing to expand that community. The Teacher Leader Summit provides me and other EL teachers with the opportunity to make high-quality curriculum accessible to all ELs. Being able to work collaboratively across all grades and contents to help teachers support ELs is truly inspirational to me. The Teacher Leader Summit is an **enriching opportunity** to connect with **fellow educators who are passionate about deepening student learning** for all students.

Last year at the Summit, I learned new strategies and supports for ELs which really changed the way I approached my lessons. I have learned to set new goals and to work hard to reach them. Every presentation helped me, my colleagues, and my students. I am especially excited about this year's Summit because I am presenting a session for the first time, focusing on engaging EL families! I hope that you will join me and other inspired educators at this year's [Teacher Leader Summit!](#)

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TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

Teacher Leader Summit Registration

The 2020 Teacher Leader Summit will take place May 27–29 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. [Regular registration](#) is now open.

Important Information to Know:

- A Summit [Overview Document](#) has been published to answer the most frequently asked questions.
- School systems can start booking hotel rooms with the hotels listed in the [Overview Document](#).
- The Department will release a full session list publicly on April 8.
- Participants will be required to pre-select their sessions in the Summit Sched app prior to attending the event. This is the same process as last year.
- Registration closes on **May 11**.

Please contact LDOEEvents@la.gov with questions.

LEAP 360

Reminder: LEAP 360 – EAGLE Items

EAGLE items will continue to be available to teachers through the online platform for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. To support the use of the EAGLE system as an instructional resource, the platform is being phased out and items from the EAGLE system will be exported and made available on the [Department's website](#) no later than **July 1**. A subset of the item bank is [available now](#), and additional grades will be posted as available.

These items may be used by Louisiana educators for educational purposes. To access items, a password key will be required to open the file. Please [share these instructions](#) with all educators.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ELA RESOURCES

ELA Guidebooks: Grades 3–5 Foundation of Reading Supports

The foundational skills supports aligned to the 3–5 ELA Guidebooks are being released on a rolling basis this year. These support documents will include foundational skills mini-lessons, decodable texts, and practice aligned to the Guidebook anchor text. The materials will be located in the Section 1 “Additional Materials” folder for each unit.

Release	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Available Now!	Cajun Folktales Because of Winn-Dixie Louisiana Purchase Treasure Island	American Revolution Lightning Thief Hurricanes	The Birchbark House The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Wonderstruck
Coming: April	Stories Julian Tells	Pushing Up the Sky	Shutting Out the Sky
Coming: June		Whipping Boy	The Making of a Scientist

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9–12 (2020)

The Department is excited to announce the first round of new Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2020) units will soon be available on Louisiana’s open source digital platform.

At the [2020 Teacher Leader Summit](#), the Department will offer professional development specific to the new Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9–12 (2020).

Please see the updated [Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9–12 \(2020\) Overview](#) for the most up-to-date information related to

- text access and purchasing;
- Teacher Leader Summit; and
- professional development opportunities.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

Preview of the Teacher Leader Summit

Pre-registered sessions will be available at this year’s Teacher Leader Summit. The ELA sessions will be focused around supporting all students in reading, understanding, and expressing understanding of complex, grade level texts. Sessions will focus on topics such as understanding unit design, planning to

meet the needs of diverse learners, and increasing student engagement. Teachers are encouraged to register for the Summit sessions that align most closely with their grade-band and Tier 1 curriculum.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with any questions.

MATH RESOURCES

Preview of Teacher Leader Summit

Agile Mind, College Board (Springboard), Great Minds (Eureka Math), Illustrative Mathematics, JUMP Math, Patterson Geometry, Curriculum Associates (Ready Math), and Zearn will be present at Teacher Leader Summit to support high quality curriculum implementation. Pre-registered sessions will focus on effective planning, advanced curriculum implementation, support for students who struggle, and engagement of all students in learning.

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SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

Preview of Teacher Leader Summit

Similar to last year, full-day, pre-registered sessions will be offered for social studies. There will be an entry-level track geared toward teachers who have not previously attended the Department's social studies professional development and an advanced track geared toward veteran attendees interested in strengthening practice with inquiry-based instruction.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with any questions.

SCIENCE RESOURCES

Newly Released OpenSciEd Units: Complete Versions

OpenSciEd, an open-sourced middle school curriculum, recently released two revised or completed units, [Matter Cycling and Photosynthesis](#) and [Forces at a Distance](#). The units are freely and openly available for middle school educators and have been revised using feedback and data collected from field test teachers. The OpenSciEd release schedule provides for complete units to be released beginning August 2019 with the entire middle school program fully completed and released in early 2022. To access the units and sample scope and sequences, please review the Louisiana Guides to Piloting OpenSciEd: Grades [6](#), [7](#), and [8](#).

Please contact STEM@la.gov with any questions

Preview of the Teacher Leader Summit

At this year’s Teacher Leader Summit, learn how to implement new high quality curricula, navigate three-dimensional lessons, and develop classroom cultures that support students in figuring out how and why phenomena occur in the real world. The chart below provides a quick snapshot of the foundational (initial) and advanced (follow-up) sessions that will be offered to support implementation of [high quality curriculum](#) at the Summit.

Grade	High-Quality Curriculum	Initial Session	Follow-up Session
K-2	Launch PhD Science	•	
	You're adopting Amplify Science!: Navigating Program Essentials	•	
3-5	Launch PhD Science	•	
	You're Adopting Amplify Science!: Navigating Program Essentials	•	
	PhD Science Preparation and Customization of Storyline and Assessment		•
6-8	OpenSciEd Initial Training: Curricula for Exemplary Science Teaching and Learning	•	
	OpenSciEd Follow-up Training: Curricula for Exemplary Science Teaching and Learning		•
	Initial Training for Activate Learning IQWST	•	
	Unit Unpacking and Lesson Preparation to Notice and Support Student Learning in Science		•
9-12	inquiryHub Biology 101	•	
	inquiryHub Biology 102		•
	Unit Unpacking and Lesson Preparation to Notice and Support Student Learning in Science		•

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EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher Leader Advisor Applications: Coming Soon

Are you looking to expand your influence beyond your classroom? Have you ever considered attaining a leadership role, engaging in work that reaches students and teachers across the state?

The Louisiana Department of Education is searching for **highly-motivated educators** to support the mission and vision of the Department of Education. You **do not** need to be a school-site Teacher Leader in order to apply.

Becoming a Teacher Leader Advisor (TLA) not only allows educators to expand their positive impact beyond the classroom by influencing over 750,000 students and over 50,000 Louisiana educators, but it also provides an opportunity to deepen and refine their leadership skills, learn about key priorities and projects at the Louisiana Department of Education, and develop their understanding of curricula and teacher training.

Here's what TLAs have to say about their experience:

“It's just about the best thing I've ever done as an educator. The opportunities to collaborate with state leaders and high-quality classroom teachers have changed my classroom instruction in ways that almost no other method could have done.”

“Being a Teacher Leader Advisor is extremely rewarding. Working with other teachers from across the state to provide ready-to-use resources is an enriching professional development experience. This program has allowed me to understand my standards deeper as well as better understand the relationship between state and district agencies and the importance of the work we do as a TLA.”

Learn more about [Teacher Leader Advisors](#)! Application links will be available in [the TLA Flyer](#) on **April 11**. Look for more information in the April newsletter!

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with any questions.

Date Change for Spring Counselor Institutes

Please share with middle and high school counselors.

Formerly called Counselor Collaborations, the semiannual Counselor Institutes are an opportunity for professional school counselors to receive important information from the Department and other agencies and meet with other school counselors in their region. Topics to be discussed during the Spring 2020 Institutes include school counseling resources, middle and high school updates, and Jump Start 2.0.

Please note that the date of the Counselor Institute in Acadia Parish has changed. Please encourage your school-based counselors to register by clicking on the appropriate date in the chart that follows.

Date	Location
April 1	St. Charles Professional Learning Center 12727 US-90 Luling, LA 70070
April 2	Tangipahoa Parish School Board Office 59656 Puleston Road Amite, LA 70422
April 3 date change	Acadia Parish Education Center 2402 N. Parkerson Avenue Crowley, LA 70526
April 7	Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning 1020 Innovation Drive Bossier City, LA 71111
April 8	Ouachita Parish School Board 1600 North 7th Street West Monroe, LA 71291
April 9	St. Landry Parish School Board 1013 E. Creswell Lane Opelousas, LA 70571

For more information, please email leslie.gilliland@la.gov.

2020-2021 Environmental Education Grant Opportunity Available Now

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission (LEEC) and the Department are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Environmental Education Grants Program. Grants are available in four categories: [Educator](#), [Green Schools](#), [Professional Development](#), and [University Research](#). The deadline to [submit online applications](#) is **April 6 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please contact environmentaleducation@la.gov with questions.

BESE Tuition Program for Teachers-Applications for Summer and Fall 2020 Coming Soon

The BESE Tuition Program for Teachers provides tuition funding for selected classroom teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana. Online applications for coursework funding for the summer and fall 2020 semesters open March 30. The deadline to submit completed applications is **April 10 at 11:59 p.m.** Program details, as well application links once they become available, can be found on the [Continuing Opportunities for Educators](#) page.

For questions, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page, or contact stem@la.gov.

Reminder: Super Summer Institute Registration is Open

Please share with CTE supervisors, school counselors, CTE teachers

Super Summer Institute (SSI) will be offered regionally across the state to secondary and post-secondary educators. SSI provides educators the opportunity to attend training sessions with many offering the opportunity to earn statewide industry-based certifications aligned to Jump Start pathways.

Registration will open in Eventbrite on March 3 and will close on **May 11**. Registration for National Emergency Services Academy (NEMSA) **only** will end on **April 17**. Registration costs must be paid through Eventbrite at the time of registration by credit card only. Lunch will be provided for educators attending SSI.

School systems are responsible for all travel expenses, textbooks, and the registration fee of \$250 per session. School Systems may use their Career Development Funds (CDF) or 2019-2020 Carl Perkins Funds to pay the fee.

Locations, Dates, and Trainings Currently Scheduled:

Location	Date	Trainings
Lafourche	June 1-5	Quest for Success, NICERC Cyber Society, New Instructor Workshop (CTTIE), Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA), FAA Part 107: Small Unmanned Aircraft Operation, Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) (specific modules TBD); Statewide Micro-Enterprise
Winn	June 8-12	Quest for Success, NICERC Cyber Society, Adobe Visual Design Specialist, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, FAA Part 107: Small Unmanned Aircraft Operation, CIW Web Foundations Series, Statewide Micro-Enterprise
Calcasieu	June 15-19	Quest for Success, NICERC Cyber Society, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CIW Web Foundations Series, AutoDesk Inventor Certified User, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
Bossier	July 13-16 (10/hr day)	Quest for Success, NICERC Cyber Society, CompTIA A+, CIW Web Foundations Series, FAA Part 107: Small Unmanned Aircraft Operation
Livingston	July 13-17	Quest for Success, NICERC Cyber Society, Adobe Visual Design Specialist, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
NEMSA	May 4 - July 17	EMR Refresher, BLS Provider, BLS Instructor, EMR Initial Skills
Operation Spark	July 13-24	Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming and Web Development

Additional training opportunities for Universal courses are being developed. Please visit the [Jump Start training calendar](#) to learn about additional training opportunities related to NCCER, ESRI Industry Based Certification, and other CTE related topics.

For more information, please e-mail jumpstart@la.gov.

2019-2020 Teacher Roster Verification for VAM

Please share with principals and teachers.

The [Curriculum Verification and Results \(CVR\) Reporting Portal](#) roster verification ensures that teachers are assigned to the correct courses and classroom rosters of students for the purposes of value-added (VAM) analyses. The data in CVR will be used to calculate a teacher's VAM score even if the teacher and/or the principal do not verify the roster. Teachers instructing ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies (grades 4-8), and Algebra, Geometry, English I and English II courses (all grades) should verify their rosters as they are eligible to receive VAM scores.

March 2-13, 2020 (2 weeks): CVR Open for View-only

- Users can view and check the roster data for accuracy and make changes in the source system (SIS, CUR, PEP). The CVR Help Desk will be able to assist with any issues that a district must correct in the source data systems.

May 4-22, 2020 (3 weeks): CVR Open for Roster Verification

- This process is required and allows teachers and principals the ability to verify and correct records for specific courses and students. Data managers will track verification completion at the school level in the system.

An updated user guide for CVR is [now available](#). Please contact ldoecvr@la.gov with questions regarding roster verification and compass@la.gov with general Compass related questions.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

New: Jump Start Construction Scholars Program

Please share with high school counselors.

The [Jump Start Construction Connect Scholars Program](#) is now accepting applications for a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is geared toward students who have earned the Jump Start Diploma, a National Center for Construction Education and Research credential, and enroll in an LCTCS campus on a construction pathway, or an Associated Builders and Contractors training program.

This is the state's first and only scholarship dedicated exclusively to Jump Start graduates. This effort is a collaboration of the Louisiana Construction Education Foundation, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the Department.

For more information please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov.

Louisiana Environmental Education Commission Art and Language Arts Contest

The 2020 LEEC Student Environmental Awareness Art and Language Arts Contest will feature the theme "Take It Outside! Explore Nature's Classroom." Entries should be student works of visual and language arts that demonstrate the important role nature plays in education.

Winners will be selected from four age groups in both categories. First, second, and third place winners will receive a cash prize and will be honored at a special ceremony in summer of 2020 in Baton Rouge. Winning pieces will be featured in the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission 2021 calendar, which is printed and distributed around the state.

Entries must be postmarked by **April 24**. Download the contest [brochure and entry form](#) for complete details.

Please contact environmentaleducation@la.gov with questions.

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