

Dear Believe and Prepare Community,

Our state has been focused on implementing literacy and math initiatives to ensure professional growth for educators and mastery of content for students. We are seeing progress, and we have much more to do.

Our literacy team has been supporting school system and school leaders in creating literacy plans centered around literacy goals, providing high-quality core instruction with explicit interventions and extensions, building capacity of literacy instruction with educators, and engaging families through programs and resources.

Our math team has centered their efforts on accelerating learning - both as a mindset and an approach to teaching. Prioritizing successful engagement in high quality grade-level core math instruction for all students through school structures, providing timely, proactive interventions, ensuring educators receive professional learning and collaboration time, and helping families become partners are the pillars of this work.

In this month's webinar, I will share more about these initiatives including the top things preparation programs need to know, what our systems are looking for in classrooms for success, and resources to use.

Em Cooper, Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Educator Development

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19: Performance Profile Office Hours
April 26: Preparation provider <u>monthly call</u>
May 18: Mentor and resident spring data reporting call
May 30- June1: Teacher Leader Summit

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

April 14: Summer Academy <u>staff application</u> deadline May 19: Title II Institutional data deadline

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

Please join the monthly webinar on Wednesday, April 26. **Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, April 26 from 10-11 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <u>https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097</u>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact <u>nicole.bono@la.gov</u> with questions.

Resident and Mentor Spring Data Reporting

The Department will be collecting Mentor and resident data in Edlink from school systems for those residents and practitioners who began their residency in spring 2023. An overview call will be held on **May 18 t**o provide further details to school systems and preparation programs about this data collection process.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Thursday, May 18 from 10-11 a.m
- Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/i/3455048179
- Webinar Phone Number: 470-381-2552
- Meeting ID#: 345 504 8179

Please contact <u>believeandprepare@la.gov</u> with any questions.

Summer Academy

The <u>Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy</u> is a one-of-a-kind, 5-day, hybrid of a summer camp and a professional learning experience for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.

Hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education and staffed by a team of advisors and coaches from around the state, the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy will take place at the University of Louisiana Monroe on **July 10-14**.

Review the Summer Academy Overview for more details about the student nomination and registration process. <u>School system nominations</u> should be submitted no later than **May 5, 2023**.

We are currently hiring staff for the Academy. Please share the <u>staffing information</u> with teacher preparation faculty and college students who may be interested in serving as a coach or advisor at the Academy this summer. The application deadline for staff positions is **April 14**.

Please contact toriano.hayward@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

<u>Teacher Leader Summit registration</u> is closed. There is a <u>waitlist</u> available for anyone who missed out on registration. If you are selected as a presenter you will receive a special code that will allow you to register.

This year's Teacher Leader Summit will focus on our ability to accelerate for success, every single day. The Teacher Leader Summit will take place from **May 30 - June 1** at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial

Convention Center (NOENMCC).

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions.

New Teacher Experience Summer Kick Off

The Louisiana Department of Education will host a Summer Kick-off for the New Teacher Experience on **July 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge** for 500 first year teachers.

The goals of the event are to

- Welcome new teachers to the profession.
- Understand the components of Louisiana's New Teacher Experience.
- Engage in professional learning around topics relevant to new teachers.
- Provide statewide networking opportunities for new teachers.

Registration details will be provided in the coming months. If your spring graduates would like to receive information directly about this event please ask them to complete this <u>contact survey</u> by **May 26**.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.

2023 Title II Institution and Program Report Card (IPRC) Data Collection

The Title II 2023 IPRC window for reporting 2021-2022 Academic Year (AY) enrollment and completer data is now open to providers. Institutional data should be submitted by **Friday, May 19**. To get started, go to <u>Title II</u> and select "Submit Reports" in the upper right-hand corner of the webpage. Usernames and passwords remain the same. If you have a new user, email <u>believeandprepare@la.gov</u> for assistance. Helpful resources for submitting this data can be found on Title II's <u>Technical Assistance</u> page, including step-by-step video tutorials.

Please contact <u>believeandprepare@la.gov</u> with questions

2021-2022 Teacher Prep Provider Performance Profiles

The window to verify 2021-2022 TPP completer rosters for Performance Profiles will open on **April 19** in the <u>File Transfer Portal (FTP)</u>. An email with instructions will be sent on April 18. Providers may attend an optional office hour to receive support:

Date and time: April 19 at 11 a.m. Link: <u>https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/8322783910?pwd=OGNjTTNXQTg4bUVqVHVaZHVET1gydz09</u> Meeting ID: 832 278 3910 Passcode: i3PfJs

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Literacy Licensure Test Standard-Setting Study Committee

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is seeking up to 18 Committee members from K-12 and educator preparation programs to serve on a two-day committee to participate in a standard-setting study facilitated by ETS.

In 2022, the state legislature passed ACT No. 214, which requires kindergarten through third-grade teachers seeking initial licensure to pass an examination of the teaching of reading that is scientifically

researched and evidence-based. This assessment will replace the existing Reading Language Arts exam, which is a part of the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Praxis® exam.

More information about the standard-setting process and how to apply to the committee can be found <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply is **April 25**.

Please contact <u>christy.bellue@la.gov</u> with questions.

Mentor Waiver

The LDOE will recommend to BESE in April that the Mentor waiver be extended for the 2023-2024 school year for **all** Mentors who support first year Practitioners and all mentors supporting residents on a resident license **with the exception of** elementary grades 1-5, english language arts grades 4-8 or 6-12, art grades K-12, or foreign language grades K-12.

Pending BESE approval, the Department will provide additional guidance to school systems and teacher preparation programs regarding the waiver process for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please contact <u>believeandprepare@la.gov</u> with any questions.

Teacher Leader Lagniappe

LDOE's podcast, <u>Teacher Leader Lagniappe</u> provides *a little something extra* for educators to stay inspired, motivated, and connected in the work with students.

Educators can <u>submit pictures and stories</u> of the great work happening in their system to be highlighted on the podcast. Subscribe through <u>Apple</u> Podcasts, Google Play, <u>Spotify</u>, or other apps.

Please email <u>em.cooper@la.gov</u> with any questions.

Certification Monthly Call

The Certification Office has a monthly call devoted solely to certification. It will generally fall on the third **Monday** of each month at **10:30 a.m.** Any changes due to BESE meetings or holidays will be included on the <u>school system support calendar</u>.

Certification Monthly Call details:

Webinar link: <u>https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97801045748?pwd=N1JobWIDU1gvNnNYQk40WjI3YmpxUT09</u> Meeting ID: 978 0104 5748 Passcode: 959091

The next call is Monday, April 24.

If you have any questions, please contact Christy.Bellue@la.gov.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

2022-2023 Program Approval Applications

Teacher, early childhood ancillary certificate program, educational leader proposals for initial approval, and mentor and content leader training proposals are accepted and considered by BESE twice per year. A panel of reviewers will evaluate proposals that meet all initial submission requirements to ensure they meet policy requirements. Additionally, the <u>Preparation Library</u> has program approval resources, including

notices of intent and application rubrics. Programs submitting applications for review should use these materials to ensure their applications align with policy requirements.

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs must first submit a <u>Notice of Intent</u> (NOI). The deadlines to submit notices of intent and applications are highlighted in the chart below. Note that providers may submit NOIs after the deadline. Applications must be received by the below deadlines in order for them to be reviewed during the below review cycles. The next review cycle will begin May 1.

Application Portal Opens By	Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
09/01/2022	10/01/2022	12/09/2022	12/19/2022 – 02/17/2023	03/09/2023	04/19/2023
05/01/2023	06/01/2023	07/10/2023	07/17/2023 – 08/01/2023	9/12/2023	10/11/2023

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