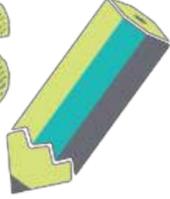


TEACHER LEADERS

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Hi! My name is Brian Fontenot and I support middle school science teachers in Calcasieu Parish. I'm excited to share that it is almost time for the Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit 2018!

Now in its fifth year, the Teacher Leader Summit is a time for educators from across the state to share ideas with fellow participants during the many quality sessions and workshops. One of the primary goals of the Summit is to help teachers develop a clearer focus on standards, pedagogy, and growth for all students going into the 2018-2019 school year. The knowledge and materials I gained at last year's event around understanding Louisiana Student Standards for Science were invaluable to me, and I used the information to organize science professional development sessions for teachers across my district.

The theme for the Summit this year is "**Meaningful growth for every student, every day.**" As teachers, we want our students to become productive, competitive citizens and every year the Summit grows and builds as a moving force to help us live this motto for our state's children. I hope that each of you, like me, will gain the essential skills and training you need to be the best educator possible for all of your students next year.

But you can't do that if you don't [register](#), so sign up in Wisdomwhere today if you haven't already done so! And don't forget to check out the [session list](#) for details on the over 300 sessions being offered to plan out your week. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Professional Development

Reminder: Register now for Teacher Leader Summit

The [2018 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place **May 30 - June 1** at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

6,500 educators and content experts from across the state will come together to attend more than [300 sessions](#) to share knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2018-2019 school year.

Educators must [register](#) for each day they plan to attend the Teacher Leader Summit. Registration is open to all and no LEA code is required; however, some sessions at the Teacher Leader Summit require pre-registration. All general sessions are first come, first served. The deadline to register is May 18.

As a reminder, the registrant needs to coordinate with their district's Teacher Leader Coordinator if requiring their district to cover travel expenses.

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions related to the Teacher Leader Summit.

New: "Ed Talks" at Teacher Leader Summit

New to the Summit this year is "Ed Talks", a series of thought provoking sessions designed to start conversations about how schools and school systems can ensure meaningful growth for every child, every day.

"Ed Talks" will be:

- offered on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**;
- led by **nationally recognized speakers** Daniel Willingham and Chris "Citizen" Stewart; and
- **accompanied by a track of sessions** that build upon their central theme and provide school and system leaders with more in-depth knowledge, tools and resources to support student achievement.

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Order your Teacher Leader T-Shirt

Looking for a way to show your Teacher Leader pride? Teacher Leader t-shirts are now available for purchase.

Order [here](#) by May 15 to receive your t-shirt before the Teacher Leader Summit. A limited supply of t-shirts will also be available for purchase at the Teacher Leader Summit.

Instructional Support

2018 Teacher Leader Summit Academic Content Sessions: Educators will have the opportunity to choose from approximately 300 sessions led by content experts including but not limited to Department staff, partner organizations, and Louisiana Teacher Leaders. See below for a list of key sessions:

Subject	Key Session	Contact Person
ELA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA Guidebooks: A Deeper Dive into 3-8 Diverse Learner Updates • Literacy 2020: The High School Classroom of the Future • Building Great Guidebooks Instruction with Head, Heart, and Habits 	Please contact holli.jessee@la.gov with any questions.
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Social Studies Weekly program in grades K-2 and 4-5 • Using inquiry based units from The DBQ Project in grades 4-7 and 9-12 • Using the Choices Program in grades 9-12 • Lesson Planning using the updated Social Studies Scope and Sequences 	Please contact emily.parker@la.gov with any questions.
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using LDE Eureka Remediation Tools to Support Struggling Math Learners • Intensified Algebra I with Agile Minds • Springboard Algebra 1 Intensive Quick Start Initial Institute • Intensive Algebra I with Eureka 	Please contact louisianastandards@la.gov with any questions.
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louisiana Phenomena: How to Identify Them and Use them in Your Classroom • Using the Science Scope and Sequences to Plan Daily Instruction for: K-2;3-5; 6-8; Biology; and Physical Science 	Please contact louisianastandards@la.gov with any questions.
Special Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the Louisiana Science Connectors for students with significant disabilities • Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and AT to increase access for SWD in ELA and Math • ELA Guidebooks: A Deeper Dive into 3–8 Diverse Learner Updates 	Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with any questions.
English Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltered Target Language Framework (SIOP) • Connectors for ELs—Introduction:1.1 • ELA Guidebook Lesson Model—Fully Scaffolded for English learners • ELPT Results—Next Steps: Individual Learning Plan • Reveal of the NEW EL screener: ELPS 	Please contact beverly.diaz@la.gov with any questions.

Assessment

2018 Teacher Leader Assessment Sessions: This year’s assessment sessions will focus on helping students develop skills in written communication of content knowledge and conceptual understanding. Summit will also include sessions on how LEAP 360 can be used alongside Tier 1 curriculum to set high expectations and meet the needs of all students. See below for a list of key sessions:

Subject	Key Session
LEAP 360	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEAP 360 Overview• LEAP 360: Deep Dive into the Teacher’s Guide to LEAP 360• LEAP 360 ELA: A Deep Dive• LEAP 360 Math: A Deep Dive
Assessment: ELA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELA Assessment Results Make the Case: How to Build ELA Knowledge in Writing and Reading (grades 3-5; grades 6-10)
Assessment: Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math Assessment Results Make the Case: Creating Type II and Type III Tasks (grades 3-5; grades 6-8; Algebra I and Geometry)• Charge up your math classes with the Desmos Calculator!• Facilitating Productive Classroom Conversations Using Desmos Activity Builder
Assessment: Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Studies Assessment Results Make the Case: Scoring Student Responses to Extended-Response Tasks (grades 3-5; grades 6-8 & U.S. History)• Join the Revolution! Build Your Own Social Studies Assessments
Assessment: Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New LEAP 2025 Grades 3-8 Science & Biology Assessment Overview• Engineer Your Own Multi-Dimensional Science Assessments

Assessment Development Educator Review Committees

Deadlines to complete the interest surveys for joining an Assessment Development Educator Review Committee have been extended. Interest survey links, info about the different committees, and contact info for the assessment coordinators can be found in [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees](#) overview in the [Assessment Guidance](#) library.

As a reminder, Assessment Development Educator Review Committees convene from May through September and selected educators review potential assessment items or provide recommendations for scoring tasks for LEAP 2025 tests. The vendor will provide lodging, breakfast, lunch, and stipend, and reimburse for mileage and substitutes.

The Assessment Development Team is in **most need** of **special education (low cognitive; learning disorder), English language learner, and visually impaired, hard of hearing, or deaf teachers** to speak for our most vulnerable populations of students.

Other Opportunities

Reminder: Complete the Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education Survey

The Department is interested in learning about existing substance abuse and prevention programming in Louisiana school systems and schools. **If you are a wellness/health teacher, coordinator, or supervisor, [please complete this brief survey](#) by May 18.**

The Department is seeking input from educators and others with knowledge on current substance abuse prevention programs within each school system. If you or someone in your school system is interested in working with the Department to provide opioid-specific resources to schools across the state, please contact michael.comeaux@la.gov.

Participate in National Teacher Appreciation Week

Every day, Louisiana teachers change the world by influencing the young minds of our state. During **National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11**, we invite you to join the Department in elevating the most noble of professions and show your love for your fellow educators on social media!

You can join in the fun by:

- posting pictures or videos of fellow teachers thanking them for what they do; or
- posting a picture or video saying “Thank You” to a teacher that made a difference in your life, or inspired you to find your calling as an educator.

Be sure to tag the Department in your posts using the hashtags [#ThankATeacher](#) and [#BeATeacherLA!](#)

Together we can make an impact on the teaching profession, by changing the way the world, and most importantly our youth, see it! Social media graphics promoting Teacher Appreciation Week are available on the Department’s [website](#), along with other materials for the statewide teacher recruitment campaign.

Apply to be a 2018-2019 Teacher Leader Advisor

The Department of Education is recruiting Teacher Leaders Advisors to support ELA intervention, math, and social studies in 2018-2019. [Applications](#) are available May 10 and due by 5:00 p.m. June 11.

Join an exceptionally talented group of Teacher Leaders who play a critical role in ensuring that fellow educators across the state have access to high-quality instructional materials, interim assessments, and curriculum-aligned professional development.

Teacher Leader Advisors participate in the Department’s [Instructional Materials Review](#) process, create tools for the [Teacher Support Toolbox](#), items for [EAGLE](#), and develop and lead both virtual and in-person professional development for educators across Louisiana.

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